

18. And none of them can be got now?—No. I think Yung Wah has been home, and has come back.

19. Is he in Wellington?—I do not know.

20. Where is he?—I do not know.

21. *Mr. Massey.*] Is Bung Tuck a common name among the Chinese? Are there other Chinamen of that name?—There might be some; I do not know.

22. Did you ever know another Chinaman named Bung Tuck?—No.

23. Did you know a Chinaman named Tuck?—No; but there might be one of that name.

24. *Mr. Graham.*] Does “Bung” mean his Christian name? My name is “John” Graham: was “Bung” all the same as “John”?—“Bung” is his Christian name; it is his first name.

25. You say Bung is his first name?—Yes.

26. You knew a man well on the West Coast named Bung Tuck, and you only knew one man of that name?—Yes, I knew him—only one.

27. How long did you know him?—First time I saw him on the Coast; I saw him with ten men of the party. Then after that I knew him few weeks.

28. You did not know Mr. Seddon as Bung Tuck?—Nobody called him “Bung Tuck.”

29. Bung Tuck was a Chinaman, and was well known on the Coast?—Yes; there was only one Chinaman Bung Tuck I knew on the Coast. There might have been others.

JOE GETT further examined.

30. *The Chairman.*] You have been sworn to tell the truth?—Yes.

31. *Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.*] Your name is Joe Gett?—Yes.

32. You are a Chinese interpreter?—Yes.

33. And now a storekeeper in Wellington?—Yes.

34. Did you know me on the West Coast?—Yes.

35. You had business to do for me as interpreter?—Yes.

36. Did you know a claim in the Greenstone Creek, near the bridge?—Yes.

37. You knew a large number of Chinese on the Coast?—Yes.

38. And you knew Chinese in Greymouth, Greenstone, Maori Gully, Maori Creek, Kumara, Waimea, and Hokitika?—Yes.

38A. In fact, you knew the Chinese generally along the Coast?—Yes.

39. Among the Chinese what was I known by: what was the name they called me by?—“Dick Sudden.”

40. Did you ever hear them call me by any other name?—No; they always said “Dick Sudden.”

41. You never heard them call me “Bung Tuck”?—No.

42. Bung Tuck was a Chinaman?—Yes.

43. Working in the claim at Greenstone Creek?—Yes.

44. Did you know him personally?—Yes.

45. *Mr. Duthie.*] You knew him personally?—Yes.

46. *Hon. J. G. Ward.*] If Mr. Seddon had been known by any other name than “Dick Sudden” you would have been sure to have known of it?—He was never called any other name—only “Dick Sudden.”

47. *Hon. J. McKenzie.*] Did you ever do any business for the party Bung Tuck was interested in?—Yes.

48. *Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.*] You saw Bung Tuck in the Court giving evidence, and blow out the match?—Yes.

*Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.* I think that is the last link cleared up. I did send for Mr. Gale to give evidence, but he is not in town.

H. M. WOODWARD sworn and examined.

51. *The Chairman.*] What is your name?—Herbert Minchin Woodward.

52. What are you?—I am assistant accountant in the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.

53. We have called you, Mr. Woodward, in order to obtain, if possible, information in reference to the procedure in respect to certain cheques?—Yes.

Perhaps Mr. Duthie will ask you questions.

54. *Mr. Duthie.*] Mr. Woodward, have you any knowledge that application was made to the bank about the production of these cheques?—I understand that the application was made, but I have not seen the application myself.

55. You have no special information from Greymouth about how they are exercised. Have you no information from Kumara as to how these cheques were exercised or treated?—We have no special advice.

56. The Chairman telegraphed asking for information of how they were exercised—how they were paid, and to whom. You have not that information?—No, we have not that information. It does not appear on the face or on the back of the cheques.

57. The first cheque you have there is 92, for £12. On the back of it are the initials “J.W.” Has that been paid in cash to any one?—Apparently not.

58. How has it been paid?—Apparently, it has gone to the credit of some account.

59. In your own books?—Yes, apparently so. On the back of the cheque there is nothing to show what has been done with it. If it had been cashed there would have been figures to show how it was paid. If it was paid in one-pound notes there would have been “12/1,” put on the back of it.

60. Does it show there the date it was paid upon?—No; they have not got the stamp with the date on it, simply a stamp “Paid.”

61. Take the next one, No. 104: There is a different indorsement on the back of that?—Yes.