

PROPERTY STOLEN.

AUCKLAND.—26th January last, from a vest in Winstone's stable, Symond Street, the property of LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, a gentlemen's silver hunting Waltham watch, No. 13513303; a 9ct. gold curb-fetter-and-oval double watch-chain; and a brass sovereign-case containing three half-sovereigns: total value, £10 5s. Identifiable except money.

AUCKLAND.—31st January last, from 275 Queen Street, the property of EMANUEL GEORGE, a brindle bull bitch about a year old; value, £20. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—6th ultimo, the property of THOMAS EDWARD CALVERT, Dominion Boardinghouse, a Wheatstone English concertina, with "T. Calvert" on inside of keyboard, forty-eight metal keys; value, £10 10s. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—On or about the 18th ultimo W. S. LAURIE AND CO.'S warehouse at 29 Customs Street was broken into, and the following money stolen therefrom: £16 in £1 and 10s. notes, three half-crowns, fourteen two-shilling pieces, thirty-two shilling pieces, six sixpenny-pieces, and two threepenny-pieces: total value, £19 11s. Not identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—5th ultimo, from a motor-car in Theatre Lane, the property of WILLIAM JAMES MALLETT, Hobson Street, a woollen rug, 6 ft. by 5 ft., with grey and brown squares on one side and khaki-coloured waterproof on the other; value, £1 17s. 6d. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 2nd and 18th ultimo, from ALEXANDER BELL'S farm at Helensville, 216 two tooth ewes and 55 two-tooth wethers (mostly Romney Marsh), branded with an A inside a bell-shaped arch on rump, ewes earmarked with a V-shaped piece out of tip of right ear and a V-shaped piece out of top and bottom of left ear, wethers similarly earmarked on opposite ears; total value, £338 15s. Identifiable.

WAIHI.—On or about the 28th ultimo DEVERELL AND CRIMMINS'S office in Seddon Street was broken into, and the following property stolen therefrom: Two cheques for £2 and £4 12s. on the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, drawn by the Defence Department; a cheque for £4 8s., No. 90975, on the National Bank of New Zealand, Waihi, drawn by Waihi Hospital Board; a cheque for £5, No. 99193, on the National Bank of New Zealand, Waihi, drawn by Jacob Tanner; a cheque for £6 on the National Bank of Australasia, Tauranga, drawn by James McCutcheon; a cheque for 19s. 3d., No. Z 90506, on the National Bank of New Zealand, Waihi, drawn by James Walters; a cheque for £5 10s., No. 19665, on the National Bank of New Zealand, Waihi, drawn by Waihi Borough Council—all cheques in favour of Deverell and Crimmings; three £5 notes; three £1 notes; a sovereign; and about 19s. in silver. Cheques only identifiable.

PAHIATUA.—6th instant, from J. D. PIPER'S farm at Surreydale, a dark-bay trotting (pacer) mare, "Makiro Bell," about 14 hands, low set, strong build, white hind feet, carries head low; value, £65. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **John Baxter**, who is referred to in "Absconders from an Industrial School, this issue.

WELLINGTON.—16th ultimo, from the s.s. "Paloona," the property of HAMILTON'S NEW ZEALAND WELDING COMPANY, a set of Beaver ratchet-dies, No. 26 C, 1 in. to 2 in., with "Beaver" stamped on them; value, £6 15s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—On or about the 30th September last, from an oil-launch on the beach between Island Bay and Happy Valley, the property of GEORGE HENRY BAYLIS, West Beach, a manganese-bronze three-blade propeller and shaft; weight, about 45 lb.; value, £20. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to a **Man** (name unknown), age thirty-five, height 5 ft. 7½ in., medium build, sallow complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved.

TARANAKI STREET (WELLINGTON).—JOHN GRANT'S gelding stolen: The suspect, **William McDonald**, has been arrested by the Napier police. His correct name is **Robert Shaw**. (See *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 133, and *Apprehensions*, this issue.)

KAIKOURA.—Between the 29th January last and the 9th ultimo, from ACTON ADAMS'S paddock at the reserve, 300 unshorn merino ewes, mixed ages (mostly full-mouthed), earmarked with a fore-quarter out of right side of right ear, and branded $\frac{c}{c}$ with tar on rump; total value, £525. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—JOHN McLAREN'S dwelling broken into: Suspicion is now attached to a **Man** (name unknown), age about twenty-six, height about 5 ft. 6 in., medium build, brown hair, clean-shaved, scar on right side of chin; dressed in a light-grey sac suit and black-felt hat. (See *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 149.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—19th ultimo, from ALISON SHEARMAN'S dwelling at 146 Canon Street, a ladies' gold keeper ring, with small squares of scroll-work on it; a ladies' gold ring, set with a red sapphire and four diamonds; a ladies' gold band ring, with a square of scroll-work on it; a gentlemen's gold close curb double watch-chain; and a £1 note: total value, £11 15s. Identifiable except money.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On or about the 22nd ultimo CAROLINE JOSEPH'S dwelling in Fendalton Road was broken into, and the following property stolen therefrom: A gold cross pendant, set with an olive in centre and pearls around edge (one pearl missing); a gold bracelet with "Robin, December 23rd, 1913," or "1914," on inside; a ladies' silver neck-chain, with an amethyst drop attached; a pair of solitaire earrings, set with imitation pearls and diamonds; a ladies' rolled-gold hunting-watch with plain figures; a ladies' gun-metal open-face watch, with "B. Peterson, Swiss make," on dial; and 6s. in money: total value, £8 10s. Identifiable except money.

GORE.—On or about the 22nd ultimo, the strongroom of the SOUTHLAND FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (LIMITED) was broken into, and the following property stolen therefrom: Two £5 notes; sixteen £1 notes; £17 8s. in silver; a postal note for £1, No. 928995; a postal note for 15s., No. 949418; a postal note for 1s., No. 540039; and 4s. worth of postal notes: total value, £45 8s. Not identifiable except £1, 15s., and 17s. notes.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

CHRISTCHURCH.—CHARLES PERCY KEEN'S ring has been recovered, and **Doris Margaretta McKenna** charged with the offence. (See *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 133.)

MISSING.

MOUNT COOK.—**James Alfred Steere**, missing: It has been ascertained by the Mount Cook police that this man's correct age is fifty-nine. (See *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 111.)

BLENHEIM.—Since the 23rd ultimo **John McLaughlin**, age sixty-five, height about 5 ft. 8 in., labourer, native of Scotland, slight build, blue eyes, thin face, sunken cheeks, fair beard and moustache turning grey, scar on one wrist; dressed in a dark-tweed sac suit and dark cap, and carries a manuka walking-stick. Fears are entertained for his safety. Inquiry by Percy John Galliers, master, Old People's Home

ABSCONDERS FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

PAHIATUA.—6th instant, from the licensed service of J. D. Piper, farmer, Surreydale, **John Baxter**, age seventeen, height about 5 ft. 6 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, pale freckled complexion, ginger hair; usually dressed in a tweed suit and cap. He was licensed out from Weraroa Industrial School. (See *Property stolen*, this issue.)

LEVIN.—18th ultimo, from Weraroa Training Farm, **David Cowley Flanagan**, age fourteen, height about 5 ft. 3 in., farm labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair and eyes; dressed in dark-tweed shorts, blue coat, fancy leather belt, and black lace-up boots.