

WANGANUI.—28th ultimo on warrant for theft of a pair of blue-serve trousers and jacket, "J. Halstead, Tailor, Auckland," may be on them; a returned soldier's badge; and a sovereign, total value £11, identifiable except sovereign, the property of Cedric Gerald Fearon, labourer, Peter George (name probably fictitious), age about forty, height 5 ft. 7 in., labourer, good build, fresh complexion, light-brown hair. Accused stole the articles from a bedroom in the New Criterion Hotel, where he left his old clothes and disappeared. He is known by the nickname "Peter the Painter." *arrested 19/9/23.*

PALMERSTON NORTH.—23rd ultimo, on warrant for forgery and uttering, A. C. Davis (name probably fictitious), age about twenty-nine, height about 5 ft. 7 in., slight build, fresh complexion, sharp features; dressed in a grey suit, fawn hat, and grey overcoat. Accused forged the signature of — Kyle, plumber, Palmerston North, to a cheque for £10 on the Union Bank of Australia, Palmerston North, and uttered it to Arthur Vivian Oliver, boot-importer, in payment for a pair of Oxford shoes, receiving £7 15s. cash. *arrested 5/12/23.*

PALMERSTON NORTH.—13th May last, for failing to comply with the conditions of his release upon probation (Offenders Probation Act, 1920), Samuel Crawford Rodgers, age forty-five, height 5 ft. 8½ in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair turning grey, blue eyes, Maltese cross on back of left hand, ring on right middle finger, small dot on back of right thumb. (See Police Gazette, 1922, page 701.) *arrested 21/11/23*

PALMERSTON NORTH.—6th ultimo, on warrant of commitment to Wellington Prison for seven days in default of paying £2 3s. fine and costs for indecent language, John Gunn, age thirty-seven, height 5 ft. 7 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, scar on chin. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 502.) *paid 5/12/23.*

WELLINGTON.—Angus Murray Moore, failing to maintain: It has been ascertained by the Wellington police that accused signed on the s.s. "Moeraki" at Wellington on the 9th July last, and deserted the ship at Melbourne, Australia, on the 14th of the same month. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 494.) *arrested 16/9/25.*

WELLINGTON.—8th ultimo, on warrant for forgery and uttering, William Rowe, age about thirty, height 5 ft. 7 in., driver, medium build, dark hair; usually dressed in a dark suit, fawn raincoat, and felt hat. Accused, who was employed by Sydney Marks, baker, 126 Courtenay Place, received from Mrs. F. E. Fitch, in payment of an account, a cheque for £4, to which he forged (as an endorsement) the signature of his employer. He cashed the cheque and disappeared. There is another charge pending.

HOKITIKA.—21st July last, on warrant of commitment to Paparua Prison for one month in default of paying £2 10s. costs for receiving stolen property, Richard Kent Smith, age thirty-eight, height 5 ft. 9½ in., butcher, native of New Zealand, sallow complexion, sharp features, clean-shaved, mole on chest, scar on left side of face and on left arm, woman and clasped hands on left forearm, Crucifix on right arm. *paid 24/9/24. 1-10-24.*

TIMARU.—2nd ultimo, on warrant of commitment to Paparua Prison for two months in default of paying £5 7s. fine and costs for a breach of his prohibition order. Charles Brown, age forty, height 5 ft. 8 in., labourer and farmer, native of England, strong build, sallow complexion, brown hair and eyes, clean-shaved; dressed in a grey dirty suit and black-felt hat. *arrested 23. 4. 24.*

OAMARU.—22nd ultimo, on warrant for failing to comply with the terms of a maintenance order for the support of his illegitimate child, of whom Margaret Hollow is the mother, John Patrick O'Connor, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 6 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, pale complexion, dark hair, blue eyes; usually dressed in a blue suit; wears hat on one side of head. Arrears to 10th May, 1922, £18. (See Police Gazette, 1921, page 107.) *arrested 19/9/23.*

WAITATI.—16th ultimo, for escaping from Seacliff Mental Hospital, George Proudfoot Sligo, age forty-nine, height 5 ft. 5½ in., painter, native of Australia, stout build, fresh complexion, dark hair and moustache; dressed in a light-grey suit, brown-felt hat, and blucher boots. Clothing marked "Private." *no action 28/11/23*

DUNEDIN.—28th ultimo, on warrant for failing to maintain his wife, Florence Violet Painter, Harold Roy Painter, age twenty-eight, height 6 ft. 1 in., mechanic, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes. "N.Z.F. 7/611, Egypt, 1914; Gallipoli, 1915; Palestine, 1916 and 1917," on right forearm; dressed in a blue suit and light-grey hat; smart appearance. *arrested 17/10/23.*

DUNEDIN.—9th February last, on warrant of commitment to Dunedin Prison for six months in default of paying £55 3s. arrears due on a maintenance order for the support of his illegitimate child, of whom Winifred Ogilvie, domestic, Green Island, is the mother, Stanley Johnson, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 6 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, good build, fresh complexion, black hair, dark-brown eyes, straight nose, long features; dressed in a grey suit and cap; frequents dance-halls and billiard-saloons. *arrested 19/12/23.*

DUNEDIN.—21st July last, for indecent assault on a male, Man (name unknown), age about eighteen, height about 5 ft. 8 in., medium build, sallow complexion; dressed in a dark suit, white scarf, black soft-felt hat, and mouse-coloured rainproof overcoat. Accused, near St. Kilda Beach, committed the offence on Gordon Sutherland, schoolboy. No warrant.

APPREHENSIONS, PERSONS FOUND, ETC.

NEWTON.—Gordon John Gemmell, alias Gimmell, false pretences, has been arrested by the Taihape Police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 481.)

AUCKLAND.—Susan May Curtis, missing, has been committed to a mental hospital by the Ponsby Police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 456.)

PAPAKURA.—Charles William Burton, alias Matiner, breach of probation, has been arrested by the Kawakawa police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 311.)

PUKEKOHE.—H. Macknelly, false pretences, has been arrested by the Wellington police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 418.)

PAEROA.—S. E. Dornbush, alias E. C. Cain, false pretences, has been arrested by the Levin police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 482.)

TAUMARUNUI.—Robert Stobie, default of fine and costs, has paid the amount due to the Queen Street Wharf (Auckland) police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 258.)

NAPIER.—James Burnside, breaches of prohibition orders, has been served with summonses by the Hastings police. (See Police Gazette, 1922, page 606.)

HASTINGS.—Walter Raymond Sutherland, alias "Tassy" Sutherland, alias George Williams, and Harold Stevens, alias Stevenson, false pretences, have been arrested by the Palmerston North police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 454.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—James Hourigan, default of fine and costs, has been arrested by the Waihi police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 482.)

MASTERTON.—Thomas Flaws, failing to maintain and false pretences, has been arrested by the Hamilton police. He had assumed the name Thomas Turner. (See Police Gazette, 1922, pages 606 and 665.)