

SOURCE 6

Sample piece of evidence submitted to the government's Inter-Departmental Committee on Employment of Children 1906
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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Why does Miss Holme object to boys working in barber shops?
- Does Mr Greenlaw object for the same reasons?
- Is it more useful to have these two extracts than just one?

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Miss Holme - a school manager - London.

Would like to prohibit - Barbers' shops are regular gambling places - Hours late - work not heavy, but on their feet all the time.

Teachers say these barbers' boys certainly deteriorate in manners and everything else.

Would prohibit. Would not be a serious thing for barbers as they do very well and could employ someone over 14.

Mr. Greenlaw. Superintendent of School Attendance Officers, Manchester:

"Barbers' shops are generally very small, often in poor neighbourhoods, and not very well ventilated. They are sometimes overcrowded with customers who are not too clean and the atmosphere the boy breathes is undoubtedly bad. They are there a long time. On Saturday evenings they are ^{there} very often till midnight, and on Friday evenings they are late, Some are late every evening in the week, and also work several hours on Sundays."