

EMPLOYEE OR GUEST.

Unusual Wages Case.

Farmer has to Pay.

Two foreigners, Esthonians, one of whom could speak no English at all, and the other with a very incomplete mastery of the language, brought their troubles before the Griffith Police Court last week for solution by Mr. Cohen, P.M.

Peter Laar was the plaintiff, and John Fuks, farmer, of Yenda, the defendant. Laar claimed £39/4/- for wages due covering a period from May 5 to July 8 of this year for work performed on defendant's farm.

Laar's story was that he was engaged by Fuks as a farm laborer, and during the period mentioned worked continually on the farm taking his orders from Fuks. No arrangement had been made regarding wages.

Fuks, on the other hand, claimed that Laar had come from Esthonia with the intention of taking up land here. He had been at defendant's place between the dates mentioned but only in the capacity of a guest. He had spent most of his time taking photographs or shooting, though he had occasionally given defendant a hand in various ways. He was not an employee in any sense.

After listening to a lot of evidence, that of the plaintiff being given through an interpreter, Mr. Klink,—the P.M. gave a verdict for plaintiff for £24/15/, with 8/- costs of court, professional costs, £2/2/- witness expenses, £1/4/, and conveyance 12/6.

Mr. P. W. Blumer appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. L. H. Dickinson for the defendant.—"Area News."