

Reports of Frederick Sewell's Military Service Tribunal

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"DEVONSHIRE LICENSEE'S APPLICATION"

Frederick Charles Sewell, aged 31, licensee of the Devonshire Hotel, appealed for exemption on the ground of exceptional financial and business position.

Mr. Sewell stated that he was the resident licensee of the Devonshire Hotel, and managed the business, which, from its nature and the difficulty of obtaining staff, must be personally managed.

Mr. Sewell explained business details, and said four sisters were partially dependent upon the Devonshire Hotel.

The Clerk: You receive assistance from your brother? – Yes.

You recognise that Parliament and the Government have not indicated any disposition to protect your particular form of business? – I know that.

Exemption for a month was granted.

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Mr. F. C. Sewell, of the Devonshire Hotel, applied for exemption. In answer to the Town Clerk, he said there were three brothers in the business – two here and one at Robertsbridge.

The Town Clerk: And you are the only one who lives on the premises? – Yes, One brother lives at the Wilton Court Hotel and the other at Robertsbridge.

The Town Clerk: You recognise that Parliament and the Government have not shown any disposition to protect your particular form of business? – I know that.

In answer to further questions by Mr Moysey, Mr Sewell said that the brothers were all parties to the lease under their mother's will, and it was extremely difficult to get assistance to carry on the business. He was the only responsible person who slept in the house.

Exemption for one month was granted.
