

alluded to. If weights were correct, they would not be legal without the stamp on them.

Mr. Harbord said he had purchased weights, &c., from Mr. Cheshire, that were galvanized so as to prevent corroding; he got these for the purpose of testing the weights.

The Mayor did not see the utility of a postponement. He believed all that Mr. Harbord had stated. The law gave him no discretion when the officer swore to the light weights in any place. He would therefore fine Mr. Harbord 2s. and costs.

John Parry, grocer and provision dealer, Vauxhall-road, was charged for having his counter scale heavy against the purchaser.

Mrs. Parry appeared, and said the scale was quite right, and the officer told her so.

Officer: I told you it was all wrong as against the buyer; and so it was.

The Mayor: I see you were fined before for a similar offence.

Mrs. Parry: Oh, that was all a mistake!

The Mayor: Then there shall be no mistake this time; I fine you 15s. and costs.

William Mooney, provision dealer, Vauxhall-road, was found guilty of having 7 lb. and 2 lb. weights light, which he used to sell with.

The Mayor: I see this man has been already fined on three different occasions; first, 5s., second, 10s., and third, 20s. I now fine him 40s. and costs.

John Taylor, pork dealer, Scotland-road, was fined 10s. and costs for a scale that weighed against the buyer.

Thomas Wilkinson, grocer and provision dealer, Marybone, was charged with having a scale heavy against the purchaser.

Defendant: It was done in my absence.

The Mayor: Then I will make you remember not to let it be done again in your absence; you are fined 20s. and costs.

Catherine Kurt, a fish dealer, in Cavendish-street, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for a light weight.

Patrick Byrnes, provision dealer, Vauxhall-road, was convicted for having a light weight, by which he sold out provisions.

The Mayor: This is a fearful fraud on the poor. At a time when provisions are so enormously dear, it is right to see that the poor get what they pay for with their hard-earned money. I fine (this being the first offence) this man 10s. and costs.

William Goff, butcher, Regent-road, was charged with having a scale 3½ ozs. against the buyer.

The Mayor: I see you were fined in May last 20s. for a similar offence. I now fine you 40s. and costs, and if you are brought here again I will fine you £5. It is a disgrace to see a person like you act so dishonestly.

There were several other cases, but the above only possessed features of public interest.