

OCTOBER, 1896.

Auckland.—One case: breach of Shops and Shop-assistants Act, section 3; failing to close on the statutory half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with £1 7s. costs.

Hokitika.—One case for failing to close shop on half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with 9s. costs.

NOVEMBER, 1896.

Auckland.—One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act Amendment Act, 1896," for delivering goods on the afternoon of day appointed for weekly half-holiday; penalty, 1s., with £1 3s. costs.

Christchurch.—One case under "The Servants' Registry Offices Act, 1895," for charging excessive fee; penalty, 1s., with £3 15s. costs.

DECEMBER, 1896.

Wellington.—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for charging excessive fee; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs; excess of fee to be refunded to client.

Christchurch.—Three cases under the Factories Act, for failing to give holiday on Saturday afternoon to employes; penalties, £1 each, with £1 8s. costs each. Five cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on half-holiday; penalties, 10s. each, with £1 8s. costs each.

Invercargill.—Four cases under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act. Two for failing to close shops on half-holiday; penalties, 10s. each, with £1 10s. and 7s. costs. One for employing female for more than fifty-two hours in one week; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. One for failing to give holiday to female; penalty, £1, with £1 10s. costs. One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for keeping servants as lodgers; penalty, 1s., with £1 13s. costs.

JANUARY, 1897.

Wellington.—One case under the Factories Act, for employing females after 6 p.m. without permit; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs. One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on half-holiday; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs.

Auckland.—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for charging excessive fee; penalty, £2, with £1 16s. costs, and conviction indorsed on license.

FEBRUARY, 1897.

Auckland.—One case under "The Servants' Registry Offices Act, 1895," for charging fees in excess of those allowed; penalty, £1, with £1 16s. costs, and conviction indorsed on license. One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," for failing to close on afternoon of day appointed for half-holiday; penalty, 5s., with £1 16s. costs. Only this light penalty was inflicted as defendant had closed on another day of the week.

Wellington.—Two cases under "The Factories Act, 1894": One for allowing females to take meals in the workroom; penalty, 5s., with £1 8s. costs. One for working girls for longer time than allowed by overtime permit; penalty, £5, with £1 8s. costs. One case under "The Shops and Shop-assistants Act, 1894," for failing to close shop on afternoon appointed for half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 1s. costs.

Christchurch.—One case under "The Factories Act, 1894," for failing to give employes under age the Saturday half-holiday; penalty, £1, with £1 8s. costs.

Dunedin.—One case under "The Factories Act, 1894," for failing to give female employe the Saturday half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 19s. 6d. costs.

Invercargill.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to give the half-holiday to employe; penalty, 10s., with 7s. costs.

MARCH, 1897.

Auckland.—One case under the Servants' Registry Offices Act, for charging excessive fees (two charges). Penalty, 10s., with £2 6s. costs on first charge; second charge withdrawn, defendant refunding excess of fee.

Napier.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for employing clerks beyond time prescribed; penalty, £2 5s., with £1 12s. costs.

Wanganui.—Eight cases: Seven under the Factories Act, for employing lads under eighteen years of age on Saturday afternoon; penalties, 10s., with 9s. costs in each case. One under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close shop on the half-holiday; penalty, £1, with 9s. costs.

Christchurch.—Three cases: One under the Factories Act, for employing persons on Saturday afternoon; penalty, 10s., with £1 8s. costs. Two cases under the Shops and Shop-assistant Act: One for failing to close shop on half-holiday, the other for failing to post notice showing hours of employment; penalty, 10s., with £1 8s. costs in each case.

Palmerston South.—One case under the Shops and Shop-assistants Act, for failing to close on the half-holiday; penalty, 10s., with £1 17s. costs.