

June I asked him to let me have bill on 1st July; my wife was going away, and I thought they might not bring it. I was employed at Foxton Hotel cooking, or anything they wanted. I knew Mrs. Mullum. I do not recollect borrowing £20 of her. I got £2 from her. I had that money stolen from me at house. I asked her for it, no other sum of money. There was a £1 she gave me on the night money was stolen. I was Chairman of the Committee. I laid the information myself.

JOHN TUCKER examined.

81. *Mr. Bell.*] Am labourer at Newtown with Mr. Harlen, milkman. He lives on Adelaide Road. I was in Harlen's employ last Christmas. I saw at door of Harlen's house prisoner on Sunday before Christmas last. He was talking to Mrs. Harlen as I came out. I did not hear what was said. After that he spoke to me; gave me time of day a few feet from the door. He came away from Mrs. Harlen. We walked across road together. He told me he had come there for some deed that would do him a great deal of good, he thought. He said he leased some land off Hawkings; it was forty or fifty acres; that he wanted to chuck it up; that it did not pay; that Hawkings did not want him unless he chucked up house and land he was living on to make a slaughterhouse. He said, "The son of a bitch wanted to do him same as he had done one or two more." I asked him, "Do you think Hawkings will get away with you?"—I meant to get better of him. He said, "If he get better of me I will fix bugger so that he will get away with no other." The subject dropped. I went away and got stuff for horse. I came back again, and had more talk with him about cows he had bought. I asked him if there was any work for me on road. I said I thought of going to Hawkings to get some work. Chemis said, "I would not go to that son of a bitch; that man wanted to get hold of you long enough." Subject dropped. I went and washed milk-pans. I had seen prisoner. I had spoken to him two or three times. I was then on land leased by Harlen from Hawkings. I used to be in Harlen's service twelve or thirteen years, at Khandallah. I had seen Chemis on land. He had asked me if I had seen a bull.

82. *Mr. Bunny.*] When did you tell any one about this?—Not till yesterday in Court. Detective asked me yesterday if I had any conversation with Louis Chemis. I was on ground at Harlen's when detective came. I said if I was in the case it would look a little bit different. I thought nothing of it at the time or since.

EMMA HARLEN examined.

83. *Mr. Bell.*] My husband is Thomas Harlen; he is a dairyman in Adelaide Road. I used to live at Khandallah, next station. We leased it from Mr. Sharp, and some from back of Hawkings. We do not occupy land there now. I have seen prisoner. I saw him at our house at Adelaide Road; it was near Christmas last. Prisoner did not come inside till after my husband came home. I spoke to him when he came. He wanted me to lend him some papers, which concerned lease of land we held of Hawkings. He said he thought they would be of use to him. I said I did not care to lend them. He said he was going to Court with Hawkings. He waited for my husband. Chemis was outside in yard. Husband returned some time after—three-quarters of an hour, or longer. Tucker was working there; he attends to cart when it comes home. Tucker came in to his dinner after he put horse away.

84. *Mr. Bunny.*] My husband saw him (Chemis) on his return. My husband leased some cows and land from Hawkings. I do not think there was any dispute between them. They exchanged some land together. Hawkings thought it would be more convenient for us. My husband had no row with Hawkings. Hawkings sued him for rent twice; settled each time out of Court. He had things of Hassell. We were sold up, but not by Hawkings. We got money from the house we are now living in. Hassell sold us up for money due for corn.

JOHN BATES examined.

85. *Mr. Richmond.*] Am a labourer at Kaiwara. I was one of the party that was employed to make a survey, by Mr. Anderson. I picked up a miner's right near peg 21, in the water-table, on side of road on right going up. I picked it up on evening of 18th of last month.

WILLIAM HUNT examined.

86. *Mr. Bell.*] Am a fellmonger at Crofton. This is my miner's right. Have been at Kaiwara since I came back. I had it in my possession on 7th June. I do not know about losing it. I was on the spot of the murder on the 17th.

JOHN MAY examined.

87. *Mr. Bell.*] Am a fish-curer. I live at Johnsonville.

WILLIAM WILSON examined.

87A. *Mr. Bell.*] Am a shorthand writer, lately on *Evening Press*. Was so in March and beginning of June. On 1st June I went out to Kaiwara between ten and eleven in the morning, on business of paper alone, up Hawkings's road. I went to house, and returned with Norman to gate on road between house and bend in road. A little below gate I saw Detective Campbell and one of Dimock's. This would be before twelve o'clock. I came down and had lunch at Dimock's with Campbell. I picked up a piece of paper; it was a piece of newspaper. It had on it that D Battery of Artillery would hold picnic next day. I put it in my pocket, and afterwards, being asked, I went to the police-station and gave it to some one there. I also had another piece of paper. I got it from Norman, on same side of road, a little way lower down. The piece Norman gave me was dirty. It was this piece; about 8in. or 9in. long. The first piece looked as if it had a piece torn out. On right-hand side of road I saw one or two small fragments; they looked blackened and folded up. I saw two or three of them, these on right-hand side, and ten yards below the bend. This piece, marked "K 1," is the one I picked up myself. The other, "K," is the piece Norman picked up, I believe.