

registered letters, along with a fourth, in a registered letter bill, (Exhibit No. 25) which shows that the fourth registered letter was one addressed to the Montreal Bank, Ottawa; and after making up his mail, deposited the whole in his mail bag, ready to be despatched. He then enquired of Mr. Frizzle what he could do for him. After a few moments Mr. Frizzle left. Mr. Kinnear then took his mail bag and placed it carefully away in its usual place in a closet in a room of his house adjoining, and followed Mr. Whitelaw back to Dr. Thompson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kinnear, jr., and Mr. Albert Kinnear remained at Dr. Thompson's for some hours, and returned home together at about 11 p.m. On their return they all immediately retired to their apartments up-stairs.

During the evening their son, Alexander, was lying upon the bed in a room adjoining the room in which the mail bag had been placed, being confined by a broken leg,—an accident having occurred to him sometime previously.

From where he lay he had a view of the place where the mail bag had been placed, and he is able to state positively that no person had access to it from the time it was placed there by his father up to the time when it was delivered to the mail carrier the following morning.

Miss Kinnear did not go to Dr. Thompson's that evening, as she was absent at Inverness, about 12 miles away, and did not return until about 7 p.m. When she returned her father, mother and aunt (Mrs. Albert Kinnear) were at Dr. Thompson's. She did not know what took place in the Post Office that evening, nor of the mail bag being put in the closet, as she was, during that time, in another room playing the piano, while her younger sister, Effie, was playing with her cousin, a lad about 4 years of age. They remained there for some time, but retired early. About quarter past 8.00 Miss Kinnear went up-stairs with her sister and little cousin. They remained in his room until he fell asleep, and then retired into their own room and went to bed.

As Mrs. Albert Kinnear and her child were leaving the following morning, the family were up somewhat early to get breakfast for her. Miss Kinnear did not come down stairs until after the mail carrier had taken away the bag.

These are the events which took place at the residence of the Postmaster during that evening and night, and are proved by all the members of the family, whose credibility on these points I have seen no reason to doubt.

Exhibit No. 1 is the letter in question.

" " 2 " envelope.

The letter states that the writer is enclosing \$200 from Mr. Jas. Kinnear, sr., and how it is to be distributed.