

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Three men, names unknown, are charged on warrant with having, on the 5th instant, assaulted and robbed Harry Doreene of four £1 notes. Description: First, about twenty-five years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, fair complexion, clean-shaven except heavy fair moustache; dressed in a grey-tweed sac-suit and hard black-felt hat. Can be identified. Second, twenty-five to thirty years of age, about 5ft. 10in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark moustache only. Third, twenty-five to thirty years of age, about 5ft. 10in. high, medium build, clean-shaven. The two last-described wore dark overcoats with capes, and hard black-felt hats.

WELLINGTON.—McConchie is charged on warrant with having, on the 3rd instant, forged and uttered to Harry Pritchard, grocer, Taranaki Street, a cheque for £4 9s., purporting to be drawn by William Hawkins on the Bank of New Zealand. Description: Irish, a labourer, thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, dark hair, clean-shaven except dark moustache; wore a grey-tweed suit and hat. He represented that Hawkins was a flax-miller at Masterton, but it has been ascertained that there is no such person. Offender came from Kaikoura on the 1st instant, accompanied by an old man known as Paddy, and they were both seen at Martinborough on the 8th.

GISBORNE.—Percival Barker, sheep-farmer, Whataupoko, reports that between the 17th and 29th ultimo two valuable dogs were maliciously poisoned, from the effects of which one of them died.

NELSON.—Thomas Andrew Ernest Scully is charged on warrant with having, on the 12th December last, embezzled the sum of £20, money of the New Zealand Government. Description: A native of the colony, a clerk, about twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, stout build, dark complexion, full round face, dark eyes, black hair, dark moustache only; dressed, when last seen, in a dark-tweed suit and hard black-felt hat; may now be wearing grey-striped trousers. While employed in the Customs Department he received the above amount and appropriated it to his own use.

DUNEDIN.—William Wakefield is charged on warrant with having, on the 13th ultimo, obtained by a false pretence from William Absalom Smith, tailor, a suit of clothes and an overcoat, value £7 10s. Offender is about thirty-two years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, stout build, fair hair, very slight fair moustache, no whisker, about 10 stone weight, accustomed to horses; wore a dark-tweed sac-suit, and hard black hat with curled rim. Supposed to have made for Timaru or Christchurch, and is well known in the latter district.

Sacrilege.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 86.)

SPRING GROVE (NELSON).—Breaking into and stealing from the Church of Christ: Selina and Violet Jane Brown have been arrested for this offence by Constable C. Knapp, and committed for trial. Stolen property recovered.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—William Fell is charged on warrant with having, on the 17th ultimo, stolen from the dwelling of Mary Eleanor Whitlock, Karangahape Road, a shawl, value 10s. Identifiable. Offender is Scotch, a plumber, twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, grey eyes, ruddy complexion, fair hair and moustache only; dressed in a black-cloth coat, black-and-brown-check tweed trousers and vest, elastic-side boots, and soft light-brown felt hat (worn on back of head). He lodged at complainant's for a few days, and the shawl was missed after his departure on the above date.

AUCKLAND.—George Tibbett, grocer, Hobson Street, reports that on the 2nd or 3rd instant his shop was broken into, and £3 stolen. Entrance effected by the front-door key, which complainant's shopman, John Nesbitt, alleges was stolen from his pocket, with the key of the safe, at complainant's dwelling, Wellington Street.

AUCKLAND.—W. and J. Peet, grocers, Karangahape Road, report that on the 4th or 5th instant their shop was broken into through the back window, and about 4s. 6d. stolen.

AUCKLAND.—Francis Pheasant, Matakoe, reports stolen from him, at Fowles's drapery-shop, Queen Street, on the 25th ultimo, a chamois-leather purse with steel clasp, containing a sovereign, and a cheque for £2 10s., drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, by E. Pheasant, and payable to complainant. Suspicion attached to two men, names un-

known, but who can be identified. Description: First twenty-five to thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, medium build, reddish side-whiskers and moustache, chin shaved; dressed in a light-tweed suit and hard black hat. Second about the same age, about 5ft. 9in. high, clean-shaved except black moustache, dark complexion; wore a soft grey-felt hat with spotted puggaree.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, pages 54 and 64.)

ROTORUA.—Man, unknown, for stealing from Robert Henry McGough's tent: Edward Kane, alias Fraser, has been arrested by Native Constable Hingawaka for this offence, and sentenced to three months' labour by the Rotorua Bench.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 72.)

TAURANGA.—Stealing from the dwelling of Patrick Donovan, Te Puke: The coat and vest have been recovered from Te Mapu Tohiariki, a Native at Te Matai, who states he purchased them from a man supposed to be identical with John Stephenson, alias Sutherland, since committed for trial for C. A. Hickson's larceny at Opatiki. (See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 86.)

HELENSVILLE (AUCKLAND).—During the night of the 16th ultimo the railway-office was broken into, and the mail-bag, the property of the Postmaster-General, abstracted and thrown into the river, where it was found next morning. The bag had been cut open, and some books belonging to the Town Board placed therein, also pieces of coal, to sink it. The letters were placed in a basket on the office-floor, the remaining portion of the mail being left in the bag.

WELLINGTON.—Kate Carden reports stolen from her, between the 7th and 11th ultimo, about £300 in Bank of New Zealand notes—viz., one £50, ten £20, and the remainder in £10, £5, and £1; a ladies' gold open-faced watch, number unknown, engraved inside case "Presented to Kate Carden by the children of St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, 1874, value £8; a garnet brooch, set in gold, with one pendant; and a ladies' silk umbrella, with white bow to end of handle: value of the two latter articles, £2. Suspicion attached to William McCarthy, alias Sullivan, Samuel Hill, and Thomas Riordan. The first two have been sentenced to two years' labour for assault and robbery. Riordan has recently been discharged from gaol. (See "Prisoners discharged," also *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 7.) Complainant was knocking about the city and Petone in a drunken state during the time above mentioned, and cannot give an account of her movements. She is now at Mrs. Smith's boarding-house, Molesworth Street.

GREYTOWN NORTH.—The Railway Commissioners report that on the 4th or 5th instant the station was broken into, and the following stolen: A blue smooth pilot-cloth pea-jacket, size 7, body lined with strong cotton material, red-yellow-and-white pattern, sleeves with fine light-brown striped material; and six pairs of coloured moleskin trousers, "New Zealand Chief" brand; value £3 16s.

OTAKI.—A youth, name unknown, is charged with having, on the 26th ultimo, stolen an English double-cased lever watch, maker unknown; white-metal chain (long twisted and short round links alternately), and a heart-shaped locket, glass or stone, black on one side and red on the other, bound with silver, attached; value £3 15s. 6d.; the property of Tauhu Roera, Ohau. Offender is supposed colonial, about eighteen years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, slight build, fair hair and complexion; dressed in tweed clothes and black overcoat. He met complainant on the road, and asked him for his watch to see the time; it was handed to him, and they walked together to the railway-station, where the offender disappeared with it. Complainant is half-witted, but there seems to be no doubt as to the truth of the statement. Offender is said to have gone to Foxton, and to be working at a flax-mill there. No warrant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 80.)

FEILDING.—Stealing Harry Harvey's watch, &c.: Otto Hasse, fifteen years of age, has been arrested for this offence by Constable J. J. Tuohy, Feilding Police, and discharged on account of his youth and previous good character. Property recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 86.)

INGLEWOOD (TARANAKI).—John Robert Davenport, for breaking into and stealing from H. J. Julian's Hotel, has been arrested by Constable W. H. Ryan, Inglewood Police, and committed for trial.

TARADALE (NAPIER).—Sophia Harris, servant, Taradale Hotel, reports stolen from a washhouse, on the 30th ultimo, two ladies' gold rings, one set with two rubies and diamond