

58. The newspaper was taken out of your coat?—Yes, two or three pieces; I do not know which.

59. Did they get any newspaper in the bedroom at all?—No.

60. Was the point of the stiletto blunted in any way when you got it?—I want to have a yarn about that affair. When that stiletto came before the lower Court and in the Supreme Court in fact nobody ever mentioned anything about it, neither the police nor any one else. If you were to examine the Magistrate's clerk, who had it in his hand, he could see that it was as sharp as a new pin at the time. In the Supreme Court Mr. Bell picked the thing up and went over to Dr. Cahill, and asked whether it was blunt before. He said, "It was." I was staggered when I heard this; then I saw they were trying to put the rope round me.

61. Was it sharp when in your possession, or was it blunt?—It was sharp as could be. If it was blunt all the time, do not you think the police would be glad to bring that forward the last time I was examined in the lower Court?

62. *Mr. Jellicoe* (through the Chairman.)] When you gave your evidence?—Yes; Mr. Bell, after asking me many questions about this stiletto, where I got it from, and so forth, he came up to me and he said, "Did you see this before you gave this account?" I think he wanted me to commit myself. I got a bit mixed; I put it in my mouth, and thought I would break it altogether. If it had been any one else, he might have thrown it at him. But I remember saying to him, "You have done it yourself." Of course, I did not know whether he did it himself, or who did it; but he knew that he was charging me wrongfully; he knew that the thing was sharp all the time before.

63. *The Chairman.*] Had you used the gun very often from the time you bought the wad-cutter?—Not very often; I used it a few times, not very often, because I had no time to go out shooting.

64. Did you ever use paper for wads after you bought the wad-cutter?—I never used paper after that.

65. Did you before?—About two months before I used it; but never after I bought the wad-cutter.

66. Did you ever use any bullets that Gibson gave you?—Yes.

67. For what purpose?—To kill pigs.

68. In what gun?—The same gun.

69. The double barrel?—Yes, the double barrel.

70. *Mr. Allen.*] Were they too small for the gun?—I used paper; that was before I bought the wad-cutter at all.

71. You put paper round the bullet?—The same as you would do with shot.

72. You rammed it down the same as if it were a wad?—Just so.

73. *The Chairman.*] Were the bullets too small for the gun?—They could empty them out like.

74. Not very much too small?—They were loose.

75. *Mr. Allen.*] Did you never wrap the bullet round with paper?—No; I never did.

76. *The Chairman.*] Are the Committee to understand that when you were arrested on the 5th June you had the same clothes on as you had on the 1st June and the 31st May?—Just the same; the very same clothes; everything the same.

77. *Mr. Smith.*] You recognise the wad-cutter of yours by being ground?—I knew mine by being ground.

78. And the powder-flask?—I recognise that by the spring.

79. I can state that this wad-cutter has been ground as an expert, and this spring was made by a blacksmith. I can see that it was made by a blacksmith, and not by an expert in gun matters?—I gave him a shilling to make the spring.

80. Had you any quarrel with any of your neighbours?—Never, not a word. I have been three years in gaol, and I have never had a word with anybody.

81. *The Chairman.*] Have you saved any lives of people since you have been in the colony?—Yes, that was a boy; he was nearly drowned in Kaiwarra. I jumped in after him and saved his life.

82. Have you any reason to suspect any one else with regard to this murder?—I suspect one man, but I do not think one man could have done it by himself. Who was going to open those gates for Hawkings? There are two gates between the scene of the murder and his house. I believe there must have been more than one man concerned in it.

83. Do you know anything of this shot-pouch?—No; that is all new to me.

*Mr. Jellicoe:* That was found after he was examined—some months afterwards.

84. *The Chairman.*] It has been stated to the Committee that some people in Kaiwarra could prove that this sheath knife belonged to you?—I never had such a thing. I had a knife I know, but I never had a sheath on it. It was a bigger knife than that.

85. Who was in possession of the ground in dispute when Hawkings was killed?—It should have been in Harlen's possession. Harlen had a proper lease; I think it was for seven years, but in the meantime I had wished to get a piece of ground that was left in Hawkings's hand. The other man was paying for the ground which Hawkings rented to me.

Mr. GARVEY examined.

86. *The Chairman.*] Could you tell us, Mr. Garvey, what has been the behaviour of the prisoner?—Always excellent from the first to the time he left for Auckland.

87. Have you heard what has been his conduct there?—I have only records. I can only tell by looking at the record. There is nothing whatever against him. He has a clean sheet. There was only one reason for moving him from here. That I have explained to him. When he came back I explained to him that the Committee wanted to see him, and put some questions to him. I then explained to him the reason he was removed.