

A. They were on good terms.

Q. There were no jealousies or complaints existing between them that you are aware of?

A. There were none.

Q. Now, with regard to the constables, you say that you took them with you, not in their official capacity, but to see that you were courteous towards your wife?

A. I took them in this way: as witnesses, and also to render assistance if I should require it.

Q. Then they came in a double capacity?

A. Yes.

*By a member of the Committee:—*

Q. Did you so act on the advice of Counsel?

A. I did ask advice as to whether I had the power of doing so. I enquired of Mr.—now Chief Justice—Harrison, and he said I had a perfect right to do it.

*By Counsel:—*

Q. To do what?

A. To put her out.

Q. By force?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he advise you to take the constables with you.

A. As to that I am not prepared to say.

Q. In point of fact, did she not refuse to go out; did she not lie on the bed and refuse to move?

A. Yes.

Q. And in point of fact were you not two or three hours in getting her out of the house—constables and all?

A. Before I went to put my wife out, I requested the family doctor to come and see if she was well—to see what state she was in. I did not tell him what my object was. He said that he went in and found her perfectly well and active, and that she seemed to enjoy herself with her friends. Then I thought that if she was really well—

Mr. *McDougall* at this point suggested that the witness should confine himself to simple facts.

The *Chairman* ruled that these should be more closely followed.

Q. I wish to know whether on that occasion she went away voluntarily, or only after two or three hours of discussion and resistance?

A. She at first refused to go.

Q. At what hour of the day was that?

A. I went to put her out at between seven and eight o'clock in the evening.

Q. Did you take the constables with you on the first occasion?

A. Yes.

Q. At what time did you put her out?

A. I could not say.

Q. Give an approximate idea?

A. I should say that two hours elapsed between the time I first went to her and the time she left the house.

Q. Did you take the constables into the room and represent them to be officers of the law?

A. I took them into the room, but I did not represent them to be officers of the law.

Q. You were further asked about the house being stripped of goods,—how could your wife have done so if she went out on compulsion from the constables?

A. An agreement was made about these goods.