

UNEMPLOYMENT. THE MARCH ON PARLIAMENT.

Arrested Men Dealt With.

The 15 unemployed men who were arrested on Tuesday, following a meeting in Wellington-square and charged with having marched in procession without first having obtained the permission of the Commissioner of Police, appeared in the Perth Police Court before Mr. A. B. Kidson, Acting P.M., yesterday. The accused, who pleaded not guilty, were:— Daniel Papchuck (40), labourer, Harold John Newman (19), labourer, William James Brown (20), labourer, John Patrick O'Connell (21), stockman, Robert Edward Lenny (24), labourer, Thomas Vincent Jenkins (24), labourer, James Dockerty (26), labourer, Alfred Burt (18), labourer, Percy Mather (36), storeman, Reuben Field (28), labourer, Owen Vivian Gould (19), motor mechanic, Arthur Humphries (30), labourer, Cecil Robert Mansfield (30), labourer, William Bagwell (30), labourer, and Edwin Stephens (56), labourer.

It was stated in evidence by Sergeant Allen and Constables Woodley and Gallagher that the accused were marching in fours along Wellington-street about 3 p.m. Constable Gallagher held up his arms in front of the procession, and told the men that they could not march in mass formation. Bagwell then said: "Come on boys," and tried to force his way past. Witness arrested him, and the

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way past. Witness arrested him, and the other defendants were also arrested and placed in the police van.

Making a statement on behalf of all the accused, Bagwell said that after the meeting, in Wellington-square, it was decided to go to Parliament House, and urge the Opposition to move for the suspension of Standing Orders in order to discuss unemployment. The men intended to walk along the footpath, but were prevented from doing so by being arrested.

Newman, who gave evidence on oath, caused laughter by stating that he looked into the van out of curiosity when the men were being arrested, and got pushed in.

After Mr. Kidson had stated that he found the charge proved, Sergeant Houston said that Bagwell had been convicted previously, and Burt, Lenny, Newman, and Mather were among those who walked out of Blackboy Camp on November 29. Accused having given an undertaking that they would not repeat the offence, they were all, with the exception of Bagwell, cautioned, and ordered to pay 1/ costs each. Bagwell was fined £1, with costs.