

notes, a ladies' gold lever half-hunting watch, maker Benson, London, No. 64592, value £20; a ladies' gold chain, snake pattern, value £2 10s.; two silver hunting-watches, one Geneva, the other a lever, value 10s. each; a pair of gold earrings with diamond in centre, value £1; and a black cash-box, value 10s: total value, £61.

AUCKLAND.—William Ratcliffe, travelling agent for the South British Insurance Company, reports stolen from him, on the 8th instant, a gold lever open-faced watch, number unknown, W.R. on back; a gold albert chain, curb pattern; a silver sovereign-case; and a square gold locket containing hair: value, £31 10s. 6d.

WAIROA (HAWKE'S BAY).—William James McDougall, Ruakiturī, reports that between the 4th and 10th instant his dwelling was broken into and the following stolen: Nine 50lb. bags of Golden Gem flour, three bags of No. 1 sugar, and a bag of rice, all branded W.J.McD.; a new under-flannel, pair of socks, small mirror, and a quantity of groceries: total value, £8 8s. 7d.

WAIKAWA.—John Ireland, stockman, reports stolen from him, on the 26th ultimo, eight £1 notes. Suspicion attached to Richard Woods, or Wood, who was in complainant's company, and left for Wellington on the 1st instant. Description: Supposed English, a labourer, about thirty-four years of age, about 5ft. 10in. high, medium build, brown hair, whiskers and moustache full and rather sandy, fresh complexion, small eyes, rough appearance, slightly round-shouldered; wears a shabby grey-tweed suit and hard black-felt hat; very fond of drink.

WANGANUI.—Edward Mooney, compositor, reports stolen from him, on the 11th instant, a silver lever hunting-watch, maker Rotherham, number unknown, and a heavy gold albert chain, long plain links, no locket or pendant attached; value, £15. The offence was committed by two men, names unknown, one described as a big man with a black beard, and dressed in a dark coat and white-straw hat. Complainant, who was under the influence of drink at the time, can give no description of the other offender, and cannot identify either of them.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 158.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Bert Reilly, charged with the theft of Alfred Ellen's money, was seen at the Temperance Hotel, Ashburton, on the 1st instant, and spoke of going shering.

CARTERTON.—Edmund Anderson, surveyor, reports that on the 12th instant his dwelling was broken into, and a tweed overcoat with cape, pepper-and-salt colour, size 5, chain-tab, value £2, stolen.

WELLINGTON.—Frederick Kingan, jockey, reports stolen from him at the Foresters' Arms Hotel, on the 7th instant, a gold pin, set with a diamond, can be used as a shirt-stud; value, £5.

WELLINGTON.—Thomas White, hotelkeeper, reports stolen from his bedroom, on the 17th instant, a silver lever open-faced watch, No. 7902, maker Rotherham; and a gold albert with locket attached; value, £12.

WELLINGTON.—Johannah Tait, hotelkeeper, Molesworth Street, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 14th instant, two gold rings—one set with a sapphire, the other with a diamond and two rubies; and a gold brooch set with two pearls and a sapphire: value, £12.

WELLINGTON.—Archibald Hinds, farmer, Khandallah, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 30th ultimo, £10 7s. 1d. in notes and mixed coin. Suspicion attached to James Evans, living near complainant. Description: Colonial, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, dark complexion, no hair on face.

REEFTON.—John Gallagher, storekeeper, Cronadun, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 30th ultimo and 2nd instant, two £5 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, new; thirteen £1 notes, bank unknown; and about £5 in silver. Suspicion attached to John Moore, a labourer at Joseph H. Silcock's farm, Larry's Creek. Description: A native of Sydney, about thirty years of age, about 5ft. 11in. high, medium build, fair complexion, clean-shaved except small fair moustache, square jaws.

REEFTON.—Robert Davie, labourer, Cronadun, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 7th and 10th instant, a light-tweed sac-suit, with black thread through material, partly worn, back of vest lined with light tweed, "Simpson and London" on tab; value, £4.

GREYMOUTH.—Thomas Brown, labourer, William Street, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 8th instant, a silver lever open-faced watch, No. 23362, maker unknown; a silver albert chain, close round thick links, with steel watch-key attached.

GREYMOUTH.—Hugh Burnside, labourer, reports stolen from a bedroom in the Rose of Australia Hotel, on the 9th instant, an improved Waterbury watch, double-cased; a double silver chain, to which was attached a gold medal, with "H.B." engraved on one side, and "Presented by A. Francis to H. Burnside, for best amateur boxing," on the other; and 17s. in silver: total value, £5.

GREYMOUTH.—Michael Connors, miner, Brandy Jack's, Totara Flat, reports stolen from a bedroom in the Rose of Australia Hotel, Greymouth, on the 9th instant, a silver lever hunting-watch, maker Rotherham, No. 8640; an English silver lever watch, maker and number unknown; and a silver albert chain, flat links, with small silver locket attached: value in all, £11.

HAMPDEN (OAMARU).—Agnes Stewart, servant, Hampden Hotel, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 7th instant, a ladies' heavy gold ring, set with a sapphire and two diamonds at each side, value £4 10s.; a ladies' thin gold ring set with three diamonds, puce and white colour, value £4; and a small tortoise-shell penknife with three blades, value 2s. Suspicion attached to two swaggers, names unknown, who slept in the hotel during the previous night. Description: First, a native of Tasmania, about forty years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark moustache only; dressed in a dark-tweed coat, dungaree trousers and vest, and soft black-felt hat. Second, about twenty-five years of age, about 5ft. 7in. high, slight build, fresh complexion, dark hair, dark moustache only; wore a greyish-tweed suit. Identifiable. They are supposed to have gone to Oamaru.

DUNEDIN.—Margaret Morrow, King Street, reports stolen from her dwelling, between the 9th November and 24th December, 1896, a ladies' gold Geneva open-faced watch, number unknown, glass out, very much worn; a Scotch pebble brooch with gold rim; a pair of gold-mounted green-stone earrings, drops separated from bits; a ladies' wedding-ring; two ladies' gem rings—one with five dark stones and broken in the centre, the other having three stones, four pearls, and a small gold stud in centre; a ladies' gold dress ring with a hand and two hearts, opens in three pieces; two gold earring-drops, narrow at top, small ball at bottom; a tortoiseshell eardrop and brooch to match with gold leaf; a small heart-shaped brooch with white stone set in silver; a small crystal brooch, oval shape, set in silver, gold back; and a small wooden box, covered with dark morocco leather and lined with dark satin: value in all, £7 17s. 6d. Suspicion attached to E. S. Wardell, who boarded with complainant. Description: Twenty-six years of age, 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, medium build, brown hair, fair moustache, red face; dressed in a navy-blue serge suit and a hard black hat. He is still in Dunedin.

DUNEDIN.—Donald Mc Kercher, Hokonui, Southland, reports stolen from him in Dunedin, on the 1st instant, a silver lever watch, covered case, maker Summers, London, number unknown, "D. C. Mc Kercher" scratched inside; value £5; and five £1 notes.

DUNEDIN.—Mrs. John Bain, Halfway Bush, reports stolen from her at the Dunedin Railway-station, on the 12th instant, a common leather purse with brass clasp, containing a £1 note, two half-sovereigns, a watch-key, a gold brooch, horse-shoe design, inscribed on back "From Jennie Lee," value £5; a threepenny-bit, and two coppers.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 3.)

INVERCARGILL.—Stealing from Arthur James Thomson's hut: A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the suspect, who is now ascertained to be Archibald John McNeill. (See *Police Gazette*, 1893, pages 190 and 200.) He will probably change his clothes and keep in the back-country for a time.

WYNDHAM.—James Foley, New Zealand Express Company, Invercargill, reports stolen from McCallum's boarding-house, Edendale, on the 1st instant, a blue-black serge waterproof overcoat with very long cape, no sleeves, large black buttons, rubber tubes in lining; and a pair of light-coloured kid gloves: value, £4 6s.