

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles H. Handley, station cadet, reports stolen from him at the Riccarton Racecourse, on the 5th instant, a well-worn brown-pigskin purse with white-metal mounting, containing £4 10s. in notes, gold, and silver; purse only identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Robert Pollock Smith, engineer, reports stolen from him at the Exhibition, on the 1st instant, a black-leather purse, steel clasp, containing four £1 notes (bank and numbers unknown), 17s. 6d. in silver, and a railway ticket to Waimate.

LINWOOD (CHRISTCHURCH).—Ernest Ford, plasterer, reports that his dwelling was broken into on the 1st instant, and 2s. 6d. stolen; also stolen, a red imitation-leather purse, about 6 in. long by 3 in. wide, metal clasp, "Daisy from Dad" written inside with pencil, containing 7s. 9d. in silver, a key for a box, a small photo, and a halfpenny with some marks on it; the property of Dora Trudgeon. Purse, photo, and halfpenny only identifiable.

OXFORD.—David and William Moderate, farmers, report that on the 5th instant their dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A new, and an old Bank of New Zealand £1 note, numbers unknown, and 4s. 6d. in shillings, sixpences, and threepenny-pieces.

ASHBURTON.—Thomas Blackburn, contractor, reports stolen from him, in the Commercial Hotel, on the 2nd instant, a nearly new lever open-faced watch, nickel case, No. 172517, "De Beer" on face; value, £1 15s. Identifiable.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Wilson and Horton, printers, report that between the 12th and 14th ultimo the *New Zealand Herald* office was broken into, and £18 in notes, gold, and silver stolen from a cash-box in a drawer of the publishing office; the drawer had apparently been forced open with a chisel.

AUCKLAND.—John Tooman, storeman, reports stolen from Arthur Tooman's Auction Mart, Queen Street, on the 2nd instant, a silver lever hunting-watch, No. 56991, maker Stewart Dawson, a silver curb chain with bar missing attached; value, £3 9s. 6d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 232.)

AUCKLAND.—Theft of John Watson's watch and chain: The suspect Matthew has been arrested for this offence by Constable H. P. Kennedy, Auckland police, and the stolen property recovered. Offender is identical with Puhipi Matiu (see *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 111).

ONEHUNGA.—Roy Hall, storekeeper, Mangere, reports that on the 2nd instant his store was broken into and the following stolen: About 10 lb. Derby, 18 lb. Ascot, 1 lb. Columbia, 1 lb. Golden Eagle, 2 lb. Ruby Twist, 4 lb. Venus, and about 1 lb. Capstan tobacco; about 100 cigars; about 38 packages Otto-de-Rose, 36 packages Old Judge, and 34 packages Three Castle cigarettes: total value, £15 16s. 6d.

KARANGAHAKE.—On the 27th or 28th ultimo there was stolen from the precipitator's room at the Waihi Gold-mining Company's reduction-works gold (since recovered), value about £700. Entrance was effected through the skylight, and a small crowbar was found inside the room.

TAURANGA.—William T. Raymond, auctioneer, reports stolen from the Tauranga Auction Mart, on the 22nd ultimo, a brown-coloured violin, black wood keys, wood bridge, two bows, enclosed in black wood case; value, £1.

HASTINGS.—Frederick Smith, shunter, reports stolen from the lamp-room at the railway-station, on the 14th instant, a long blue corded-worsted overcoat with long cape buttoned on, bluish-plaid lining, two side pockets, lining and sides of pockets torn; value, £2 10s.

WAIPAWA.—Maurice Flynn, storekeeper, Hampden, reports that on the 28th ultimo his store was broken into, and the following stolen: A pair of ladies' black boots, size 5; a pair of ladies' tan shoes, size 5; two men's dancing-shoes, odd sizes (4 and 5); about sixty packets Old Judge, Vanity Fair, and Capstan cigarettes; two 4 oz. and two 2 oz. tins Capstan tobacco; and 7s. 6d. Dancing-shoes only identifiable. Suspicion attached to *Christie Gustina Ryan*, a native of

Sydney, of Indian parents, a coolie, a cook and rabbitier, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 2 in. high, slim build, very black complexion and hair; usually dressed in light-grey suit and straw hat with coloured band.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Theodore Barclay, storekeeper, reports that on the 13th or 14th instant his shop was broken into and the following stolen: Four cream-coloured tennis-shirts, two with blue and pink stripes and two with light-cream silk stripes, marked "Cambridge"; two pairs of trousers, one hair-lined striped tweed, the other brown-grey saddle-cloth tweed, marked "Wellington Woollen Company"; a suit of brownish-coloured tweed, supposed size 4: some of the shirts may have name "Barclay, Dunstone," at back of collar: total value, £5 8s. 6d.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—David Pringle, saddler, reports that on the 13th or 14th instant his shop was broken into and the following stolen: A brown-leather kit-bag, size about 22 in., marked B/c/h in ink; two brown-leather Gladstone bags, size 22 in., marked B/e/h; three Gladstone bags, one size 20 in. marked 33/c, two size 18 in. marked B/c/h; a brown-leather Excelsior brief-bag, size 18 in., marked o/a, and a brown-leather brief-bag, size 16 in. marked E/t: total value, £10 10s. 6d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 241.)

MASTERTON.—James McKenzie's gun has been found. Not stolen.

PETONE.—Claremont Wilson Walker, hawker, Molesworth Street, Wellington, reports supposed stolen from the Petone Railway-station, on the 29th ultimo, six inlaid gilt brooches set with imitation emeralds, eight gilt brooches; eight bangles, some set with imitation emeralds; five sets of fancy gilt studs, six plain sleeve-links, four gilt and fourteen bone collar-studs: total value, £4 11s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—John W. Bennett, settler, Masterton, reports stolen from the platform of the railway-station, Maston, on the 22nd ultimo, a brown-leather Gladstone bag, 2ft. by 1 ft., with two straps, "J. W. Bennett" marked on outside, containing a suit of grey clothes, a pair of white-flannel pants, six white shirts, eight white collars; a white singlet, marked B; three pairs of socks, one pair brown, not marked; five white handkerchiefs, marked J.B.; three white-silk handkerchiefs, one marked D; a blue-silk handkerchief; a set of 9-carat studs and links; a Bengal razor, W.F.C.A. on blade; a strop and shaving-stick; a red-leather purse containing two £1 notes, numbers unknown; a promissory note for £3 payable to J. W. McCrae, Masterton; Cassell's Latin Dictionary, Cassell's French Dictionary, Cæsar's Gallic War, Horace's Epistles, Salisbury's French Literature, Flavet's French Composition, Taine's Voyages, Racine's Phedre, Moliere's Bourgeois Gentilhomme, Le Misanthrope, Brachet's French Grammar, Hall's Algebra, Locke's Trigonometry, Hall and Stevens's Euclid, Arnold's Aid to Latin Composition (Russian-leather cover); "J. W. Bennett" written in numerous places on books: total value, £21 8s. 3d. All identifiable except the two £1 notes.

WELLINGTON.—George Fairchild, commercial traveller, reports stolen from off his bicycle at the Drill-shed, on the 16th instant, an acetylene-gas bicycle-lamp, German make, two cracks in the glass somewhat resembling the letter W; value, 15s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Wah Lee, fruiterer, Thorndon Quay, reports that on the 29th ultimo his shop was broken into and the following stolen: Three half-sovereigns, £5 in silver done up in packages of £1 each, a number of threepenny-pieces, and some coppers. Not identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—The Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company report stolen from their goods-shed, on the 25th or 26th ultimo, a 30 lb. box of Derby tobacco consigned by P. Hayman and Co. to F. Walkley, Manukau, ^{FW} on box; value, £8.

MANNERS STREET (WELLINGTON).—William Burnett, draper, reports stolen from his shop-door, on the 27th ultimo, a new fawn-coloured mackintosh coat, brown velvet collar, no seam in back, small slit at each side, two side pockets, a ticket pocket, chain tab, crossed flags on the inside at shoulders, sewn throughout; value, £2 10s.

CLYDE QUAY (WELLINGTON).—Henry St. Clair, Wellington Club, reports stolen from the Foresters' Hall, Tory Street, on the 9th or 10th instant, a blue Melton cloth three-quarter overcoat, a small slit on each side, and a piece of silk let in on each side of the collar; value, £5 5s.