

no hair on face; wore a sac-suit. Can be identified by pawnbroker. The second man is described as about forty years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, dark complexion, full dark beard. Third, low sized, stout build. Complainant is unable to identify any of the offenders.

AUCKLAND.—Alfred O'Connor, coachman, reports stolen from the Government House Lodge, on the 31st ultimo, a new grey-tweed paget-coat, small size, two pockets behind, and one on outside of breast, light-brown buttons; value £3 10s. Identifiable. Slight suspicion is attached to James Evans, alias Edwards, for whose description see *Police Gazette*, 1892, pages 133 and 185.

AUCKLAND.—Wong Gong, Wakefield Street, reports that, between 7 and 10 p.m. on the 1st instant, his shop was broken into, and a gilt Albert-chain, links 3in. long, connected by short ones, value 7s. 6d., and £1 2s. 3d. in silver and coppers, stolen. Entrance effected by means of a duplicate key.

AUCKLAND.—George Race and William Pollock, bakers, Pitt Street, report that, between 7.45 and 10.30 p.m. on the 7th instant, their dwelling was broken into, and £8, the property of the former, and a double-bladed pocketknife, with black-bone handle, value 2s., the property of the latter, stolen.

RUSSELL.—W. J. Walsh, Postmaster, Opuā, reports that, during the night of the 31st ultimo, the office was broken into, and the following stolen: A small japanned cash-box, minus till, containing a green-coloured stamping-pad, pencils, penholders, &c.; and a wooden drawer (taken from the desk), 21in. by 18in. by 4in., fixed with four wooden cups, containing a post-office tape, 6ft. long, marked "Chesterman's Patent Constantia," and JC in a scroll; thirty-five penny postal cards, some old New Zealand stamps, a Fijian stamp, large ink-eraser, pens, &c.; value £1 1s.; the property of the Government. Entrance effected by smashing a window-sash with a mattock, which was found on the floor.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—France Carthew reports that, about 9 p.m. on the 29th ultimo, in Devon Street, a man dressed in Volunteer uniform, and riding a small-sized horse, presented a revolver at him, demanding his money and valuables, upon which complainant gave him a silver lever open-faced watch, maker Mark, No. 4760, value £5; and three three-penny-bits. Offender then rode off and stopped two other men, but got nothing from them. He then pranced up and down the street for a short time, and disappeared. Although seen by a number of people, no further description of him can be given.

OTAKI.—David John Dick reports stolen from his tent, between the 23rd and 29th ultimo, a silver Geneva hunting-watch, maker Russell, No. 10042, regulating-pin broken, seconds-hand gone, and back case loose, attached was a steel chain, large and small round links alternately, and a brass watch-key stamped "J. Young;" value £2.

WELLINGTON.—Flora Graupner, of Williamson's Opera Company, reports stolen from her bedroom, at the Royal Oak Hotel, on the 27th ultimo, a ladies' gold dress-ring, single diamond, claw-setting, "Jack" engraved inside; value £25.

WELLINGTON.—William Liddy, shoemaker, Upper Cuba Street, reports stolen from his shop, on the 25th or 26th ultimo, a wooden last, measuring-stick, small notch near joint; two iron punches, six awl-blades, and a quantity of french-chalk and brass rivets; value 13s. 2d.

WELLINGTON.—Violet Varley, of Williamson's Opera Company, reports stolen from the bathroom of the Club Hotel, on the 7th instant, a gold horse-shoe brooch, set with diamonds and sapphires, "V from R" engraved on inside. Case doubtful, as it is considered probable that complainant lost it while out driving on the previous day.

WELLINGTON.—Herbert Bowen Bridges, journalist, reports stolen from him, on the night of the 10th instant, a gentleman's gold Geneva open-faced watch, "H. B. Bridges" on inside of dome, 14483 on case; value £3.

DUNEDIN.—Francis Moore, traveller for Mason and Struthers, Christchurch, reports stolen from his bedroom at the City Hotel, Dunedin, on the 30th ultimo, a blue-serge sac-coat, nearly new; a small brown-leather handbag, and a pocket-book, a railway-ticket, and sundry papers; value £3 17s. 6d.

DUNEDIN.—Thomas Myall is charged on warrant with having, at Wain's Hotel, on the 2nd instant, in company with two others (now in custody), assaulted and robbed Wil-

liam Watson of 19s. 3d. Description: A native of the colony, a tanner, twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 11in. high, medium build, dark complexion hair and eyes, slight dark moustache; associates with spiliers, and frequents brothels. (For further description see *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 125.) Complainant is a fisherman, residing at Port Chalmers.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Mary Murrigan, cook, Scotch Stores Hotel, High Street, reports stolen from her bedroom, between the 24th and 28th ultimo, a ladies' silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 4367, maker unknown; a long fine gold chain, 9-carat, long links joined by several small ones, and a red-leather purse, oblong shape, about 4in. by 2½in., fastens with a brass clasp; value £3 7s. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 182.)

WESTPORT.—Stealing Frederick Sinclair's watch: The suspect, Patrick James McGarril, has been arrested by Constable T. A. Godfrey, Denniston Police, and sentenced to four months' imprisonment. Watch recovered.

TIMARU.—Morris Salek, pawnbroker, reports stolen from off a counter, during an auction-sale, on the 27th ultimo, a lady's gold Geneva keyless hunting-watch, No. 12275; white dial, case risen with flowers; value £3.

OAMARU.—Robert Johnston, Ure Street, reports stolen from his hut, between the 23rd and 27th ultimo, a pair of blue-tweed trousers, narrow dark stripes, cross pockets, waist fastens with hook and eye, size 5, nearly new; value £1 5s.

GORE.—Robert Buchanan, farmer, reports that, on the 27th ultimo, his hut was broken into, and a £1 note and 8s. 6d. in silver stolen. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who was seen to enter complainant's gate. Description: Thirty-five to forty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, stiff-set build, erect walk, supposed shaved except moustache; dressed in a brown coat, dark trousers, and black-felt hat; carried a parcel in a red handkerchief. Said to have left by train on the same day. His identification is doubtful.

MATAURA.—Ernest Le Petit, railway-surface-man, reports that, on the 28th ultimo, his hut was broken into, and three £1 notes and 12s. 6d. in silver stolen.

INVERCARGILL.—Jabez Lyons, butcher, Powelltown, reports stolen from outside his shop-door, on the 25th ultimo, a gentleman's brown macintosh, dolman-make, one side looks like indiarubber, a few small holes in it; value 15s. Identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—Peter Bell, miner, Tay Street, reports stolen from him, while drunk, at the Park View Hotel, on the 27th or 28th ultimo, one £5 note on the Bank of New Zealand, twenty-one £1 notes, bank unknown, and a gentleman's gold signet-ring, stone of reddish colour with two dark spots near it, has been welded. Complainant suspects Annie Mary Blackmore, a prostitute, with whom he had been drinking, but the case is considered doubtful.

### Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

WOODVILLE.—Thomas Cosgrove is charged on warrant with having, on the 16th ultimo, stolen from Thomas Quinlivan's stables a saddle belonging to one Percy Lewis, since recovered. Offender is a colonial, of Irish parentage, a labourer, seventeen or eighteen years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, slight build, fair complexion, slightly freckled, thin boyish face, blue eyes, fair hair, erect walk; dressed in dark-tweed sac-coat, dark-striped trousers, and grey-tweed hat with small turned-up brim; fond of racing and gambling in publichouses. He is also suspected of stealing, on the 17th ultimo, from the same premises, a half-worn saddle, colonial pads, one leather nearly worn through, fancy sewing on flaps, and a double-reined bridle, the head-piece of which is sewn on to a chain-bit; value £5 15s.; the property of Thomas Quinlivan, above mentioned. Offender is supposed to be at Palmerston North, Wanganui, or New Plymouth, and has relatives in the latter town. He sold Lewis's saddle to a George Ormond, at Palmerston North, three days after the theft, and it is now in the possession of the police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 174.)

AUCKLAND.—Ralph D. Stewart's saddle has been recovered by Detective Chrystall. It was sold on the 23rd September last to William Robinson, dealer, Gaol Road, by a man who gave the name of T. Smith. Description: Eighteen to twenty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, slight build, thin features, slightly freckled, fair or sandy hair, none on face; wore a grey sac-suit and blue guernsey. Believed to be identifiable.