



Bankruptcy Reports

Bankruptcy of John Comley

Swindon Bankruptcy Court

Wednesday

A Stratton Failure

Before the Registrar, Mr. H. Kinneir

Re. John COMLEY, of No. 1, Fir Tree Villas, Cricklade Road, Stratton St. Margaret, greengrocer and fishmonger.

In reply to the Official Receiver, debtor said he had been carrying on business in Swindon for 13 years. He had previously carried on a fried fish shop in Cricklade Road. He started business with a capital of £15. He kept an account book in his fried fish business, and the largest amount ever owing to him was about £9, but £5 of this was money lent. It was quite unusual in his business or anyone to owe him a sovereign. His takings were largely in pence. He had been a subscriber and member of the Provident Association in London. He first became a paying in member for £200, and borrowed money on that which he had paid in. He bought Nos. 1 and 2 Fir Tree Villas for £400, which he got from the Provident Association. He eventually took out a private mortgage on the property, and he still owed £369. He had kept a banking account with the Wilts and Dorset Bank, but he had done nothing on it for the past year. Two or three years ago his turnover was about £160 a year. He lived out of his takings, and merely paid in when he had to draw cheques for his merchants. He was first sued for a small sum of 8s. 6d., which he disputed. He was recently sued for an amount which he did not dispute. About six or seven months ago he found he was in the position not to be able to meet his creditors. He had had an accident with his trap, and two of three horses had died. The Provident Society was responsible for the mess he had got into. His money was tied up there. He had had losses in connection with his business. He was gardening at present, being employed four days a week. He still thought if the property could be sold there was something to be made out of it.

The examination was adjourned.

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