

**FINDING THE BODIES ESTIMATE OF M'NEILL'S TIMES  
MAYBE THE TRUER ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS**

<b>Where</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Time Minutes</b>	<b>Time</b>
Leaves Murphy's			08:00
From Murphy's to creamery	2	15	08:15
Stops at creamery (To establish alibi)		3	08:18
To Rails	2	15	08:33
Checks tracks		3	08:36
Downs rails		2	08:38
Rides to swamp paddock	½	7	08:45
Throws gun and whip		3	08:48
Canter to Gatton	1½	10	09:08
Stops at hotel for directions		2	09:10
Rides to police		3	09:15
Tells Arrell		5	10:04
Arrell saddles a horse		10	10:14
They canter to the rails		10	10:24
Examine rails		5	10:29
Arrive at scene		10	10:39
Stays 5 minutes		5	10:44
Scene to rails		5	10:49
Scene to Murphy's		10	10:59
Tells story at home		10	11:09
Catch and harness horses		20	11:29
Back to scene in wagon		20	11:49

This is what I think maybe happened

ARRELL STATED TIMES			
Where	Miles	Time Minutes	Time
M'Neill arrives			09:15
Arrell hears story and saddles a horse		20	09:35
They canter to the rails		10	09:45
Examine rails		5	09:50
Arrive at scene		10	10:00
Stays 20 minutes		20	10:20
Scene to rails		5	10:25
Scene to Gatton		15	10:40
Telegram sent			10:55
Waits for reply		20	11:15
Stated earlier back to scene		30	11:45
Back to scene by admission and witnesses		1:15	12:30

Could it be that M'Neill did not mention murder as Arrell would have telegraphed before going to the scene, he wanted Connolley to wire (sent about 12:15) Dan Jnr so he could be first to Gatton to assist the family.

According to Arrell's times M'Neill left about 10:05 and got home about 10:20.

M'Neill realises he has made a mistake and if anyone was smart enough to look closely at his stated doings they would realise he should have arrived in Gatton at about 10:00 and he would be caught out as a liar as he made a mistake and came into Gatton too quickly arriving at (as stated by Arrell) 9:15.

This means he has 45 minutes unaccounted for to do what he said he had done he tries to cover up by continually saying from then on, that he arrived in Gatton at 10:00 pm and got back to the Murphy's farm at 11:00 am when the rest of the family state that he arrived just after 10:00 I surmise about 10:15-10:20 enough time to relate the tale and get back to the scene by 11:45.

These times are borne out by Ballantyne's evidence as he states that M'Neill and Mrs Murphy were at the scene when he arrived which would have been between 11:20 and 11:30.

The rest of the family state he was back about 10:00.

Realising his mistake he later says he arrived home at about 11:00.

Plus Devitt and Wilson both state that only 2 other people arrived before M'Neill and Mrs Murphy which means they got there pronto as when Arrell returns there are at least 20 people at the scene.

## HORSE AND MAN SPEEDS

Walk, which averages 6.4 kilometres per hour (4.0 mph).

The two-beat trot or jog, which averages 13 to 19 kilometres per hour (8.1 to 12 mph).

The canter or lope (a three-beat gait that is 19 to 24 kilometres per hour (12 to 15 mph).

The gallop averages 40 to 48 kilometres per hour (25 to 30 mph).

Average walking speed of a man is about 3 miles per hour.

The victims were traveling at about 6 miles an hour.

Got to rails at 9:30PM

Got to scene about 10:00PM

Murphy's to slip rails 4 miles

Murphy's to Gatton 6.6 miles



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