

Figures had been given as to the number of grocers who had gone out of business, and information in this connection was supplied by Mr. O'Leary, **who** remarked that it was difficult to check the figures. The particulars supplied had been taken from the awards. Mr. O'Leary read portion of the statement, remarking on the increase in the Wellington district from 479 to 690 and the slight increase in Canterbury from 420 to 433.

The second page of the statement showed the number of chain stores in 1925 and 1935, and Mr. O'Leary pointed out that the number had increased from 9 in 1925 to 126 in 1935.

*The Chairman :* A remarkable increase in Wellington.

*Mr. O'Leary :* You refer to master grocers ?—Yes, master grocers.

*Mr. O'Leary* said that the third page of the statement [handed in] was correspondence in connection with a bread war in Otorohanga. Mr. Wilkinson had asked for this information.

The last page of the statement was information in connection with pills which Mr. Sutherland had obtained from Christchurch as a result of Mr. Tuck's evidence.

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