

MAGISTERIAL.

CHRISTCHURCH.

FRIDAY, JULY 3.

(Before C. C. Bowen, Esq., R.M.)

WIFE DESERTION.—John W. Bottomore, on remand for having deserted his wife, who is now resident in Auckland, was again brought up. His Worship said the police had telegraphed down that it was a very hard case, and that prisoner's wife was absolutely destitute. Some immediate contribution must, therefore, be made by prisoner, and suitable provision made for her in the future. Prisoner said he could not pay anything at once, as he had no money. He had been idle a week, and was still without work. His wife ought not to be destitute, for if she had taken care of the money she had, she ought to have £200 in her possession. His Worship said he would have to make an order for the minimum amount, £2, to be paid at once, and, for 15s per week to be paid hereafter; and, unless this order was obeyed, prisoner would have to be remanded up to Auckland. Prisoner said he had no money now, and as he did not want to go back to Auckland, he hoped the Bench would give him the option of paying it when he obtained work. His Worship said prisoner had no right to leave his wife at all. Prisoner said any other man, treated as he had been, would have done the same, and he informed the Bench that both his own parents and his wife's parents were in Auckland, therefore she could not be in a very bad position. In reply to the Bench, prisoner said he had one or two situations in view, but he did not think he could get into one of them until the middle of next week. After some consideration, his Worship said he would make an order for prisoner to pay 15s per week, the first payment to be made on Friday, the 10th inst. Of course, if this order was not regularly obeyed, the Bench would have power to reconsider it, with a view of making another one.

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KAIAPOI.

(Before Josiah Birch, Esq.)

DISOBEYING A SUMMONS.—Robert Ashworth, who was arrested on warrant by Sergeant Mullin, at Oxford, on the previous day for disobeying a summons, calling upon him to appear at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Oxford, on Wednesday last, was brought up in custody. It appeared from accused's statement that he had been drinking heavily for some days, and forgot to attend the Court. The case was dismissed with a caution.

POLICE ORDINANCE.—Robert Ashworth was then charged with having committed three breaches of this Ordinance in Oxford during the past month, first, by driving two teams along the road without having any person in charge of the second team. Secondly, with obstructing a public thoroughfare for a number of hours by leaving his horses unattended whilst he was drinking in a public-house. Thirdly, with wantonly hurting and harassing his horses by allowing his team to remain on a vacant piece of land near Mr Leo's store, Oxford, for nearly a whole day without food. Sergeant Mullin said he would withdraw the latter charge, as he had not been able to get a witness down from Oxford. The two former charges were admitted, and the accused promised to abstain from drink in future. A fine of 10s, and costs, was inflicted in each case.

AKAROA.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30.

(Before J. Aylmer, Esq., R. M.)

UNREGISTERED DOG.—Emile de Malmanche, charged with having an unregistered dog in his possession, was fined 20s, and costs.

CIVIL CASE.—H. G. Watkins v. T. Richardson—Claim, £1 14s 1d. Judgment by default for amount claimed, with costs.