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## WIDOW CLAIMS DAMAGES.

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### GREAT SOUTH ROAD SMASH.

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A motor car crashed into a tramway motorman, William Campbell, as he was crossing Great South Road to register time on the Bundy clock on November 29, 1924. On December 12 he died. To-day, in the Supreme Court, the Public Trustee and Jeanie Campbell, widow of the deceased, brought a claim for £2000 damages and £25 19/ general expenses, against the driver of the car, George Denton, builder, of 25, Puriri Avenue.

Mr. Justice Herdman presided, and the action was heard by a special jury: S. Takle (foreman), R. Rugg, J. H. Adams, J. Johnston, A. T. Dow, H. E. Fussell, W. K. Eady, A. McColl, J. McF. Knox, J. B. Lusk, J. A. Carr and V. W. Brown.

The widow alleged that deceased was the sole support of herself and daughter, aged 12. The death of Campbell was alleged to have been caused by the negligent, careless or unskilful driving of defendant. Mr. Finlay, who appeared for plaintiffs, associated with Mr. Mackay, stated that Denton had been granted a driver's certificate only a fortnight prior to the occurrence, and had had a motor car only a month. He had previously been the rider of a motor cycle. The jury had to put