

## **APPEAL COURT.**

### **ASHBURTON SITTING**

The Canterbury No. 2, Military Service Appeal Board sat at Ashburton this morning. The members of the board were Messrs H. W. Bishop, S.M. (chairman), G. Rich, and F. S. Eldridge; Captain Spratt was the military representative.

Maurice Tangney, teamster and shearer, Woodbury, appealed on the ground of financial losses, and that he was an Irishman and a Home Ruler, and was not prepared to take up arms for war purposes. He was of the opinion that some of the employers he had worked for in New Zealand were worse than Germans, seeing the amount of work they required for such small wages. His parents had told him that Germans had no hatred for Irishmen, and that was the reason the Imperial Government had not forced conscription in Ireland. In fact, the Government dared not force an Irishman to go to the front.

To Captain Spratt: He was contracting at team work at present. He had been ploughing since April, 1916. He made an application a year ago to join the Police Force.

Captain Spratt: "That was most inconsistent for a person holding such views."  
The appeal was dismissed.

*Dominion*. 28 July 1920 (Papers Past) [03 January 2017]

A peculiar case came before Mr. J. S. Evans in the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when a young man, Maurice Tangney, was charged with so behaving as to annoy the public in Cuba and Manners Streets, Courtenay Place and Roxburgh Street. The facts were stated to be that when the defendant was in camp he attended many functions in the city and a certain family who took a leading part in entertaining the soldiers often invited him with other soldiers to the house. Since then, Tangney had persisted in visiting the house, notwithstanding that he had repeatedly been requested to keep away from the place. The case was brought under the by-laws. After hearing the principal witnesses for the prosecution the Magistrate said that he could not see how a conviction could be entered, for all that the man appeared to have done was to walk behind two ladies in Manners Street and the other streets named, or walk abreast of them on the opposite side of the street. The information was dismissed.