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EVIDENCE JOHN WIGGINS

John Wiggins, a dairy farmer, living three miles from Gatton along the Tent Hill road, deposed that he left Gatton with his brother on horseback at 10 o'clock on Boxing Night, passing Moran's sliprails at about twenty minutes past 10. They had three dogs with them, which went sniffing inside the rails, especially a black kangaroo dog. He did not notice tracks leading up to the rails.

Inspector Urquhart: Were the rails up? I could not say.

Inspector Urquhart: What? -I could not say.

Inspector Urquhart: That is nonsense. You say you don't know, when the dogs went in? -They went into the paddock there.

You said they went through the rails? -They went into the paddock. I could not say where. Then your evidence is wrong.

What are you swearing to? -I don't think they went through the rails. They were just inside the paddock. Continuing, he said they met no one on the way home. Before reaching the sliprails they met four boys walking. Of these he only knew one-Fred Mountain.

EVIDENCE WILLIAM WIGGINS

William Wiggins, brother of the previous witness, deposed that when they came to Moran's sliprails the black dog ran under the rails and sniffed. Two at least of the rails were up. This was about 10.30 o'clock.