

of beard and whiskers when last seen; usually wears a grey-tweed suit, and cap. Was formerly employed as a seaman, and foundry hand, and may endeavour to leave the colony in a sailing vessel.

DUNEDIN.—On the 20th ultimo, a man, name unknown, indecently assaulted two school-girls at Caversham. Offender is described as about 5 ft. 10 in. high, inclined to be stout, shaved except reddish moustache, a few pimples on one side of his face; wore a dark coat and vest, light-tweed trousers, and light Doctor Jim hat. Can be identified. No warrant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 194.)

DUNEDIN.—Daniel Dunn, charged on warrant of commitment in default of paying a fine, has paid the amount.

MARITZBURG (NATAL).—James Dawson is charged on warrant with embezzling £700. Description: A book-keeper, thirty-four years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. or 4 in. high, ruddy complexion, reddish moustache, dissolute habits; has a large American travelling-trunk. He left Natal on the 15th October last for New Zealand, and has friends residing at Dunedin. Was accompanied by his wife, slender build, very showy, light hair, probably false. Arrest important, with a view to his return under the Fugitive Offenders Act. (99/2065.)

### Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—James Farrant (name probably fictitious) is charged on warrant with having, on the 22nd ultimo, stolen from Jervois House, Wellesley Street, two pairs of cricketer-pants, value 10s.; the property of Thomas Hetherington. Recovered. Offender is twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. or 9 in. high, dark complexion, small dark moustache, medium build, small mole on lower jaw; dressed in a dark-blue serge coat and vest, greyish pants, hard black hat, and brown tan canvas shoes.

AUCKLAND.—Emily Parker, daughter of the licensee, Aurora Hotel, reports stolen, on the 18th ultimo, a ladies' gold band-ring, "Emily" engraved on top, and "W.A." inside, chain and bell attached; a ladies' gold ring, set with three diamonds; and a gold bracelet, cable pattern, locket, with "E.P." thereon attached: Value, £9. Suspicion attached to Albert Asher, who is employed at the hotel. (For description, see *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 58.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 250.)

AUCKLAND.—Stealing from Jin Gott's dwelling: Ethel Annie Brown has been arrested by Constable H. P. Kennedy for this offence, and committed for trial. One of the stolen rings recovered and traced to her possession. The other articles not yet traced.

HELENSVILLE.—Elizabeth Graham Reid, licensee, Kaipara Hotel, Helensville, reports stolen from her dwelling, on the 23rd ultimo, a gold brooch, formed by two earrings, each about the size of a sixpence, small diamond in centre of each, with gold tracing in the shape of a Maltese cross; value, £3. Suspicion attached to William Moar, billiard-marker, and Anne Halley, barmaid, both of whom have been discharged, and gone to Auckland. For Moar's description, see *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 45, 54, and 98. Halley is a native of New Zealand, about twenty-two years of age, medium build, auburn or reddish-coloured hair, fair complexion, blue eyes, high colour, good teeth, round features, short stature, dresses well.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 242.)

STRAATFORD.—John Murray, charged with the theft of Dr. Tom Larkin Padget's waistcoat: This warrant has been cancelled at the request of complainant. Waistcoat not recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 250.)

WANGANUI.—Theft of Isabella Burrell's watch and chain. Marian Scott has been arrested by Constable De Norville, Palmerston North police, for this offence, and committed for trial. Stolen property recovered.

EKETAHUNA.—Brian Weller, station-hand, reports stolen from a whare at Tiraumea, on the 16th or 17th ultimo, a combined pocketbook and purse, made of fawn-coloured leather, 6 in. by 2½ in., with black edges, ink-spots on outside, complainant's name written with pencil inside, containing a £10 note, supposed on the Bank of New South Wales, number unknown; 19s. 3d. in silver, six penny stamps, and sundry receipts, one being from Hollings, solicitor, of Masterton, for £5. Suspicion attached to two swaggers, one about thirty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 3 in. high, medium

build, dark hair, blue eyes, swarthy complexion, small dark moustache, active walk, dressed in a grey-tweed suit; gave the name of John McLaughlin when searched; the other about sixty-six years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, grey hair and beard; dressed in shabby clothes. They are supposed to have gone towards Alfredton.

WELLINGTON.—James O'Keefe, labourer, Victoria Place, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 24th ultimo, a watch (since recovered), a silver albert, long straight links connected by curb-links, and a pair of men's machine-sewn lace-up boots, size 8, soles worn away; value, in all, £6. The watch was pledged at Griffith's pawn-office, Courtenay Place, by a man who gave his name as Wilkinson. He is described as between twenty-five and thirty years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. or 10 in. high, darkish complexion, respectable appearance. His identification is doubtful.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 220.)

WELLINGTON.—Man, name unknown, charged with the theft of Maurice Thomas McGrath's watch and albert (recovered), and coat. James Dunn, alias Wilson, has been arrested by Constable C. R. Broberg for this offence, and sentenced to two months' labour. Coat not recovered.

DUNEDIN.—Archibald Anderson, alias Matherson, is charged on warrant with breaking into the dwelling of Mary Ann Buskin, boardinghouse-keeper, Maclaggan Street, on the 21st ultimo, and stealing a white-linen sheet, value 6s.; since recovered. For his description, see *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 151. Dressed, when last seen, in a blue-serge saccuit; and will probably be wearing a white-straw hat with black band, or a grey-tweed skull-cap. The offence was committed in company with two others who are under remand. Offender's arrest is important, as there are other charges against him.

INVERCARGILL.—John Sarsfield Murphy, manager, New Zealand Clothing Factory, Bluff Road, reports that between the 14th and 23rd ultimo his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: Nine table-forks, twelve dessert-forks, and twelve dessert-spoons, all solid silver; nine table-knives and nine dessert-knives, of which no description can be given; and an iron-cased eight day clock; all quite new, wedding presents: value, £10.

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

THAMES.—The Kauri Timber Company report that between the 18th and 20th ultimo their premises at Kauaranga were broken into, and the following stolen: Five ordinary timber-jacks with iron stocks, branded "S.S.M. Co.," value £6 each; two 6 ft. lightning-saws, value 12s. 6d. each; and an axe, well worn, value 5s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 177.)

THAMES.—The Kauri Timber Company's two timber-jacks which were stolen from a punt on the Piako River were branded "S.S.M. Co.," not "K.T.C.," as previously reported.

TARADALE (NAPIER).—Stolen, on the 19th or 20th ultimo, from the Newstead sheep-station, a two-wheeled gig, painted dark navy-blue, green stripes on wheels and on shafts, board at back of seat split, a piece broken out and a new piece put in, value £17, the property of Wirihana Aperahama; a double-reined bridle, with two large rings, nickel-plated bit, branded "W.H.N." inside reins and headstall, value 15s., the property of Wi Nuku; a similar bridle, branded "H.N.," value 15s., the property of Pene; and a set of light buggy harness, black colour, partly worn, with silver-plated buckles, brass buckles to blinkers and reins, value £4 10s., the property of Peni Nuku.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 77 and 143.)

TARADALE (NAPIER).—Stealing from Joseph Hatwell's paddock. H. M. Rosenberg, alias Lawton, who sold the stolen fork, has returned to the colony, and is now living in College Street, Wellington. Owing to lapse of time, no further proceedings have been taken.

WANGANUI.—Judah Henry Keesing reports stolen, on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, about 55 ft. of ½ in. rubber hose, joined in centre with a piece of brass piping, and copper-wire; branch, with gas-tap, at end; value, £1 15s.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Solomon Abrahams, pawnbroker, reports that on the 17th or 18th ultimo his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A double-cased imitation gold keyless watch, No. 281, "Century, U.S.A.," on inside of case; a ladies' 18-carat gold ring, diamond in centre; a