

DONALD TURNER, Letter-carrier, Auckland, examined.

1. *Mr. Gray.*] What is your name?—Donald Turner.
2. What are you?—Letter-carrier in the Auckland Post-office.
3. Is the Rev. Mr. Garland on your round?—Yes.
4. What is his address?—Remuera Road.
5. Do you recollect delivering a letter at his house a few days before the 11th July?—I do not know the exact date—before the meeting.
6. Do you recollect delivering a letter at his house a day or two before that?—Yes.
7. Do you remember on what date you delivered it?—No; I cannot say exactly.
8. Was your attention drawn to any letter bearing the mark “Box 912” for Mr. Garland?—No. I remember the letter for him.
9. Where did you deliver it?—In his letter-box.
10. Where is that?—At the entrance.
11. How far from the house?—About thirty paces.
12. You remember delivering that letter from box 912, in his letter-box?—Yes.
13. At what time of the day did you deliver it?—About 2.20 p.m.
14. 2.20 in the afternoon could not be called the morning. Are you quite sure it was the afternoon?—Yes.
15. And you do not remember the day of the week?—No.
16. If Mr. Garland says he received this letter—and, therefore, that you delivered it—on Tuesday morning, would that be correct?—It was the afternoon I delivered it.
17. You are quite sure?—Yes.
18. *Mr. Ostler.*] When were you first asked to recollect about this letter?—About a couple of weeks ago.
19. That is to say, about the beginning of August?—Yes.
20. That is to say, you were not asked to recollect until a month after you delivered it?—Yes.
21. Is this the only letter the Rev. Garland has had in a month?—No.
22. I expect he has a good many, does he not?—Yes.
23. How could you remember it?—These letters were sorted up just before I went out—three or four, if I remember right.
24. Did you know anything about them?—No; I did not know what was in them.
25. Did you know they had been censored letters?—No; they were just given to me and I took them out.
26. Was there anything remarkable about the letter to draw your attention to it?—It just had “If unclaimed return to box 912.”
27. Did you remember that?—Yes.
28. But surely that is on a great many letters you deliver?—Not on a private envelope like that.
29. About how many letters would you say you had delivered since then to the Rev. Mr. Garland?—A couple of hundred—fully that.
30. Probably more?—Yes; very likely more.
31. Yet you say that on being called upon a month later to recollect it you could remember the date upon which you handled one particular letter?—Yes.
- Mr. Ostler.* It is a good thing to be blessed with such a fine memory as that.
32. *Mr. Gray.*] You have delivered quite a number of letters since then to him?—Yes.
33. Have you delivered any letters bearing that superscription “If unclaimed return to box 912”?—Not that I remember.
34. Is that the only letter?—Yes, to my knowledge.
35. Do you feel sure that your attention was drawn at the time to that notice “Box 912,” and that is why you remember?—Yes. It was just before I went out to catch the car.

FREDERICK JOHN ROSEMAN, Letter-carrier, Auckland, examined.

1. *Mr. Gray.*] What is your name?—Frederick John Roseman.
2. Letter-carrier in the Auckland Post-office?—Yes.
3. Is Mrs. Wiseman, 3 Finch Street, Morningside, on your round?—Yes.
4. Do you recollect having any letter for delivery to Mrs. Wiseman on the 3rd or the 5th July?—No recollection at all.
5. Do you recollect whether you had any letter for delivery to anybody bearing this stamp upon it, “Return to box 912”?—Yes.
6. You remember seeing that direction before?—Yes.
7. And you had some letters like these for delivery to persons on your round?—Yes.
8. Have you any recollection of having any such letter as that for delivery to Mrs. Wiseman?—No recollection.
9. If you had any such letter are you likely to have opened it or tampered with it in any way, or taken the contents out of it?—No.

ROBERT WHITE ROAN, Letter-carrier, Auckland, examined.

1. *Mr. Gray.*] What is your name?—Robert White Roan.
2. Letter-carrier in the Auckland Post-office?—Yes.
3. Do you remember delivering a letter to Mrs. Stuart at Point Street, Mount Eden, in the early part of July?—I have no recollection of delivering that letter.
4. Was it part of your duty to deliver letters to her about the 3rd or 5th July?—Yes.