

more than 12 months after. The money was in the hands of a local lawyer, and as it was not claimed within the 12 months, it was kept by the lawyer, and Able was unable to recover it.

Mrs. Drew claims to have got the first County court summons ever served in Ballarat. It was at the time when she was carrying on the building business of her late husband (Powell) One Redmond had acted as sub-contractor to her husband. On Powell's death, Redmond acted rather freely in the matter of "surplus charges" etc. This she resented, and Redmond took an affidavit to the effect that she was not Powell's lawful wife, This raised many complications. The police took possession of the place, and she was besieged with people demanding payment of "bills". The sheriff, Tweedie, presented the summons, and she, in her wrath, took him by the seat of the pants and the collar and put him over the fence. She produced her marriage certificate, and proudly boasts, that by the assistance of her lawyer she "did" Redmond out of £400.

At one time she employed 19 carpenters. In 1853-4 her two horses and drays earned £92 a month. From her fighting nature she says she was known as the "devil"