

88. *Mr. Bunny.*] I had an idea that D Battery. I said at Resident Magistrate's Court that I recognised it as piece of paper of 23rd May. I did so because I knew there was going to be a picnic on the 24th. It was after I met Campbell I picked up. It is evidently a piece of paper of 23rd May. I wrote paragraph on the picnic of 24th May. I was under the impression that it was 23rd May till a date was pointed out.

STEPHEN WILLIAM GREEN examined.

89. *Mr. Bell.*] Am a bookbinder, living at Newtown. I went up Hawkings's road on Sunday, 2nd June. I picked up some paper clinging to gorse bushes at turn. I kept pieces of paper till 17th June. I handed them over to Detective Benjamin. It was in bushes nearest to road I picked the pieces; three were each about size of hand, with rough edges. They were open. This is one piece. I identify by date, 17th November, and by shipping column. I recognise a second piece; it joins on advertisement, Wilson and Richardson. I do not recognise this third piece. I am not positive about this.

90. *Mr. Bunny.*] I did look at pieces of paper. I did not notice anything in the third piece.

PETER JOSEPH examined.

91. *Mr. Bunny.*] I work on Ngauranga line. I remember the evening of the 31st May. I was going home. I generally go a short cut from Kaiwara to Khandallah Station. I left work at twenty-five minutes to five. I work on Ngauranga road, between Ngauranga and Johnsonville. I came a short cut from near my work to a track which leads from near Khandallah Station to Kaiwara. I live at Kaiwara. I generally go the same way. It generally takes me forty-five minutes to go. I left at twenty-five minutes to five. I got home as twenty minutes past five. On that evening, 31st May, I noticed a man. The first person I met was a young man going to Johnsonville. I met him near the railway-line. I saw a man going towards the summit where the track crosses the summit. He had a gun. He had no dog. That would be very near five. I gained on him a lot. I came close to him. He came over to Barber's fence and Hawkings's. He left the track. I should say the last I saw of him was from five to ten minutes past five. He left the track at the fence between ten and twelve (on plan), and went towards the left as you go to Kaiwara. Hawkings's house was visible from the trig. station. I could to a certain extent describe person's clothes. The prisoner was not that person. I made this circumstance known to the police.

92. *Mr. Bell.*] I communicated this to the police a fortnight ago—to Detective Benjamin. This was my first communication. I told one person of this on the 2nd June—Sunday. I told James Flaws of this. He is a labourer in the tan-yard. I told him this on the 2nd June. I went up to where the murder was committed. I told him as we were coming back. I said I had seen a man crossing the hill with a gun. I told him where the man left the track. I told him—Flaws—that the man left the track at the fence that divides the land of Hawkings from Barber. This was while we were on the Hutt road. There were a great many people on Hawkings's road. The next person I mentioned it to was my master, the day before I went to the police. He told me to go to the police. The man was not a tall or a short man; just about 5ft. 5in.; in light moleskins or tweed trousers, dark coat, and a grey tweed hat. I was about 100 yards from him when he was on the track ahead of me, at about five to ten minutes past five. There is a bushy gully he went into. There is a track to Barber's slaughterhouse. I am a carter on the Hutt road. Have known Chemis six years. I have bought milk of Chemis. I did not live at Kaiwara till the 19th May. I am lately married. I only met Mr. Green; he says he saw no one on the track that night. It was not dark, only getting dark. I was not close enough to see his features, but I could see colour of his hat. I first met Green at railway-fence. I think it must have been impossible for Green to see man.

CECILIA PHILLIPS examined.

93. *Mr. Bell.*] I live at Kaiwara, at Junction Hotel. Am barnmaid. Knew Mrs. Chemis a little while. I know Mr. O'Dowd. I believe he is Mrs. Chemis's brother. I have known Mr. O'Dowd two months. I took a walk with him on the 31st May. I met him at Greaves's gate, two miles north from the hotel. My appointment was a quarter to seven. O'Dowd was living at Mrs. Greaves's. He kept appointment. At a quarter to seven I went for a walk with him. Was with him till eight. I saw him in the morning. He did not have dinner at the Rainbow. Nothing extraordinary about his manner.

WILLIAM SKEY examined.

94. *Mr. Bell.*] Am analyst to the Government. I have had things for examination—a stiletto and sheath and knife. This is the stiletto and sheath. I examined it for blood and found none. I removed no verdigris or rust. I removed some rust and examined that. I also looked at clothes; also some papers. Detective Campbell and Carroll brought me papers. The paper brought by Carroll I examined for carbon or soot. I found stains of carbon or soot. It looks like gunpowder stains. I handed the paper back to Carroll in the same condition as I received it. I simply added reagents to paper, and Carroll took them away.

95. *Mr. Bunny.*] I examined the sheath; it was handed to me cut open. I think the weapon might have been used for stabbing, and signs of blood removed by washing in warm water, or by rag. You must rub a long time to get off stains of blood, and it would brighten up the blade. If warm water was used it would have to be rubbed and wiped. I think in that case the blade would be bright. In such a process rust would be rubbed off.

HENRY NORMAN examined.

96. *Mr. Richmond.*] I remember the night of 31st May. We had tea at a quarter to six. I took parcels out of the cart the same night, and took the horse out; then went down the road,