

## APPENDIX K

### WORK AND WAGES

(From *Argus*)

#### THE SLOW WORKER

At the Carlton Court on Friday, before Messrs. Sanders and Ievers, J.P.'s, William H. Watson, baker, 141 Neill Street, was proceeded against under the Shops and Factories Act for having allowed an employee to work more than sixty hours during the week ending June 13. Mr. A'Beckett appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Currie for the defence.

Henry Picton, an elderly man, said: "I have been over a year in the employ of the defendant. My wages were 12s. 6d. a week and board. I was paid 3s. 6d. a week extra when I drove a cart and delivered bread. My hours of work on week-days were from a quarter-past 5 A.M. to 7 P.M., and on Sundays from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. I did the stable work; Mr. Watson is a good master. I know I am slow. I could get off for an hour or two whenever I asked. I have sometimes employed a boy to help me, and I paid him for it."

Watson stated: "Picton was a slow worker, but I knew him to be thoroughly honest. I frequently helped him with his work. Whenever I have told him to hurry on with his work, as I did not want the people to think I was the cause of his being late, he would reply that it was none of their business, and that if I was satisfied he would do the work in his own time. He occasionally drove a