

**15/03/1899**

**EVIDENCE FRANK MORAN**

Frank Moran, farmer, residing near Gatton, deposed that he was one of the owners of the paddock where the murders were committed. On the afternoon before Boxing Day he went into the paddock for three horses.

Neither the horse he was riding nor any of those he brought out was shod.

On coming out he put the rails up. On the morning of Boxing Day he was in Gatton, and went from there to the Mount Sylvia races. He did not notice if the rails were up as he passed, but he believed they were.

He left the races to return some time in the evening, and reached his farm about 3 o'clock on the following morning.

The sliprails of his farm were about fifty yards beyond the culvert, on the opposite side of the paddock to where the murder was committed. In the culvert at that time there was a puddle-hole.

As he got off at the rails entering his farm he heard a loud noise at the culvert, like something rushing into water or bushes.

He only heard it once; he turned round and listened, before he put the rails down.

The rails of the paddock where the murder occurred were mostly kept up.

There was only one set of sliprails to the paddock; but there were loose rails at the back opening on to a lane.

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