



Refusal to Vaccinate

At the County Petty Sessions held on Tuesday, before Lord Radnor and other magistrates, George Holloway, labourer, of East Harnham was summoned to show cause why an order should not be made against him for the vaccination of his child. Defendant who said his children who had previously been vaccinated had not come out very well from the ordeal and he did not wish to have his child vaccinated. Mr. Newbury, vaccination officer proved that no certificate of vaccination of any kind had reached him and asked that the order should be made. Lord Radnor said he could not understand why they did not have their children vaccinated. He could quite understand the objection if the child was vaccinated with lymph from another child, because that did often cause a horrible disease to be communicated to the last child vaccinated. He himself had a cousin who had suffered by being vaccinated from another child. He believed that a child so vaccinated often suffered through the criminal carelessness of the doctor. Now by law the doctor was obliged to come to them and use lymph that was perfectly innocuous. The child could not come to any harm unless they were unhealthy, they could only have cow-pox that would prevent them from getting small-pox.

Anti-vaccinators may say what they pleased, but it was a fact, and they could not get away from it, that people that were vaccinated did not die in large numbers from small-pox as, those that were not vaccinated did.

Defendant said he objected to have his child vaccinated in 4 places. Lord Radnor thought it could be easily arranged for it to be in only 2 places.

Mr. Newberry however said the Local Government board orders made 4 places necessary.

Defendant said he would have no objection to have his child vaccinated in 2 places, if it could be done.

Lord Radnor was doubtful as to whether the Local Government Board would really insist upon 4 places and strongly advised defendant to have the operation performed.

An order was made.

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