



### Examination of Wreckage

Albert Stanton, locomotive foreman at Dunedin, who inspected the locomotive on June 6, said that the position of the controls seemed to indicate that at the time of the accident the engine was drifting without steam. On the floor of the cab witness found a broken beer bottle, but he thought that this had been used for tea.

To Mr Anderson: If a train arrived late at its destination the driver would not necessarily get a "please explain." He was, however, supposed to keep to the working time table if he could do so without exceeding the speed limit.

George Stuart James Read, assistant locomotive engineer at Dunedin, said that an examination of the derailed engine and cars did not disclose any defect likely to have caused the accident. It appeared that the engine had left the rails first and had been followed by the other vehicles. There was no sign of any obstruction having been on the track. The flanges of the wheels of the engine showed signs of rubbing which had come from the engine traversing a right-hand curve at a high rate of speed.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

Note Your Evidence

