

factory, the Chairman intimated that no further evidence would be called for at present. Similar announcements were made in respect to the Anchor Hotel.—Arthur Whitehead applied for a license for this house. There was no public objection. Mr. J. R. Reid appeared for the applicant. There being no public opposition, and the police report being good, the Committee intimated that so far as they could at present see, there would be no need to call for further evidence.

Held Over.—In the case of Gleeson's Hotel, for which Thomas James Storey applied for a license, the chairman said: "We will call upon you for further evidence." Similar statements were made in respect to the Globe Hotel (John Ernest Parker, applicant), Aurora Hotel (Andrew Moros), Britomart (Joseph U. Fischer).

As a result of the day's sitting, the licensees of the following 14 hotels have been called upon to show cause why their houses should not be closed:—

- Railway Terminus Hotel (Beach Road), S. A. Vollemaere.
- Star Hotel (Newton), W. Jones.
- Aurora Hotel (Victoria-street West), Andrew Moros.
- Bricklayers' Arms Hotel (Federal-street), Chas. J. Molloy.
- Britomart Hotel (Custom-street East), Joseph D. Fischer.
- Fitzroy Hotel (Wakefield-street), Walter G. Taylor.
- Grosvenor Hotel (Hobson-street), Joseph Robertson.
- King's Arms Hotel (Pitt-street), Patrick Brodie.
- Newton Hotel (Newton), William J. Priest.
- Park Hotel (Wellesley-street), Samuel Kahn.
- Queen's Hotel (Symonds-street), V. Cornaga.
- Queen's Head Hotel (Upper Queen-street), J. Sullivan.
- Suffolk Hotel (Ponsonby), Catherine Little.
- Thistle Hotel (Queen-street), Robert Noton.

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The Dunedin South Licensing Committee met on Tuesday and refused the renewal of three licenses, the maximum allowed as the result of the reduction mandate at the local option poll. The question of issuing bottle licenses was held over, pending decision by the City Licensing Committee next week.

The annual meeting of the Manukau Licensing Committee is now set down for Monday next, at the Court-house, Onehunga, when Mr. H. W. Northcroft, S.M., will preside. The newly elected committee consists of Dr. W. G. Scott, Messrs W. Westney, G. H. Fleming, J. Flanagan, and D. Hatt.

way. The committee is pledged to close three hotels, and to refuse accommodation licenses at race meetings, cattle sales, etc.

The Commercial Hotel at Waverley was gutted by fire on Tuesday night, and the Clarendon Hotel was partially destroyed. The fire originated in the kitchen of the Commercial Hotel. This building was owned by Mr. Ellis, and occupied by Mr. Smith, the latter being a heavy loser. The hotels were on opposite sides of the street, and the fire brigade had great difficulty in preventing the spread of the flames. The damage at the Clarendon, occupied by Mr. Oakenfall, is estimated at several hundreds of pounds. The insurances on the Commercial are: Building, £900; stock, £300; furniture, £700. The Clarendon building was insured for £1025, and the furniture and stock for £875. The inmates of the Commercial lost nearly all of their belongings, escaping in their night clothes.

Consequent upon an intimation by the police that they intended to oppose all applications by the licensed victuallers of Newmarket, England, for the extension of an hour for the licensed houses during all the ensuing race weeks, excepting those of the July Meeting, the licensed victuallers were legally represented before the justices. Considerable evidence was called in favour of the extension, while the police contended that the principal license-holders did not wish for it, and many towns-people objected on the ground that those using the licensed premises were frequently noisy when proceeding home after midnight; and, furthermore, that it necessitated extra police duty. The justices, after a short retirement, decided to grant the extension as usual.

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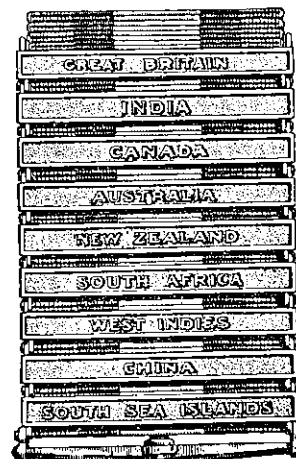
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