

AUCKLAND.—14th July last, the property of DULCIE MARY WATSON, 39 Ellerton Road, Ellerslie, a handbag (recovered); a ladies' gold wristlet watch with gold dial, repair No. 7105, diamante expanding wristlet; two heart-shaped kauri-gum pendants with photograph of soldier in each; and a pair of kid gloves; total value, £7 2s. 6d. Identifiable. Complainant left her handbag and contents on the first floor of Cooke's Buildings, and the following day the handbag was recovered near some dust bins on the second floor.

AUCKLAND.—12th September last, from a bathroom at 95 Grafton Road, the property of FLORENCE ANNIE HITCHEN, 14 Vauxhall Road, Devonport, a gold engagement ring, narrow band with solitaire stone set in platinum; an 18 ct. gold engagement ring, set with six diamonds in straight setting and three rubies on each side of diamonds, in claw setting (one ruby missing), heavy band; total value, £19. Identifiable. The offence may have been committed by **Walter Rex Orchard**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1940, page 204, and Photographs, 1930, page 74, who was living in the house at the time. He has been interviewed, but no evidence resulted.

AUCKLAND.—Between 13th and 16th September last, from the launch "Coastguard No. 1" at Western Viaduct, the property of the NEW ZEALAND COASTGUARD, Pitt Street, a pair of large black enamel binoculars, dent in one side, brass fittings, piece out of adjusting screw; value, £2. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—19th September last, from a room in an apartment house at 62 Grey's Avenue, the property of ALEXANDER KAHI, a varnish-coloured Spanish guitar with colour of darker shade and white line around sides, representation of three palms and "Harmony" on sound-box; red and brown twisted cord from neck to sound-box; it is considered to be the only guitar of its design in the city; value, £6. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 11th and 16th September last, from the dwelling of MARY OLIVE EDWARDS, 6 Takutai Street, Parnell, a gentlemen's gold-filled oblong wristlet watch, slightly curved, luminous hands, and Arabic numerals, "C.L.E." and "16th Nov., 1939" or "11th March, 1940" on inside back case, black leather wrist-band with gold-coloured pyramid-shaped buckle; twenty English £1 notes; and £1 10s. in English silver; total value, £27. Watch identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—20th September last, from the person of MAURICE PATRICK, George Street, Richmond, an 18 ct. gold fether watch-chain, about 9 in. long, each link about 1 in. long, gold bar about 1½ in. long on one end and an 18 ct. gold locket, 1 in. square by ¼ in. thick, set with a ruby in centre, on other end; and a gentlemen's nickel open-face pocket watch; total value, £11. Identifiable except watch. The offence may have been committed by **William Keogh**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1941, page 798, and Photographs, 1930, page 42, and **Andrew or Mick Smyth**, with whom complainant had been drinking in the New Criterion Hotel when the offence was committed. They have been interviewed, but no evidence resulted.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 22nd May last and 12th June, a hut at Torbay, the property of FLORENCE EVELYN BENNETT, Te Hana, Wellsford, was broken into and the following stolen: A pair of silver-coloured engraved opera glasses, about 4 in. high, in grey leather case; a silver-plated sugar-basin and a silver-plated hot-water jug to match; Le Grant pink corselettes, S.W. size; and two white woollen single blankets; total value, £10 18s. 6d. Portion identifiable. The offence may have been committed by **John Thompson**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1938, page 211, and Photographs, 1930, page 29, who has been convicted of similar offences. He has been interviewed regarding this offence, but no evidence resulted.

Portion of property recovered, not stolen. 25-2-42.

AUCKLAND.—30th August last, from a cloak-room in the Rialto Ballroom, Newmarket, the property of JAMES DOUGLAS LEITCH, care of L. McKenzie, Waitakaruru, a gentlemen's dark-blue Roslyn showerproof raincoat, size 3; and a black composition tobacco-pouch; total value, £6 11s. 6d. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to a man who gave the name **Caesar Sloan**, of whom no description is available. He sold another coat, which was stolen from the same place about the same time, to a second-hand dealer in the city. *recor'd. 24/12/41.*

AUCKLAND.—6th September, from the laundry of Hong Lee, 127 Hobson Street, the property of JACK SCHOOLER, Ballymena Apartments, Hobson Street, a light-blue shirt with light stripes and collar to match, size 15; a pair of Roslyn pink woollen underpants; two white handkerchiefs; a pale-blue tie with white spots; and a dark-blue worsted suit with light stripes, fit man 5 ft. 9 in. of strong build, "Schneideman's Ltd." on inside breast pocket; total value, £8 5s. 6d. Portion identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—About the 2nd ultimo, the property of NINA LEZA DOWDEN, 10 Mercer Road, Herne Bay, a ladies' chromium-plated wristlet watch about 1½ in. by ½ in., case No. 0203528, repair No. D. 1278 AK., small diamond set in each side, black or dark-blue Arabic numerals, double cord wrist-band; value, £10. Identifiable. Complainant lost the watch. She advertised her loss in the Auckland daily newspapers, and on the 8th ultimo a man who gave the name **Robinson** communicated with her by telephone and stated that he had found the watch and would return it to her if complainant "would have a night out with him."

PAPATOETOE.—20th September last, from a motor-car, the property of ROBERT EDWARD DOWSETT, Shirley Road, a sovereign tie-pin with two 2 in. pins attached to sovereign and a 2 in. gold arrow across it; value, £4. Identifiable.

ROTORUA.—About 26th September last, from a shed on the Lake Reserve, the property of A. E. HYDE AND CO., public amusement proprietors, Shannon, three tents, two 10 ft. by 10 ft. with 8 ft. wall, and the other 14 ft. by 10 ft. with 8 ft. wall, green canvas with red and white fringe along front, probably branded "Land and Highway, Hastings"; and about thirty electric globes; total value, £52 5s. Tents identifiable.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—12th July last, from the dwelling of ALBERT DANIEL WATERS, 84 Florence Avenue, a gentlemen's chromium hexagon-shaped Rotary wristlet watch with round dial, Arabic numerals, "No. 2 waterproof non-magnetic guaranteed against accidental dropping" stamped on back, "Dec., 1937" scratched on back; value, £5. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Between the 19th and 22nd September last, from a room in the Hotel Grand Central, Cuba Street, the property of The HON. PATRICK CHARLES WEBB, a four-valve portable His Master's Voice radio, Nipper model, black case, 10½ in. by 6 in. by 4½ in., which is damaged on front top corner, white control knobs on side, weight about 7 lb.; value, £12 12s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—3rd or 4th ultimo, from a hut at 121 Tasman Street, the property of GEORGE AUGUST, a five-valve mantel model Columbus radio, serial No. 08090, model 22, about 18 in. by 12 in.; value, £14. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On the 10th or 11th September last, the dwelling of STEAD VINCENT GLASGOW, 37 Strowan Road, Fendalton, was broken into and the following stolen: An 18 ct. gold engagement ring, claw set with five diamonds and rubies alternately; an 18 ct. gold engagement ring with large emerald surrounded by diamond chips one of which is missing, contained in red-brown case bearing name of a Melbourne jeweller; a pair of ear-rings, gold filigree, Mexican style; and a nickel-plated two-cell electric torch; total value, £22 4s. Identifiable.

recovered 10/12/41.
CHRISTCHURCH.—On the 16th September last, the dwelling of THOMAS WILSON, 130 Cranford Street, was broken into and the following stolen: A gold pendant (recovered); a gentlemen's 9 ct. gold open-face key-wind pocket watch, "John Flynn, London" in black letters and flower design on dial, Roman numerals (case recovered); a 9 ct. gold double chain, small round links; and an 18 ct. gold engagement ring set with three small rubies in straight claw setting; total value, £25. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **John Waite** (name probably fictitious), age about forty-seven, height about 5 ft. 11 in., strong build, fair complexion, auburn hair turning grey, pale-blue eyes, natural teeth; dressed in blue striped suit, grey felt hat, salmon-coloured shirt, and black shoes, and was wearing a gold watch-chain of four strands; smart appearance. On the 23rd ultimo the recovered property was sold to a second-hand dealer in the city by the man described above.

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WAIMATE.—Between the 1st and 11th September last, from the dwelling of GEORGE CHANG, fruiterer, Queen Street, a sovereign brooch with chain and small safety-pin attached; a sovereign; and a half-sovereign; total value, £5. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—During December, 1940, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Army Department), two .303 calibre short magazine Lee Enfield rifles, Mark III*, Nos. 625/45 and 909/329 respectively. The rifles were lost in the Amberley district during army manoeuvres.

DUNEDIN.—Between 30th May last and 12th June, from the ship "Waiana" between Auckland and Bluff, the property of the UNION STEAM SHIP CO., LTD., a mantel model world-wave six-valve Ultimate radio, brown walnut-veneer case, 15 in. by 19½ in. by 10½ in., four control knobs, vertical tuning, square speaker, magic eye, serial No. 76505; value, £28 15s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—3rd ultimo, from a cloakroom in the Vedic Cafe, Princes Street, the property of MARY HENDRY REGGETT, 117 Forbury Road, a long brown opossum fur necklet with black tails, lined with light-brown silk, silk covered chain-fastener; value, £5. Identifiable.