

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

THAMES.—William Ross, miner, reports stolen from a whare at Pupi, on the 23rd ultimo, a silver lever hunting-watch, No. 204797, maker W. Finlay, Thames; and a silver chain, link pattern, with silver Maltese cross medal attached: value, £4 18s. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who slept in the whare. Description: 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, medium build, dark hair, dark whiskers cropped short, heavy moustache; dressed in a blue-serge coat, grey-tweed vest, black shirt, slate-coloured moleskin pants, and dark slouched hat; carried a gum-spear attached to a spade-handle. He went towards Coromandel.

AUCKLAND.—Richard Alfred Moore, miner, reports stolen from him, in the dwelling of Charles Diez, barber, Upper Queen Street, on the 16th or 17th ultimo, an English silver lever hunting-watch, maker Bevan, Birkenhead, No. 4495; and a gold albert, curb pattern: value, £17.

HAWERA.—Martin Lee, platelayer, Eltham, reports stolen from a bedroom in the Hawera Hotel, on the 16th ultimo, a silver lever double-cased hunting-watch, maker N. J. Rein, Invercargill, No. 180495, "Martin Lee" engraved inside; and an American-gold chain, cable pattern: value, £3 5s.

WELLINGTON.—John Halford, actor, reports stolen from a bedroom at Bodley's Private Hotel, on the 15th ultimo, a brown-leather brief-bag with plated fittings, containing a Bengal razor, nearly new, in black case; an old shaving-brush with white-bone handle; scenic artist's brushes; dry colours in bottles and tins; a brown-leather pocketbook; a new meerschaum pipe with straight flat stem; and an old one with broken curved stem: value, £4.

WELLINGTON.—Reihana Titore, Lower Taueru, Masterton, reports stolen from the Thistle Inn, Wellington, on the 16th ultimo, a brown-leather portmanteau with complainant's name in black letters on one side, containing a white shirt, a quantity of women's underclothing, and a brown woollen petticoat with a scalloped border of purple crochet; value, £2.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 12.)

WELLINGTON.—Stealing Thomas White's watch, albert, and locket: Edward Williams, alias McGlashan, has been arrested for this offence by Constable F. W. O'Connell, and remanded. Stolen property recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 116 and 174.)

CARTERTON.—John Conroy, alias Thomas Connelly, charged with the theft of Peter Peterson's clothing, has been arrested by Constable J. Forster, Wellington Police, and remanded to Carterton. Stolen property not recovered.

BLenheim.—James Cassie, wagoner, Starborough Station, reports stolen from him, at Blenheim, on the 18th or 19th ultimo, a cheque for £4 7s. 6d. on the Union Bank of Australia, Blenheim, No. U. 8396, drawn by F. W. Foster in favour of G. Mortimer; three sovereigns, a £1 note, and about £1 in silver. Suspicion attached to a man who gave the name of P. Miller. Description: About thirty-five years of age, about 5ft. 4in. or 5in. high, stout build, small moustache only, very dark complexion, has the appearance of a Maltese or half-caste Indian; dressed in a light-tweed coat, and dark soft-felt hat. Complainant gave him a ride from Awatere to Blenheim. He was searched at Picton, but no money found on him.

GREYMOUTH.—Charles O'Donnell, miner, reports stolen from him, on the 13th ultimo, six £20 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, numbers unknown.

GREYMOUTH.—Arthur Castles, engine-cleaner, reports stolen from a bedroom in the Criterion Hotel, between the 31st December last and 13th ultimo, a gentleman's plain gold ring, having H.S.C. engraved on shield, value £3; and a silver Waltham hunting-watch, No. 1419783, value £5. Suspicion attaches to spiellers, some of whom left by the s.s. "Mawhera" for Wellington on the 9th ultimo.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Stolen from a tent at Sumner, on the 10th ultimo, a gold Waltham hunting-watch, No. 4501602, to which was attached a black-braid guard having a gold band at each end and one in the centre, the latter engraved F.E.A. on one side and L.E.G. on the other, value £11; a silver match-box with monogram F.E.A. on side, value 10s.; a £1 note, and 17s. 9d.: the property of Frederick Asquith, compositor, Cashel Street, Christchurch. A silver Waltham hunting-watch, No. 4321970, A.W. in monogram and "A. Walker" on outside, and "A. Walker, Lauriston, Canterbury," inside, value £4 10s.; a 15-carat gold albert chain, curb pattern, with greenstone Maltese cross and

small metal match-box attached, value £10: the property of Atha Walker, Lauriston. A ladies' new silver Waltham hunting-watch, number unknown, value £2 10s.; the property of Thomas George Ashman, warehouseman, Lichfield Street, Christchurch. And 5s. in silver, the property of Frank Taylor, draper's assistant, Cashel Street, Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Edward Foster, 174, Kilmore Street, reports stolen from a tent at New Brighton, between the 19th and 23rd ultimo, a nickel-plated open-faced watch, No. 700646, "E. Foster" scratched on inside of case, steel chain attached; value, £1 5s.

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

DUNEDIN.—Thomas Snell, alias Baker, alias Stewart, charged with the theft of Ambrose William Wellsford's bicycle (recovered), has been arrested by Constable T. Donovan, Coromandel police.

DUNEDIN.—Charles Smeaton, Leith Valley School, reports that, on the 16th ultimo, his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A gold brooch with crossbar, set with a brilliant in the centre and a diamond at each side, value £8; six half-crown coins, some marked N.L., value 6s.; a pair of claret-coloured slippers, size 10 or 11, three or four soap stains on the upper of the left one, value 8s. 6d.; a brown-flannel singlet, with three or four moth-holes in it, value 5s.; a piece of a ladies' gold guard, about 16in. long; and a piece of silver chain, about 4in., links much worn. Value of the latter two articles not stated.

LAWRENCE.—John A. Drury, labourer, Tuapeka West, reports stolen from a room in the Masonic Hotel, Lawrence, during the night of the 20th ultimo, a silver Waltham hunting-watch, No. 2638403; and a steel chain, long links, with a threepenny-bit of the year 1837 attached: value, £4 10s. George Taylor, a spieller, who slept in the same room, is suspected. He resides at Gore, and is well known to the police there.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Richard Powell, cook, s.s. "Rotomahana," trading to Thames, reports stolen from the vessel, at the Queen Street Wharf, Auckland, on the 22nd ultimo, an English silver lever hunting-watch, maker Ahearth, No. 63595, "R.P." on outside and inside of case; and a gold chain, long-bar pattern, with three small links between, to which was attached a gold-mounted opal, cracked across the centre, small gold bar running down the front, and a piece of gold inscribed "H.B. to R.P." at the back: value, £15 10s.

AUCKLAND.—Walter Taylor, Karangahape Road, reports stolen from a dressing-room at the fresh-water baths, Albert Street, on the 25th ultimo, a gentleman's silver keyless hunting cylinder-watch, No. 89213, makers Stewart, Dawson, and Co.; and a silver chain: value, £5.

GISBORNE.—Michael Wallen is charged on warrant with the theft, at Matawhero, on the 1st or 2nd ultimo, of a bridle, value £1, the property of Robert Parkinson, labourer. Recovered. Offender is Irish, a labourer, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, medium build, dark hair and moustache only; dressed in an old dark suit, and hard black-felt hat.

NAPIER.—Arthur Herbert Barnett, railway-clerk, reports stolen from his clothing at the Western Spit, on the 21st ultimo, a lady's gold open-faced watch, number unknown, "E. D. Rowbottom" engraved inside case, and a gentleman's gold chain, curb pattern, links stamped 18c., with bell-shaped seal (A.M.F.) attached; value, £20.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Edward Lionel Nathan, Devon Street, reports that between the 16th and 18th ultimo his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: Two tweed suits of clothes, size 6, two metal albert chains, and a white-straw hat, size 7; value, £5.

HAWERA.—Frederick Fantham, farmer, reports stolen from off his horse, on the 31st December, 1896, an English saddle, large knee-pads, right one slightly torn, bright Ds, two missing behind thigh-pads, one stirrup large rusty iron, the other nickel, ordinary size, double-folding leather girth, three girth-fasteners on each side of saddle, brown saddle-cloth, showing marks where fancy-work has been picked out.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 214.)

LOWER HUTT.—Stealing William Ross's bicycle: A young man arrived from Wellington by the 10.45 p.m. train