

LEGAL DECISIONS DURING 1899-1900 UNDER THE FACTORIES ACT, THE SHOPS AND SHOP-ASSISTANTS ACT, THE SERVANTS' REGISTRY OFFICES ACT, THE TRUCK ACT, AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF BOYS OR GIRLS WITHOUT WAGES PREVENTION ACT.

APRIL, 1899.

*Auckland.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for hawking goods on the half-holiday, although repeatedly cautioned; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs.

*Blenheim.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

*Christchurch.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

*Ashburton.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing assistant on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

*Dunedin.*—One appeal case under the Factories Act against the decision of the Stipendiary Magistrate in March, who dismissed a case brought by the Inspector against the Salvation Army Rescue Home for failing to register as a factory. The appeal was also dismissed.

One case (two charges) under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing waitresses in a restaurant for more than fifty-two hours, excluding meal-times, in a week. Penalty on first charge, £1, with £1 10s. costs; the other charge then withdrawn, as the first conviction was enough.

MAY, 1899.

*Auckland.*—One case under the Factories Act, for employing girls on overtime without permit (two charges); penalty, £1 on each charge, with £3 3s. costs. Three cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, 10s., with £1 8s. costs. Two for employing females longer than 11½ hours on one day in a week. In the first case (two charges), penalty, £2 on each charge, with £3 6s. costs; penalty for latter case, £2, with £1 12s. costs. In this case there was also a charge for failing to allow female an hour for meal; penalty, 10s., with £1 8s. costs.

*Napier.*—Three cases under the Factories Act, for employing females on Saturday afternoon; penalty in each case, 10s., with 7s. costs each. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for selling goods on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 10s. costs. One for employing an assistant on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 12s. costs.

*Foxton.*—One case under the Factories Act, for employing two lads under eighteen years of age on Saturday afternoon; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs. There was an appeal entered by nineteen flaxmillers against an order issued by the Inspector for loose pulleys and belt-shiftings to be provided on flaxmilling machinery. The appeal was dismissed.

*Christchurch.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing carters on half-holiday; defendant convicted and discharged. One case under the Factories Act, for employing five girls on Saturday afternoon; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

JUNE, 1899.

*Auckland.*—One case under the Factories Act, for employing lad under eighteen years of age delivering goods on Saturday afternoon; penalty, 10s., with £1 10s. costs.

*Wellington.*—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to report accident in factory; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 13s. 3d. costs. The other case, for employing assistant on the half-holiday, was dismissed, the Magistrate ruling that the employment was not in connection with the business.

*Christchurch.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs.

JULY, 1899.

*Napier.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing females for more than fifty-two hours in each of two succeeding weeks; penalty on each of four charges, £1, with £3 18s. costs: total, £7 18s.

*Wellington.*—Two cases under the Factories Act, for employing two persons under sixteen years of age without certificate of fitness by Inspector; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs in each case.

*Christchurch.*—Two cases under the Factories Act: One for failing to report an accident to the Inspector of Factories; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. The other, for allowing thirteen girls to take meals in workroom; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act against a hotelkeeper, for failing to grant the half-holiday to bar-assistant; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

AUGUST, 1899.

*Auckland.*—One case under the Factories Act, for employing females on Saturday afternoon; penalty, £1, with £1 10s. costs.

*New Plymouth.*—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for refusing to register office under the Act; penalty, 1s., with £1 8s. costs.

*Wanganui.*—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty in first case, 5s., with costs 7s. The other case dismissed.

*Pahiatua.*—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shops at 9 p.m., in accordance with *Gazette* notice under section 17 Amendment Act of 1895. The informations were withdrawn.

*Greytown North.*—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for delivering goods on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 14s. 6d. costs.