

WILLIAM SMITH, *alias* Brady, is charged, on warrant issued by the Masterton Bench, with having, on the 29th April last, at Masterton, obtained £1 from Arthur Rigby Bunny by false pretences. Description: Irish, a labourer, twenty-eight years of age, about 6 feet high, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, clean-shaved except dark-brown moustache; usually wears dark-tweed sac-coat, dirty coloured-moleskin trousers, and dark-tweed hat. He is supposed to have gone towards Tenui.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

THOMAS LAWSON, *alias* Thomas Roberts, is charged with stealing, on the 25th ultimo, from the person of James Stewart, at Invercargill, an open-faced silver lever watch, value £5, since recovered. Description: A native of Glasgow, a sailor and labourer, thirty-one years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, grey eyes, fair hair, fair moustache and goatee, cheeks shaved, large scar on nose and across left cheek, mark of cut on right temple, second finger of left hand deformed, ballet-girl on right forearm, blue dot on left arm and right hand; wore a short dirty grey-tweed jacket and blueish moleskin trousers. He was arrested at Matura on the 27th ultimo by Detective J. W. Ede for this offence, and while being escorted to Invercargill he jumped out of the railway-carriage near Oteramika while the train was in motion, and escaped from Detective Edes's custody. He was handcuffed at the time, and left his hat in the railway-carriage. He is identical with Thomas Lawson, charged on warrant issued at Dunedin with vagrancy, and with Thomas Roberts, who was sentenced at Invercargill on 14th May last to one month's labour for stealing from a dwelling. (See *Police Gazette*, 1885, pages 64 and 110.) A man answering his description was seen going in the direction of Fortrose, and may make for Catlin's River or the Bluff.

On the morning of the 28th ultimo the class-room of the Presbyterian Church, Adelaide Road, Wellington, was broken into, and about £1 in threepenny-pieces and about £2 in coppers stolen; the property of Hercules Davidson.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 106.)

STEALING a watch at Dunedin, the property of Annie Isabella Woodfield: The watch is now described as a ladies' gold hunting Geneva, No. 60542 or 160542, maker's name not known. It was stolen from a bedroom in the Victoria Hotel, Cumberland Street.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 97.)

THE watch and chain supposed stolen from the person of William Watson, between Kaikorai Junction and Green Island, have been recovered.

STOLEN on the 20th or 21st ultimo, from the Governor Browne Hotel, Auckland, a double-breasted blue-black napped pilot-cloth overcoat, "F. Breese" written in indelible ink on inside of collar; the property of Frederick Breese; value £3 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 27th ultimo, from the shop-window of John William Kirby, Cuba Street, Wellington, about 16 yards of navy-blue cloth for ladies' dresses, a dark-red-paint stain in centre of web; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

On the 28th May last the dwelling of Walter J. Jackson, Harewood Road, Christchurch, was broken into, and the following stolen: A ladies' silver hunting lever watch with chased cases, No. 33673; a pair of earrings made of shilling coins with hooks attached, and a pair of solitaires made of shilling coins with under buttons of threepenny-pieces cut in crescent pattern; value £5. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 106.)

THE boots and nails, the property of Richard Price, stolen from the bar of the Paramatta Hotel, Paramatta, have been recovered.

STOLEN on the 16th ultimo, from the shops of Moir and Johnson, Dee Street, Invercargill, two new fancy ebony pipes; value £1 7s. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 11th ultimo, from the Prince of Wales Hotel, Queenstown, a gold oval brooch, about 1½ inches long and 1 inch wide in centre, a ruby in middle and two or three diamonds or imitation diamonds on each side of ruby; the property of Arthur Joseph Kelly; value £4. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 13th ultimo, from the dwelling of Hannah Davidson, Marmion Street, Auckland, a gentlemen's large English silver lever hunting-watch, makers' name and number not known, HR scratched on outer case, a ladies'

gold chain about 36 inches long attached; the chain may be used as a necklet; value £15. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, pages 114 and 158.)

BREAKING into and stealing from the shop of Messrs. Hart and Levy, at Auckland: The gold watch and chain have been recovered, and traced to the possession of John Ayers, watchmaker and working-jeweller, Wellesley Street, who was arrested by Detective Edward Hughes, Auckland Police, and discharged. Ayers said he purchased the watch and chain from a person he does not know.

STOLEN on the 15th ultimo, from the Somerset Hotel, Ashburton, a brown overcoat faded yellow, lined with heavy brown tweed, side-pockets made of cloth, loop at collar marked "Dewsberry" or "Candy and Dewsberry, Christchurch;" value £3; in the pockets were a pair of gloves and a smoking-cap; the property of D. Caro. Coat identifiable.

BETWEEN 7 p.m. on the 27th and 8.15 a.m. on the 29th ultimo the shop of James Arnal, at Roslyn, near Dunedin, was broken into, and two pairs of men's elastic-side boots, about size 6, stolen; one pair was recently half-sole and heeled, and the other pair had new heel-plates on; both pairs value £1. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 27th ultimo, from the Bridge Hotel, Kaitangata, a cheque for £5 on the Colonial Bank, Balclutha, No. B20306, drawn by A. N. Hislop and Co. in favour of James Grey, to whom it belongs. Identifiable.

BETWEEN 6 p.m. on the 26th and 10 a.m. on the 27th ultimo the dwelling of James Bell, Reefton, was broken into, and 5s. 6d in silver and two pairs of black-kid gloves, considerably worn, value 4s., stolen.

BETWEEN 3 p.m. on the 20th and 7 a.m. on the 21st ultimo the office of Messrs Cossens and Black, Crawford Street, was broken into, but nothing was stolen.

BETWEEN 4 p.m. on the 20th and 10 a.m. on the 21st ultimo the office of McLeod Brothers and Co., Cumberland Street, Dunedin, was broken into, and twopenny in coppers, and a pair of gentlemen's black-kid gloves with fur at top, stolen.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 27th and 10 a.m. on the 28th ultimo the shop of George Green, Broad Bay, Peninsula, near Dunedin, was broken into, and the following stolen: Three pairs of men's Balmoral boots with nails, two pairs of men's elastic-side boots, a pair of men's shoes with patent-leather facings, two pairs of women's shoes, a pair of women's carpet slippers, a pair of men's blucher boots, three pairs of men's leather slippers, and 160 pairs of leather laces; value £8 9s. 6d. Identifiable by the price, which is marked in ink on the soles. The shop was entered by means of a skeleton-key.

STOLEN on the 16th ultimo, from the whare of Walter Dewes, Hastings, Hawke's Bay District, a black-leather purse, pocketbook pattern, containing three sovereigns and six half-sovereigns.

STOLEN between about the 24th April last and the 5th ultimo, from the tent of Arasmus Iwersen, at Waimate, a cash-box containing a Geneva watch, sundry receipts and papers, ½ oz. of gold dust, two gold nuggets, weighing ½ oz. and ¾ oz. respectively, set in breast-pins, and four small gold nuggets weighing together about ¾ oz. Identification doubtful. The cash-box, watch, and papers have since been recovered.

STOLEN on the 23rd May last, from the dwelling of Harry Townsend, Main Street, Blenheim, a tin cash-box 24 by 10 by 6 inches, and a wooden writing-desk 12 by 10 by 10 inches, containing a number of bills and letters and an electro-plated butter-knife with ivory handle; value £2 10s. Identifiable. The knife and some of the letters have since been recovered.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 107.)

STEALING from the clothes-line of William Izard, East Belt, Christchurch: One and a half pairs of the socks were found in possession of Charles Stanton Wedge, arrested by Detective Maurice O'Connor and Constable William Lawler, Christchurch Police, and sentenced to three months' labour for the offence.

STOLEN on the 16th ultimo, from off a horse at Ashburton, a new canvas horse-cover; the property of William H. Johns; value £1 5s.