

18. You did not give him any expenses at the time of delivering the summons, because you had served him in Dunedin?—Yes.

THOMAS HUGHAN, examined.

19. *Mr. Haggitt.*] You know George William Pogson, of Strath-Taieri, runholder?—Yes.

20. Did you, subsequently to the service of this summons on the 28th May, tender him any sum of money as his expenses in connection with the summons?—Yes.

21. How much?—£3.

22. Did he accept it?—Yes.

23. When was that?—On Friday, the 1st June.

24. You told him what the money was for?—Yes; I told him that I was instructed to offer him the money for his expenses, and he accepted it. He said he was not sure whether he would be able to attend, as he had to go to Blackstone Hill.

George Joachim was called thrice on his subpoena, but did not answer to his name.

EDWARD THOMAS COLLINSON, examined.

25. *Mr. Haggitt.*] Did you serve a duplicate of this summons [produced] on George Joachim, and, if so, how, where, and when?—Personally, at Dunedin, on the 31st May, at Mr. Joachim's office.

26. Where does Mr. Joachim reside?—In Dunedin.

27. Did he say anything when you served the summons?—No.

Charles Paterson was then called thrice upon his subpoena, but did not answer to his name.

THOMAS HUGHAN, examined.

28. *Mr. Haggitt.*] Do you know Charles Paterson, of Strath-Taieri, shepherd?—I do.

29. Did you serve him with a duplicate of the summons [produced] you hold in your hand?—I did.

30. When and where did you serve him?—On Friday, the 1st June, at Cottesbrook Station.

31. How?—Personally.

32. Did you give him any money as expenses?—Yes; I gave him £3.

33. Did he take the money?—He took it.

34. Did he say anything?—No.

Charles Dore was called thrice on his summons, but did not answer to his name.

THOMAS HUGHAN, examined.

35. *Mr. Haggitt.*] Do you know Charles Dore?—Yes.

36. What is he, and where does he live?—He is a shepherd on the Cottesbrook Station, Strath-Taieri.

37. Did you serve him with the duplicate of the summons you hold in your hand [produced], and, if so, how, where, and when?—I served it on Charles Dore, at Cottesbrook Station, on Friday, the 1st June.

38. Personally?—Yes.

39. Did you pay him any money at the time?—I tendered him £3, which he refused. I tendered it to him twice in the presence of witnesses.

40. What did he say?—He said that he did not think it was enough to pay his expenses to Dunedin and back.

41. What are the fares and means of communication between Strath-Taieri and Dunedin?—By coach from Strath-Taieri to Outram, and I think the fare is £1.

42. What is the fare between Outram and Dunedin?—Something less than 4s.

43. Was that £3 quite sufficient to bring him to Dunedin?—I think so.

44. More than doubly sufficient?—Yes.

45. Did he say anything in regard to the summons itself?—No.

James Benn Bradshaw, before being sworn, said: I wish to make this statement, that I appear here now, not as a member of the Board, but as a commission agent, who received a commission for the purchase, and it is quite distinct altogether from my position as a member of the Board.

JAMES BENN BRADSHAW, having been duly sworn, examined.

46. *Mr. Haggitt.* Your name is James Benn Bradshaw?—Yes.

47. Your ordinary business is that of a commission agent?—Yes.

48. You are also a member of the Otago Land Board?—Yes.

49. I believe you attended the sale on the 28th February, and purchased thereat?—Yes; I attended the sale of pastoral deferred-payment sections.

50. Section 2, Block VI., Strath-Taieri, was offered, was it not, at the auction sale of pastoral deferred-payment land?—Yes.

51. Do you know Thomas Johnston?—Yes; I know him by sight. I saw him at the sale.

52. Had you seen him before the sale?—No.

53. Then you saw him for the first time at the sale?—Yes; the first time to my knowledge.

54. You purchased this Section 2, Block VI., as his agent at that sale?—Yes; under a written authority.

55. Do you produce that written authority?—I think it is here.

56. Do you put it in?—Yes. [Witness here handed in the document.]

57. Who handed you that authority?—I believe Mr. Gellibrand; at least such is my belief.

58. Had you known Mr. Gellibrand previously?—Yes. He had done business in my office many times; he is a personal friend of mine.

59. What is Mr. Gellibrand's occupation?—I believe he is a runholder.