

IMMIGRANTS' WAGES CONTRACTOR SUED

P. W. Stephenson was proceeded against at the City Court this morning by Menassah Seganaw and Daniel Nazarovff, for wages alleged to be due for clearing done by the complainants. He admitted liability.

Mr. J. Moss Solomon, who appeared for the complainants, said the case was a very hard one. His clients were Russians who arrived in the State last January. They were engaged through a registry office to work for the defendant at Trayning, where defendant had a clearing contract with Mr. Ernest, who was a piano importer in the city. They were to receive 25s. per week and their keep. They worked for the defendant until quite recently, and with the exception of £2 which had brought them to Perth again, had not received a penny. He (Mr. Solomon) had had a number of similar cases to deal with of late in which the complainants had been immigrants.

Defendant pointed out that he had a partner, Arthur Ashton, but that he only had been summoned.

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Mr. Roe: You are individually liable.

Mr. C. R. Penny, who was present informed the court that he had conducted a case against the defendants in the Supreme Court last week, and had obtained a judgment for £91 15s. for the rolling of scrub. "All my clients got," said Mr. Penny, "was £14 and that by going to Ernest's house. There seems to be absolutely no possibility of the judgment being satisfied. It was stated in court then that the transactions of the defendants bordered on fraud."

Defendant promised that the first money he obtained would be paid away in wages. At present he had nothing.

Mr. Roe gave judgment for £9 10s. 10d. and £9 13s. 9d. the amounts claimed by the two complainants, with £1 16s. 3d. costs in each case. The default on each claim was fixed at one month's imprisonment, and his Worship reminded the defendant that a term of imprisonment would not wipe out his liability in respect of the judgment.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report having received the following cable from their London office, under date of yesterday:—"The wool sales opened with a large attendance of buyers. Competition was animated, and there

Competition was animated, and there was a good selection. The market is firm, and on a par with last series' closing rates."