

STRATFORD.—13th instant, from the bedroom of THOMAS LAWLESS, Stratford Hotel, a gentlemen's gold hunting-watch, No. 15777, monogram "T.L." on outside case, "Presented to Mr. Thomas Lawless by J. Hogan Smith and Co., for Long and Faithful Services, March, 1897," engraved on inside of case; a gentlemen's gold Albert watch with bar in centre; a three-cornered rough-quartz pendant; a gold sovereign-case, "T.L." engraved thereon, two dents in case; a gold opal dagger brooch; a gold, diamond, and sapphire straight-bar brooch; and £2 in silver; total value, £35. Entrance effected by the fire-escape. Suspicion attached to two *Mex*, names unknown. First: Age twenty-four, height 5 ft. 7 in., medium build, ruddy complexion, clean-shaved, large nose and mouth; dressed in dark suit and dark-tweed cap. Second: Age thirty, height 5 ft. 8 in., medium build, florid complexion, clean-shaved, brown hair turning grey over the ears; dressed in dark-tweed suit and cap, high collar, gold chain across the vest.

HAWERA.—2nd instant, from outside the Borough Chambers, property of CHRIS ANDERSEN, labourer, a gentlemen's new Rhoda bicycle, No. 112373, steel mudguards, rubber pedals, Empire saddle, Cambridge covers, upturned handle-bars; value, £15. Identifiable. A *Man*, name unknown, was seen to take the bicycle away, age about twenty-six, height about 5 ft. 7 in., medium build, clean-shaved except a small stunted sandy moustache, dark complexion and hair, black hard hat; dressed in dark clothes.

WANGANUI.—15th instant, from the bedroom of DAVID CROMPTON, butcher, a metal open-faced keyless lever watch, No. 341805, "F. Olds" engraved on inside of case, value £1 5s.; a silver curb chain, and a silver sovereign-case ("E.A." engraved on it), value £1 12s. 6d. Identifiable.

FEATHERSTON.—13th or 14th instant, from the paddock of CHARLES RAND, carter, a nearly new white canvas horse-cover, fastened with a buckle and strap in front, "RAND" in black letters on off side; value, £1. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Between the 5th and 7th ultimo, from the Wellesley Club, property of GEORGE ROBISON, schoolmaster, a gentlemen's Champion bicycle, maker Jenkins and Co., roller chain, back-pedalling brake, rubber pedals, steel rims, Brooks saddle; value, £7. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—14th instant, from Luke's Lane, property of THOMAS CAMPBELL, Mein Street, a gentlemen's black-enamelled Singer bicycle, No. 315, wooden rims, back rim has been split, Dunlop tires, 84 gear, racing-saddle, black pump attached; value, £9. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—16th instant, from the dwelling of HARRY JACKSON, Webb Street, a ladies' alligator-skin hand-bag; a gold muff-chain with small links, broken and tied with cotton, a pair of pearl ear-rings, screws at back; a ladies' gold marquise ring set with a ruby surrounded with diamonds, value £35; a ladies' gold ring set with two diamonds and a sapphire; a ladies' gold ring, thick in front, set with a sapphire; a gold cable bangle; a gold bangle set with diamonds and pearls; two gold brooches, "V" in pearls on one and "M" in pearls on the other; a small gold curb bangle; two gold hearts set with pearls and turquoises; and a string of pearls; total value, £100. Identifiable. Breaking and entering.

RAKAIKA.—Between the 20th ultimo and 2nd instant, from the bedroom of CHARLES DAVIS, labourer, a ladies' very small open-faced 9 ct. gold watch, gold dial about the size of a sovereign; value, £1 10s.

WAIKAIKA.—WILLIAM C. TURNBULL AND CO.'S sheep stolen: Some of the sheep have the following earmarks: No. 1, fore bit and back snip out of off ear, fore bit and fork out of tip of near ear; No. 2, fore and back bit and tip off ear, fore bit and fore-quarter out of near ear; No. 3, fore bit and point off ear, two fore bits and back quarter out of near ear; No. 4, fore bit out of off ear and fore bit and point, and back fork out of near ear. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 219.)

TAPANUI.—Between 24th January and 27th March last, from a sheep-farm at Kelso, property of Messrs. ELLIOTT BROS. nineteen half-bred ewes, 6-tooth, branded "J J" under a half-circle in blue on shoulder, and earmarked with fore-quarter out of off ear; eighty-two Romney ewes, mixed ages,

same brand, "D" punched in near ear and point off same ear; one hundred and fifteen Romney lambs, fore-quarter out of off ear for ewes, reversed for wethers; value about £200. Identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—Between 10th January and 13th ultimo, from Wendon Valley, property of GEORGE A. PERKINS, sheep-farmer, seventy sheep, mixed sexes, cross-bred and half-breeds, principally 4-tooth wethers, all branded "4 P"—No. 1 lot earmarked with fork out of off ear, slit in back of near ear; No. 2 lot, slit in back and punch-hole in off ear, slit in near ear; No. 3 lot, slit in back of off ear, fork out of back of near ear; No. 4 lot, slit in back of off ear, two bits out of back of near ear; value, £52 10s. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

JOHNSONVILLE.—JAMES GESTRO'S bicycle has been found. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 218.)

JOHNSONVILLE.—Jim Toa's bicycle has been recovered. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 218.)

PETONE.—MICHAEL COX'S horse has been recovered. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 191.)

SYDNEY.—Joseph G. O'Connor's watch has been recovered. The chain, lockets, and sovereign-case are still missing. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 210.) (08/997.)

ABSCONDING FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

MANAIA.—12th or 13th instant, from licensed service with James Kenyon, farmer, Charles Stapley, age nineteen, height 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in., fresh complexion, full face, stout strong build; dressed in dark-tweed suit. He was licensed out from the Boys' Training Farm, Weraoia.

AUCKLAND.—28th ultimo, from licensed service with Tonson, Garlick, and Co. Auckland, Percy Murphy, age sixteen years, height 5 ft. 8½ in., apprentice, native of New Zealand, straight, well-set-up appearance, dark hair and complexion, dark eyes, large mouth; dressed in dark-tweed suit; his name written on inside of sleeve of coat and on top of trousers, black button-up boots; was licensed from the Costley Training Institution.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

SYDNEY.—Stolen between 2.30 and 7 a.m. on the 8th instant, from a bedroom at the Paragon Hotel, Mudgee, the property of JOHN A. BUCKLAND, Pine Ridge, near Leadville, a gold bangle, six large diamonds set in shield; a gold bangle with two large diamonds at joining; a gold bangle, three bands joined together; a gold enamelled bangle, red, with small white dots; a gentlemen's gold ring with large single diamond, flaw in diamond; a ladies' hoop pearl ring set with small seed-pearls all round; a ladies' dress ring, five diamonds; a ladies' ear-ring, stud-pattern, set with small pearl in centre; a ladies' necklet, flat gold chain, eight pearls in front (one missing); total value, £216. Mr. Buckland has made an offer in writing of £50 reward on conviction. (08/1163.)

NORTH SYDNEY.—A warrant has been issued by the North Sydney Bench for the arrest of Charles Perry, charged with disobeying a Magisterial order for the support of his child (20 18s. due). He is twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, thin build, fair hair and complexion, clean-shaved, blue eyes, rather feminine appearance; dressed in a light-grey sack suit and black hat or straw hat; an ex railway porter. Said to be in New Zealand. Identical with offender same name (vide *Police Gazette*, 1908, pages 70 and 114). (See *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 1908, page 177.)

TAREE.—A warrant has been issued by the Taree Bench for the arrest of Charles Dykes, charged with failing to make adequate provision for the payment of preliminary expenses incidental to and immediately preceding the birth of an infant. He is twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in. high, slight build, fair complexion, fair hair, clean-shaved, blue