

*Wellington*.—One case under the Factories Act—two charges: One for failing to guard machinery in factory, and one for failing to send to the Inspector of Factories report of accident that occurred with the machinery. Both charges were dismissed—the first because defendant was not notified of the necessity of guarding the machinery; the second because the Magistrate believed the report was posted, but had miscarried in delivery.

*Dunedin*.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing females on Saturday afternoon: penalty, 10s., with £1 18s. 6d. costs.

*Invercargill*.—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing assistants on the half-holiday; penalties—5s., with £1 15s. costs; and 1s., with £2 0s. 6d. costs.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1899.

*Auckland*.—One case under the Factories Act, for neglecting to keep premises of bakery in cleanly condition; penalty, £2, with £1 17s. costs. One case under the Shops Act, for employing female assistants for more than 9½ hours in a day (three charges); penalties—£1 on each charge, with £2 9s. costs—total, £5 9s.

*Wanganui*.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to close chemist's shop on the half-holiday. Case dismissed; the Magistrate basing his decision on that of Chief Justice in a previous case in December, 1897, against another chemist.

*Wellington*.—One case under the Shops Act, for failing to provide sanitary accommodation on shop premises. As the department had arranged with the defendant that there would be no expense in the case, a nominal penalty of 1s. without costs was made.

*Christchurch*.—One case under the Shops Act, for employing driver of delivery-cart on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

*Invercargill*.—One case under Shops Act, for employing assistant on the half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with 5s. costs.

#### OCTOBER, 1899.

*Auckland*.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to keep bakehouse in cleanly condition; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs.

*Feilding*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing hand on the weekly half-holiday; penalty, 10s., with £1 14s. costs.

*Westport*.—Three cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shops on the half-holiday. Defendants were convicted and discharged, these being the first cases in Westport under this Act.

#### NOVEMBER, 1899.

*Wellington*.—One case under the Truck Act, for failing to pay an employé his wages in full. As the Magistrate was informed that this was the first case of the kind, a nominal penalty of 1s., with £1 18s. costs, was ordered.

*Dunedin*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday. Defendant convicted and discharged.

#### DECEMBER, 1899.

*Auckland*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to give shop-assistants the half-holiday; penalty, 5s., with £1 10s. costs.

#### JANUARY, 1900.

*Napier*.—Two cases under the Factories Act, for employing boys on Saturday afternoon; penalty—first case, £2, with £1 10s. costs; second case (two charges), £4, with £3 costs.

*Nelson*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £2, with 9s. costs.

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

*Timaru*.—One case under "The Employment of Boys or Girls without Payment Prevention Act, 1899," for employing a girl in dressmaking-room without wages; penalty, 5s., with £1 1s. costs, and an order for the amount of wages due. Two cases under the Factories Act: One for employing lad under sixteen years of age without certificate of fitness from Inspector; penalty, 10s., with 10s. 6d. costs. One for employing the same lad overtime; penalty, 10s., with 10s. 6d. costs.

#### FEBRUARY, 1900.

*Wellington*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to provide sanitary accommodation; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

*Nelson*.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing eight females between 6 p.m. and 7.45 a.m.; penalty, £2, with £1 3s. costs.

*Christchurch*.—Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act: One for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. The second for delivering goods on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs.

*Dunedin*.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing lad under eighteen years of age for more than 11½ hours on a Saturday; penalty, 5s., without costs.

#### MARCH, 1900.

*Napier*.—One case (three charges), for employing clerks later than half an hour after prescribed time; penalty, £2 on first charge and £1 each on other two, with £4 10s. costs.

*Christchurch*.—One case under the Factories Act, for failing to register factory; penalty, £1, with 7s. costs. Four cases under the Shops Act: Two for delivering bread on the half-holiday; penalties, £1 each. Two for failing to close shops on half-holiday; one dismissed, penalty in other case £1, with 7s. costs.

*Invercargill*.—Two cases under the Shops Act, for failing to give employés the half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with £1 8s. in each case costs.