

SIR,— District Traffic Manager's Office, Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.
 I beg to state the time on running-sheets is the correct time, and I have never thrown off memoranda to Stationmasters. I have always given them the drivers their correct time. They might have said, "We will make it up," and I would say, "All right"; still I would book the time they would run.

I remain, &c.,

W. RADFORD, Guard.

CHARLES MARSHALL stated: I am a first-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been an engine-driver about sixteen years on New Zealand railways, and about five years as fireman. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I do not know of any instance in which that was done.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

C. MARSHALL.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

WILLIAM HYLAND stated: I am a second-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been driving, off and on, for about nine years. I began fireman's work on New Zealand railways about eighteen years ago. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I give it an unqualified denial: I never heard of such being done until I heard of Carter's statement. I have never known of an instance.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

W. HYLAND.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

CHRIS. R. SMITH stated: I am a first-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been driving since 1883, and was firing before that from 1879, on New Zealand railways. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I do not believe it to be true. I have never heard of such a thing being done.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

C. R. SMITH.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

CHARLES FOWKE stated: I am a first-grade engineman, located at Ashburton. I have been driving on New Zealand railways for about twenty-five years, and firing for about a year before that. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I have never known an instance in any way bearing out or supporting Carter's statement.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

C. FOWKE.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

MICHAEL GARDINER stated: I am a second-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been driving and spare driving, off and on, for about nine years, and was firing before that for about eight years, on New Zealand railways. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I have never known it done.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

M. GARDINER.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

EDWARD JOHNSON stated: I am a second-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been about seventeen years in New Zealand railway service. I have been nearly five years driving, and acting as a spare driver. As regards the statement made by ex-Engineman C. H. Carter, to the effect that Stationmasters and guards falsify train-time, I have never known it done. I do not believe Carter's statement to be true.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

E. JOHNSON.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

WILLIAM HILL stated: I am a first-grade engineman, located at Christchurch. I have been over twenty-five years in New Zealand railway service. I have been a driver all that time. With regard to ex-Engineman Carter's statement as to Stationmasters and guards falsifying train-time, I have never known it done, nor do I believe Carter's statement to be true.

Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

W. HILL.

Witness to signature—A. L. Beattie, Locomotive Engineer. 31/8/99.

Traffic Inspector's Office, Christchurch, 31st August, 1899.

Traffic Manager, Christchurch.

Re Driver Carter's statement that there is collusion between Stationmasters, guards, and drivers to book false train-times, so that when trains are late excessive speed can be run without being detectable from the guards' journals and station time-books: I have never heard of or seen such a thing done, and am as certain as it is possible for me to be that the statement is false. I may say