

187. Do you recollect how many subpoenas were to be served on witnesses on behalf of this case?—I do not.

188. You do not know whether William Wood got a subpoena?—I cannot say. I can only say that every facility was given to you to get your witnesses. Nothing was denied you that you asked for.

189. You cannot state, then, whether William Wood got a subpoena, or whether he was examined?—I cannot remember.

190. Who conducted the prosecution at the Resident Magistrate's Court on that occasion?—I am almost positive it was Inspector Pender. He had a general habit of taking all cases of that kind; but I do not remember this particular case.

191. If he was prosecutor in that case, he would naturally know the names of the witnesses to be called?—He had your brief.

192. You remember me informing you on the steps of the police-station that I was not going to do any further duty?—I have a very strong recollection of that.

193. You remember me coming near the station after that?—You did not, until you were discharged. I sent for you by the Inspector's orders.

194. And I received my pay up to date?—Yes, you would be certain to do that.

195. You remember reading a circular to me from the Commissioner bearing on matters that I had forwarded to the Defence Minister?—I cannot say that I do.

196. You do not remember receiving a circular from the Inspector which you read to me?—I cannot say that I do.

197. You have no recollection of my having asked you for a copy of it?—I have not.

198. You have no recollection of the words that, if there was any more insubordinate conduct on my part they would be compelled to remove me from the Force?—I cannot remember such correspondence.

199. If there was a circular sent to that effect I presume it would be in the office in Christchurch?—No, it would be in the Commissioner's office in Wellington.

200. *Colonel Pitt.*] Have you any recollection of these men—Wood and Wakefield—being requested in any way not to give evidence?—Not the slightest knowledge.

201. You say you do not remember them in connection with the case?—I have some recollection of Wakefield. I have not the slightest doubt he had something to do with the case, but so far as any tampering is concerned that must be a hallucination on the part of Mr. Neale.

202. Were you at the Court during the hearing of the case?—That I cannot recollect. The probabilities are that I was there.

203. Have you ever heard, except what you have heard from Neale's statements, that any witnesses were prevented from giving evidence?—Not the slightest notion. In fact, Neale was given every possible facility to work up his case. It is very rarely that any man is given such facility as Neale was given. The Inspector struck him off duty altogether; quite an unusual thing.

204. *Inspector Pender.*] You recollect the case, and that the Crown Prosecutor discovered some legal point?—Yes.

205. Otherwise the case was a very complete one?—Yes.

206. The necessary witnesses were bound over?—Yes.

207. *The Chairman.*] Did you ever hear anything to lead you to suppose there was a charge of murder in the case of Dyson?—Not the slightest. I remember Dyson being very ill.

208. Do you know if an inquest was held upon her?—That I cannot remember. In fact, I am almost sure there was not. She was ill some time.

*Inspector Pender:* It sometimes happens that witnesses are brought to the Court, and whoever is conducting the case does not consider them necessary. Frequently constables ask prosecuting officers to get witnesses to give evidence when they really have no evidence to give; and constables who are not up in the points of law feel aggrieved because witnesses have admitted matters in evidence which would not be admitted by the Court. That frequently happens up to the present day.

209. *The Chairman.*] I think you said you did not recollect whether the Crown Prosecutor was at the Resident Magistrate's Court; if there was any legal difficulty he probably would be there?—In some cases—in intricate cases—you ask the Crown Prosecutor to be there.

210. Do you recollect Neale coming to Christchurch from the South?—He was in Christchurch before I was transferred back, to the best of my recollection.

211. During the time that you were there, can you say he was treated fairly?—I gave him every consideration, because he was a man who had seen service in the Maori war. I gave him a great deal of latitude.

212. He made a charge against Sergeant Moore, and he withdrew it himself after hearing the evidence?—That is so.

213. That was a charge in connection with Barrett's case?—Yes; with respect to some assault.

214. During the whole time he was in Christchurch was he not continually making charges against sergeants?—Yes; I am afraid Neale was troublesome in that respect.

215. You made a report on the charges he sent to the Defence Minister?—Yes; I made several reports.

216. *Colonel Pitt.*] In regard to the middle paragraph in that statement, in reference to Mrs. Boyd having struck this Amy Dyson with a poker and jumped on her when she was in the family way; did you ever hear anything of the kind?—That is the first report of the constable, and subsequent inquiries must have been made which resulted in the charge not being proved or borne out.

217. There were no proceedings in regard to the death of Amy Dyson?—No. The only case I remember was the charge against Boyd and others of concealment of birth.