

143. How long have you been Clerk of the Court?—About twenty-six years—seventeen at Kumara.
144. *Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.*] Do you produce a summons to attend this inquiry?—Yes.
145. You were asked to produce the blocks of miners' rights?—Yes.
146. Can you produce all the miners' rights blocks issued in Kumara?—I wired to Mr. Pollock, asking if he wanted all, or only those issued to the Chinese; and he said the Chinese rights were required, and I have brought the blocks for those.
147. Did you know a Chinese party named Sum Tum?—Well, I have it in my book as Tum Shum.
148. Have you blocks of the miners' rights taken out by these Chinese?—Yes, and also the indices of the miners' rights.
149. Will you read out the names of the parties, together with the numbers and the years?—Well, I was only asked to produce the blocks issued during my term of office. Here are some of the names: Gee Hung, Tum Shum, Bung Tuck, Tien Gan, Ling Too, Gun War, Yun Wah, Ah Young, Shaw Kow, Young Chee.
150. *Mr. Duthie*: Are we now upon the Bun Tuck inquiry?
- Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon*: Yes.
151. *Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon* (to witness).] Have you got the name of Bun Tuck as taking out a miner's right?—Yes.
152. What date?—13th October, 1881.
153. For how many years?—For nine years; the last one was in 1890.
- 153A. Who was Bun Tuck?—A member of the claim owned by Tum Shum and party.
154. Was he a Chinaman or a European?—A Chinaman.
155. You are sure that he was a Chinaman: you have seen the individual?—Yes, I saw him a long time ago; I knew all the party at that time.
156. *Mr. Duthie.*] You knew him personally?—Yes.
- The Chairman*: The name here is Bung Tuck.
157. *Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.*] Who was the agent for that party?—The agent was R. J. Seddon.
158. Have you any complaints drawn by me for that party?—Yes, I have brought three with me in Mr. Seddon's handwriting.
159. In all cases the individual would have to be served?—Yes, each party has to be served in mining cases.
160. They hold individual rights, and require to be served individually by summons?—Yes.
161. Have you any complaints in which the party I was agent for were the defendants?—Yes.
162. Was there another complaint in which they were also defendants?—Yes; No. 5, in 1882. It was a long case, occupying about three days.
163. This party had a valuable claim?—Yes, it was of considerable value.
164. They went to considerable trouble and expense in diverting a creek at their claim?—Yes, they did.
165. Were the defendants the same in the second complaint as in the first?—Yes, the same.
166. You say you knew I was agent, and conducted the business for that party?—Yes; in one case you had Mr. Guinness, Mr. Hannan, and Mr. Perkins there, too.
167. You are in a position to say that it was my business as an advocate to conduct this case? Yes, I was on the ground at the time.
168. If the statement has been made that I was known by the name of Bun Tuck (Chinaman), or as the Chinaman whose mining right is produced, would it be correct?—It would be incorrect. I never heard it until it appeared in *Hansard*.
169. And that Bun Tuck was the Chinaman mining in the Greenstone Creek?—Yes.
170. You remember Tum Shum going away?—I did not know of him going away, but I know that he left the party he had been with.
171. Was I his agent?—Yes.
172. Do you remember an application taken out by me at that time?—Yes, I remember the circumstances, and you appearing for him in the Court. Here is one application in March, in your handwriting; but I was not Clerk of the Court at the time.
173. Give us the names of those on the blocks in this case?—They are: Gee Hung, Tien Gan, Ah Young, Yun Wah, Tum Shum, Bung Tuck, Shaw Kow, Young Chee, Ling Too, and Yun War.
174. Who was the agent for that party?—You were.
175. Now, have you an application with Tum Shum's name off it—that is, on which his name does not appear, but in which mine does?—I do not remember any such application.
176. *Mr. Duthie.*] Did you know these worthy Chinese personally?—Yes, I knew the whole party.
177. Did you know Bun Tuck personally?—I knew there was a man of that name there.
178. Did you know Bun Tuck personally?—No, I could not pick out one man from another.
179. You do not know of your own knowledge that such a man existed?—No.
180. *Mr. Massey.*] Are your books put in evidence? You have a register of mining rights—will you put them in as evidence?—Yes.
181. Are the books numbered at all?—No: but the years 1881 to 1890 and 1892 to 1896.
182. Have you the book known as the complaint book?—Yes, but I have not got it here with me.
183. Did you not think that it would be required?—No, I was not asked for it.
184. By what name was this claim known?—Tum Shum and party.
185. But did not the claim have a name?—They had a particular name, generally taking the name of the leading man in the party.
186. Did you know that this was known as the Bun Tuck claim?—No, not until I read the papers here.