

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—Thomas Belcher, farmer, Avondale, reports that on the 10th instant his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A gold scarf-pin, small saucer-shaped head with gold knob in centre, value 7s. 6d.; a gold chain, small links, broken in two or three places and tied with cotton, value £1 10s.; a massive gold locket, having a border of pearls and another of rubies, with a circle of rubies, child's photograph, and a piece of hair in centre, value £8; a small compass, glass broken, value 2s. 6d.; a pair of silver earrings, design of three flowers, seven leaves to a stem, value 5s.; and a ladies' leather companion, lined with blue velvet, containing scissors, needles, &c. Also a silver stop-watch, hair-guard, and pendants, which have since been recovered at Neumagen's pawn-office. Suspicion is attached to a man, name unknown, who was seen loitering about the premises. Description: About seventeen years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, slight build, clean-shaved, hard red face; dressed in white-twill trousers, white waistcoat, grey-tweed coat, and small straw hat. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—Clara Elizabeth Wheeler, saleswoman, Princes Street, reports stolen from her dwelling, between the 28th ultimo and the 2nd instant, an old-fashioned gold chain, about a yard and a quarter long, small links with square chased ones between; a gold fob-chain, with plain gold-drill locket, heart shape, and gold-washed silver vinaigrette, attached; two twisted silver bangles, a silver bangle, partly chased, and finished off with two round knobs; a gold bangle, Indian pattern; and a half-star brooch, set all over with imitation diamonds: value, £10 7s. 6d.

AUCKLAND.—William Henry Pountney, Grey Street, Parnell, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 2nd instant, a pair of gold solitaires, chased on top; value, £2. A number of other articles of jewellery were stolen at the same time, but have since been found on the road near complainant's house.

AUCKLAND.—Albert Duder, Harbourmaster, reports stolen from his dwelling in Salisbury Street, Parnell, on the 2nd instant, two gold bracelets, one rope pattern, the other set with three or four crystals; two silver bracelets; a ladies' long gold chain; a pair of small gold earrings, horseshoe-and-whip pattern; and a gold pendant, patent-log design: value, £12.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 190, and 1895, page 2.)

RAWENE.—W. V. and J. C. Bindon's larceny: Complainants now report missing, and supposed stolen with the other articles enumerated, and supposed stolen with the other articles enumerated, and supposed stolen with the other articles enumerated, engraved "Emma" outside; value, 10s.

PAEROA.—Joseph Clarke is charged on warrant with having, about the 10th September, 1894, stolen from the dwelling of Etu Paaka a silver lever half-hunting watch, blue-enamelled figures on outside of front case, and has an inscription inside back case, which is said to read, "Presented by James Mackay, jun., to Kopata te Pokiha, 24th May, 1872"; value, £5; also a gold chain, value £5, since recovered. Offender is a native of Sydney, a labourer, thirty-two years of age, 5ft. 8½in. high, fresh complexion, black hair, grey eyes, thin prominent nose, medium mouth and chin. (See *Police Gazette*, 1889, page 167.) Has a wife and family at Hamilton, Waikato.

ELTHAM (TARANAKI).—Martin A. H. Emmett, tobacconist, reports that on the 30th or 31st ultimo his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: Two wooden pipes in cases; a razor, marked "First" on handle, in a square black case, marked "Bengal"; a quantity of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, &c.; and 9s. in silver: total value, £7 12s. 6d.

NAPIER.—William Robison reports stolen from a bedroom at the Criterion Hotel, between the 25th ultimo and the 1st instant, a silver Waltham hunting-watch, maker Hillside, considerably worn, number unknown; gold chain, small curb-links (no pendant), attached: value, £3.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 2.)

MASTERTON.—Man, known as "Pat," charged with theft from the dwelling of Thomas Drysdale Wardlaw, Dreyerton: This offender, whose correct name is Patrick Donnelly, sold the rings to Smart and Fruhauf, pawnbrokers, Wellington, on the 4th instant, giving his name as Hastings. He has a scar under the right eye, and spoke of going towards Palmerston North. May be accompanied by a man about his age and height, clean-shaved, dark complexion, dressed in dark clothes.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Esther Gilmour, barmaid, A1 Hotel, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 10th instant, a ladies' silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 59026; and a gold alert chain, small round links, with silver trinket, fern-leaf inside, as pendant; value, £4 10s.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Annie Wassell, barmaid, Richardson's Hotel, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 10th instant, a small alarm-clock, dial about 2in. diameter, on a bell-shaped electro-plated stand, the alarm-bell being underneath the clock, and containing the winding-spring; value, £2 10s.

RAKAIKA.—Patrick Morgan, plater, Mitcham, reports that on the 12th instant his whare was broken into, and the following stolen: A grey woollen shirt, with collar attached, blue thread running through, two grey-flannel under-shirts, and two pairs of merino socks; value, 18s.

TIMARU.—Robert Melville reports stolen from the Melville Hotel, on the 5th instant, a swag, containing a pair of blue blankets, half-worn, a soft brown-tweed hat, dark cardigan jacket, dungaree jacket and trousers; pair of leather slippers, No. 7; two pairs of socks, a towel, folding looking-glass, and dark Tam-o'-Shanter hat; value, £2 10s. Suspicion attached to James Blair Campbell, Irish, a labourer, thirty-six years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, stout build, dark complexion, dark hair and moustache only, much given to drink, dissipated appearance, good address. Left for Wellington by s.s. "Omahere" on the above date. His wife and family reside at Carlton Terrace, Christchurch.

DUNEDIN.—Freeman and Romeril, confectioners, George Street, report that between the 29th and 31st ultimo their premises were broken into, and a small-sized slate-coloured waterproof coat, with cape and black collar, value £1, 10s. in coppers, and some lollies, &c., stolen.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 204.)

DUNEDIN.—Stealing from the dwelling of Maggie Chapman: Bella Fraser has been arrested for this offence by the detective police, and committed for trial. Stolen property recovered.

HOKITIKA.—Lizzie Simpson, housemaid, Post Office Hotel, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 9th instant, a ladies' silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 35521, "Lizzie Simpson" scratched inside case; value, £2 10s. Suspicion attached to Thomas McLisky, Irish, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, fresh complexion, brown hair, moustache only, a jockey and spieler; dressed in a light-tweed suit, hard black hat, and carries an umbrella with a long white handle. He is believed to be identical with Thomas Cosgrove, alias McCluskey. (Vide *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 205; and 1893, pages 90 and 172.) Has gone to Greymouth.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, pages 164 and 204.)

HASTINGS.—Breaking into and stealing from the dwellings of the Rev. A. S. Morrison and Harry Knight Thompson: Joseph M. Foggon, alias Mason, and James Studdon have been committed for trial on these charges. Mr. Morrison's silver cat's-eye brooch is admitted by Mrs. Neilson to have been given her by Foggon, but she states she has mislaid it. Mr. Thompson's ladies' gold watch, and two gold bracelets have been recovered by the Auckland police in Mrs. Neilson's possession, but the gentlemen's gold lever hunting-watch, No. 11439, has not yet been traced.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—John Beacham Heron is charged on warrant with having, on the 30th October, 1894, stolen from the s.s. "Rotomahana" a Gladstone bag, containing wearing-apparel, value £2, the property of Francis Collingwood Saunders, labourer, Oxford Street, Newton; since recovered. Offender is a native of India, a labourer and jockey, twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, grey eyes, dark hair and moustache; wore, when last seen, a light-tweed sac-coat, dark-tweed trousers, white vest, and hard black-felt hat. He sold a portion of the stolen articles on the above date to Martha Lindsay, Wellesley Street.

AUCKLAND.—Charles Seagar, boilermaker, reports stolen at the Hobson Street wharf, on the 23rd or 24th ultimo, a pulling-boat, clinker build, 16ft. long, painted slate-colour on top and inside, copper-colour on bottom; value, £10.

OPOTIKI.—William Poulgrain, of Gisborne, reports stolen from his clothing in the Royal Hotel stables, Opotiki, on the 26th ultimo, a leather pocket-book marked "Real calf," blue lining, three compartments, containing twenty-one £1 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, and a photograph of complainant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 204.)

WAIKAWA.—Breaking into and stealing from the Kaikora North Post-office: Joseph M. Foggon, alias Mason, and Thomas Christopher Bills have been arrested on this charge by Sergeant A. J. Mitchell, Hastings police. The first-named