160 acres, 38 cows and 100 sheep, and said it would be a hard job to manage with his wife and daughter, applicant being 52.—Mr. Peel said he was managing with a man and his wife, the latter not used to farm work, and a man lent for a day a week. He was doing that, and submitting to other inconveniences, for one reason: because we must win the war.—Exemption to October 1st (final) was given.—Applicant (to the Agricultural Representative): I shall want you as auctioneer then, Bob.—The Chairman: "It's an ill wind. . . . ."

WHOLESALE CLEARANCE.

The Townley estate agent appealed for three men, a foreman joiner, a draining labourer, and a woodman and sawyer. It was stated nine men were still on the estate, three over 70 years of age, 4 over 50, and 2 just over 40. With respect to the sawyer, a letter was read in which the writer said he would rather stand before a German gun than have a novice at the saw.—Mr. King-Wilkinson said he had not a drainer, and Mr. Peel declared the estate could be managed without any of the men. The estate would be under trustees and they would want to do the best they could for the estate. That would account for the appeals being sent in.—The Chairman said if Mr. Aitken had not been Clerk he would have appealed as solicitor.—All three men were adjourned until the end of August (final).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRAISED.

A Bolton-by-Bowland farmer appealed for a nephew of 19, previously exempted until July 31st, on a farm of 208 acres. He had found it impossible to secure another man.—Mr. King-Wilkinson paid a tribute to the Advisory Committee, declaring they did the spadework and had two meetings to one of a Tribunal. Every decision was most carefully weighed and they believed in that case, at tremendous in-

also a nuisance. The keeping down of vermin was, under a lease, the duty of the landlord.—The younger keeper was ordered to join up; and the older one was given a month and advised to get a job on a farm.

JOINER FOR EACH VILLAGE.

Mr. Turner Lancaster appeared with a Grindleton firm of wheelwrights for a partner, 31. He and his brother (43) carried on the business, the only one of its kind in the district.—Mr. King-Wilkinson said it had been the practice to leave a joiner in each village, but extra men were being taken.—Mr. Lancaster said they would have a great difficulty in managing if the man was taken.—October 1st (final).

FARM WORK HARD WORK.

The bailiff for Lord Crawshaw appealed for a man employed with himself and son, on a farm of 2,400 acres, with 35 cattle and a large number of sheep. The man had previously been exempted on a personal claim. Mr. King-Wilkinson asked about a man who had left, and applicant said he wouldn't stop any longer—the work was too hard. (Laughter.)—Exemption was granted to November 12th.

A GOOD FARM.

A Bashall Eaves farmer appealed for a man 22. About 60 gallons of milk were kitted, 26 cows being milked.—Two months' exemption was granted, and applicant told to make the utmost effort to secure an older man.

STAFF AND STOCK REDUCED?

Mr. J. H. Ramsbottom appealed with a Hodder Bank farmer of 440 acres, and the customary stock. Two married men had been exempted, and the man (20) claimed for.—There was some banter about applicants age, and Mr. King-Wilkinson said only the ladies stand still in age.—Applicant: And men of 41 in the army!—Claim rejected.—Mr. Ramsbottom: The stock

the son of a Bolton-by-Bowland farmer, who is very deaf. Mr. Weeks said it was necessary the elder of two sons should remain at home, because he was used to buying and selling. The younger son had been to Keighley with a view to enlisting but hearing he worked on the land he was sent home.—Mr. King-Wilkinson mentioned a man who formerly worked for applicant and who was "sacked."—Mr. Weeks denied this and described the report as mere tittle-tattle.—Applicant said the man was not reliable.—The son was granted absolute exemption.

TWO SMALL FARMS.

A Waddington lady appealed for her grandson (21), her farm manager, on 68 acres. Mr. King-Wilkinson mentioned a relative lived on the next farm, and as both farms were small, he thought one of the two men could manage both. A further son with a glass eye was on another farm.—The case was adjourned to permit the man being medically examined.

"WE ARE NOT DOCTORS."

The son of a Bolton-by-Bowland innkeeper and farmer appealed for an employee. Applicant now said the man had had varicose veins.—The Chairman: We are not doctors. We cannot judge on that. He must be examined.—Mr. King-Wilkinson said if the man was rejected he would have to have one of the sons.—Rejected.

FROM LOOMS TO COWS.

A Rimington farmer of 100 acres, appealed for a single man of 19, the only one employed. Applicant had tried to replace the man but had failed.—Mr. Aitken: We have heard much of the impossibility of learning farming in a few months, but this man was a weaver a few months ago.—The Chairman: Can you leave him on the farm?—Yes. He is capable, but he was on a farm as a lad.—Exemption to November 9th, applicant being told to get an older man.