

examination of the papers sent me when the Crown Solicitor called on me, and the observations he made I have marked in red ink.

*Mr. Allen*: Is there any possibility of these exhibits which were given you having got mixed?—No, not the slightest.

*Mr. Allen*: They were all given you in separate packages, and you kept them separate?—Yes.

*Mr. Jellicoe*: You might say absolutely that the papers were not mixed?—I will say that.

*Mr. Allen*: How was the paper found in Chemis's house handed to you?—It was handed to me in an envelope by Inspector Thomson. The envelope is marked.

*The Chairman*: I understand, Mr. Tasker, that none of the exhibits were marked when handed to you?—No, none whatever. Only the outward envelope.

*Mr. Lake*: As to the piece of paper given to you by Inspector Thomson, marked "G G," in his evidence, is that the envelope that contained the pieces of paper that was taken out of Chemis's house?—They were given to me as coming from the gorse bushes and lower ground.

*Mr. Lake*: Had you made any theory yourself, before communicating with the Crown Prosecutor, on the pieces of paper?—No; I had none whatever. My instructions were that certain pieces of paper were picked up in certain places, and my duty was to see if they corresponded in any way, and also what paper they were parts of. It gave me not the slightest idea. Nobody spoke to me on the matter at all. Mr. Bell came to me before I had finished my examination, and I marked them in red ink. I would have found them out for myself.

*Mr. Allen*: I see in the evidence that there are two pieces of paper, "GG," of the 23rd of May?—They were taken from the gorse bushes on the ground. G 1 was found on the ground.

*Mr. Allen*: Is that on the ground, or from the gorse bushes?—Fragments found in the gorse bushes, on the bank, and on the lower ground; so that all the paper found on the ground and in the gorse bushes was put into one envelope.

*Mr. Lake*: Inspector Thompson, in his evidence, says he had a label "Gorse" on the envelope, and next Mr. Jellicoe says he might have mixed them. I want to know whether it was the same envelope?—Yes; there was one marked "Gorse."

*Mr. Jellicoe*: He had marked the envelope on the ground with the word "Gorse," but he afterwards put the contents of that envelope into another envelope, and that envelope is endorsed as Mr. Tasker says; but what came of the other envelope no one knows.

*Witness*: It has been produced here.

*The Chairman*: We had three or four envelopes put in evidence last time we met. On one of them I noticed the word "Gorse" in pencil.

*Mr. Jellicoe*: I have not seen it.

*The Chairman*: The other envelopes were all labelled in ink. Mr. Cooper put them in the time before last.

*Mr. Jellicoe*: I came to the conclusion that he must have substituted another envelope.

*The Chairman*: They are the original envelopes, are they not, Mr. Cooper?—Yes, Sir.

[Statement made by Dr. Cahill to Sergeant-Major Morice on the 31st May was here read.]

Mrs. CHEMIS was then sworn as a witness.

*The Chairman*: You recollect the 31st of May. Can you positively swear that your husband never left the house from the time he came home, about 5 o'clock in the evening, during all that night?—Yes, Sir, I can swear that.

*The Chairman*: Could he possibly have been away without your knowing it?—No, Sir. He could have gone around the place, the same as he had done for years, but not to go away from the premises.

*The Chairman*: Were there any unusual circumstances at all about his coming home that evening. Was he to bring any thing home from town?—Yes, he was supposed to bring some things from the store, but he did not fetch them. I asked him in the morning to bring them. After tea I asked him if he had brought them, and he said "No," he forget all about them, and he said he would go down after tea if I wanted them. He was working in Kaiwarra, and I said it would do to-morrow, as I felt timid to be in the house when it was dark, and so he did not go.

*The Chairman*: Did your husband wear the same clothes on the day that the police came, Saturday, as he did during the whole of Friday?—Yes, Sir.

*The Chairman*: He did not change them at all?—No, Sir.

*The Chairman*: Was he wearing the same clothes when arrested?—Yes, Sir.

*Mr. Gully*: Do you wish us to understand that on the evening after he came home he was in your sight during the whole time after he came home?—Yes. Well, he was in the shed cutting up mangolds, but I could hear him at work.

*Mr. Gully*: Were the cows in when he came home?—Yes, I had them in when he got home.

*Mr. Gully*: Was there anything else for him to do outside, except what you have described?—No. It was winter time, and he could not do anything because it was dark.

*The Chairman*: Do you recollect, Mrs Chemis, whether it was dark when he came home that evening?—Not quite dark. It was getting dusk shortly after he came home.

*Mr. Jellicoe*: Do you remember what sort of weather it was—calm, fine, clear, or gloomy?—When the police were about it was very wet weather, but I do not know whether that particular evening was wet or not.

*The Chairman*: Were any of the children with their father that night?—The eldest child was with him when he was cutting up the mangolds. She went to meet him that night, as she always did.

*The Chairman*: What time did he come into tea?—The exact time I do not know. It was some time after six—just about that time.

*Mr. Smith*: When the police searched the house did they give you a list of the things they took away?—No, Sir.