

39. Did you not say in answer to Mr. Gray that Rusden said he had got a letter?—No; I said that I heard one of the letter-carriers making a remark that he had got a letter.
40. And when you were asked you said Rusden?—Yes.
41. You heard Rusden remark he had got a letter?—Yes.
42. Did he show you the letter?—No.
43. Did he open any letter in the presence of the letter-carriers?—Not in my presence.
44. Did you see any ticket like that?—No.
45. You just heard him remark he had got a letter; and what else?—Those circulars had something to do with the Orange Lodge; those circulars were Orange Lodge circulars.
46. You did not see him open any letter at all?—No.
47. Was Elliott there all the time?—I did not notice.
48. You said he was sitting next?—I could not say.
- Mr. Gray:* He was speaking of his usual position.
49. *Mr. Ostler.*] Do you mean to say you do not know whether Elliott was there or not?—You have to turn round and look.
50. You have a spell occasionally, I suppose?—Yes.
51. Well, in one of those spells did you not have time to look and see?—You come down on an English mail and see if there is time.
52. You apparently have time to have a talk sometimes?—Sometimes.
53. For instance, Mr. Rusden was able to make some few remarks?—Understand me: a man can make a remark and work just as fast.
54. Am I to understand that you did not see whether Mr. Elliott was there or not, although he sits next to you?—No.
55. All the time you were in the room you did not see?—We pass, perhaps, a hundred times a day.
56. *Mr. Gray.*] Do you mean that was the position usually occupied by Elliott?—Yes.
57. And that was the seat usually occupied?—Yes.

PETER ELLIS, Letter-carrier, Auckland, examined.

1. *Mr. Gray.*] What is your name?—Peter Ellis.
2. You are a letter-carrier in the Auckland Post-office?—Yes.
3. What round are you on?—On Richmond—33 suburbs.
4. Is the Rev. Reuben Bailey's house, Richmond, on your round?—It was.
5. In the first week in July?—Yes; has been for some time.
6. Do you recollect in that week having any letters to deliver with the notice to return to box 912?—I recollect the letters, but I do not recollect Mr. Bailey's particular one.
7. Here is a letter addressed to Mr. Bailey, which he has produced in Court, and says was delivered to him: have you any recollection of that particular letter?—No. I recollect having quite a few with that particular mark: I do not remember that particular one. I deliver quite a lot of letters to Mr. Bailey.
8. Do you know when you received for delivery the letters bearing that particular mark?—I could not say the date.
9. Do you recollect when you delivered this letter to Mr. Bailey?—No.
10. How many deliveries do you make in Richmond daily?—Two. I leave the office at 8 and 2. I would get to Mr. Bailey's about half past 9, and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
11. Not before half past 9?—Perhaps before; it would depend on the mail.
12. If a letter were handed to you in the Post-office before 2 o'clock for delivery, when would you take it out?—It would be delivered that afternoon.
13. If Mr. Bailey received this letter on the morning of Tuesday, when would you say it was handed to you for delivery?—On Tuesday morning.
14. You have no recollection of this particular letter?—No.
15. This letter bears the postmark "Auckland, 7th July, 5 a.m." In ordinary course I suppose that would go out in the first delivery?—Yes.
16. If it was held up for any purpose and released for delivery before 1 o'clock, it would go out in the afternoon delivery of the same day?—Yes.
17. Do you know anything about letters being held by the Censor in Auckland?—No.
- Mr. Gray:* It has not come within your purview.

NICHOLAS BERTRAM HAROLD RUSDEN, Letter-carrier, Auckland, examined.

1. *Mr. Gray.*] What is your name?—Nicholas Bertram Harold Rusden.
2. A letter-carrier in the Auckland Post-office?—Yes.
3. Did you receive an invitation or anything in the nature of an invitation from box 912?—Yes.
4. On what day did you receive it?—I could not say; I am not certain of the date.
5. How did you get it?—It was handed to me by the carrier on our walk.
6. You got it through the post?—Yes.
7. In an envelope addressed to you?—Yes.
8. Have you seen any more like it?—Yes.
9. Bearing the words "Box 912"?—Yes.
10. What did the envelope addressed to you contain?—It contained a notice of the meeting.
11. Anything else?—If I wished to attend, to apply for tickets.
12. Would you mind looking at this circular: was it anything like that?—Yes.
13. Was there anything enclosed with it?—A card, I believe.