

OAMARU.—Between the 24th and 28th November last, from the dwelling of JOHN MCINTOSH in Arun Street, a 14 ct. rolled-gold large-link chain, about 1 ft. long; a gold band ring, with "J.M.C.L." on it; a £1 note; and some silver: total value, about £7 10s. Chain only identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **William Symons**, age seventeen, height 5 ft. 4 in., slight build, fair hair and complexion, blue eyes.

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WAIMATE.—28th ultimo, from a safe in the bar, the property of EASTER ANNIE STENHOUSE, hotelkeeper, Queen Street, £283, consisting of four £10 notes; five or six £5 notes; £1 notes, 10s. notes, and silver; a cheque for £15 and a cheque for £3 on the Bank of New Zealand, Waimate, drawn by Mr. Ruddenklaw; two cheques (amount not known) on the Union Bank of Australasia, Waimate, drawn by G. McCulloch; a cheque for £15, drawn by Caroline Dairy Company, Timaru, in favour of O'Connell; a cheque for £3, drawn by Taieri Peninsula Dairy Company, Oamaru, in favour of Hainford; a cheque for £2 on the Bank of New Zealand, drawn by J. Lindsay, in favour of Horgan; a cheque for £2, drawn by McBeath; and two cheques for £2 and £14, drawn by the Farmers' Co-operative, one in favour of Neylon. Cheques only identifiable.

WAIMATE.—On the 16th ultimo the office of WAIMATE DAIRY COMPANY (LIMITED) was broken into, and two £1 notes and £2 4s. 3d. in silver stolen therefrom: total value, £4 4s. 3d. Not identifiable.

ALEXANDRA.—On or about the 25th August last, from a room at Galloway Homestead, the property of CASSIMAR JOSEPH SPAIN, sheep-farmer, four bags of rabbit-skins; total value, £56. Not identifiable. Suspicion is attached to—(1) **Edmund Neill Tohill**, age twenty-eight, height 5 ft. 9 in., farmer and rabbitier, native of New Zealand; and (2) **John Tohill**, age thirty-three, height 5 ft. 10½ in., farmer and rabbitier, native of New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—1st ultimo, from King Street, the property of CALDER GROVES, a gentlemen's black-enamelled, 26 in. B.S.A. bicycle, Eadie Coaster hub, upturned handles with black-celluloid grips, Oceanic tire on front wheel, parcel-carrier attached; value, £7. Identifiable.

ST. KILDA.—15th November last, from a right-of-way off Young Street, the property of HUGH GORDON PAUL, letter-carrier, 228 Oxford Street, South Dunedin, a gentlemen's black-enamelled 22 in. bicycle, down-turned handles with black grips, front rim cracked, celluloid mud-guard on front, steel mud-guard on back, Dunlop Railroad tire on front wheel, Michelin tire on back wheel, Eadie Coaster hub; value, £5. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

AUCKLAND.—ALDER FISHER'S camera has been recovered, and **Francis Edward Carson** arrested for the offence by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1919, page 513.)

AUCKLAND.—ARTHUR CLEAVE'S dwelling broken into: **Tu Karawa Pomare**, alias **Tu Pomare**, alias **David Clark**, has been arrested for this offence by the Takapuna police, and the rule recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 704.)

WANGANUI.—JAMES HENRY'S horse stolen: The suspect, **Walter Waddell**, has been located by the Inglewood police. No further action to be taken. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 718.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—WILLIAM RHODES'S bicycle has been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 718.)

MISSING.

MAUNGATUROTO.—Since 2nd November last, **James William Hewitt**, age about sixty-eight, height 5 ft. 5 in., farmer, native of England, sallow complexion, brown hair, moustache, and whiskers; defective sight; eccentric manner.

AUCKLAND.—Since the 7th ultimo, **Henry Pressley**, age about fifty-five, height 5 ft. 7 in., medium build, sallow complexion, grey hair and beard; dressed in a brown suit. Fears are entertained for his safety. Inquiry by the Manager, Salvation Army Home.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

MELBOURNE (VICTORIA).—On the 22nd ultimo the E. S. and A. Bank was defrauded of £3,500 by means of forged correspondence purporting to be signed by the manager of the Sydney office and forwarded to three branches of the above bank in Melbourne authorizing the payment to Henry Charles Russell at each bank of amounts totalling £10,500. One offender called at the Western Branch and was given £3,500, which he placed to his credit in the bank. He immediately drew a cheque for £2,500, which amount he received and disappeared. The following are the descriptions of **Two Men** who were operating the system at Melbourne: (1) Age thirty, height 6 ft., sallow complexion, dark hair and eyes, clean-shaved, longish but small face; well dressed in a blue-grey suit with large faint check, soft white collar, long tie with club colours, and slate-coloured-felt hat; erect gait; and (2) age about forty, height 5 ft. 9 in., strong build, sallow complexion, slightly sunken cheeks, Charlie Chaplin moustache; well dressed in a grey suit and hat, and wore glasses with chain to ear; slightly stooped. The money obtained consisted of twelve £100 notes, twelve £50 notes, sixty £10 notes, and twenty £5 notes. Not identifiable. If the offenders are located or any information is obtained regarding the matter an urgent communication is to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington. (P. 23/1736.)

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Resignations.

- No. 1800. Constable Taylor, David. 30th November, 1923.
 No. 2555. Constable Sproul, Archibald Robert Dennis. 13th December, 1923.
 No. 2395. Constable Diederich, Bernard John. 22nd December, 1923.
 No. 2326. Constable Brydone, Alexander. 24th December, 1923.
 No. 1993. Constable Dromgool, John Charles. 24th December, 1923.
 No. 2351. Constable Schou, Charles Edward. 31st December, 1923.

Retirement on Pension under Section 35, Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908.

- No. 584. Sergeant O'Connell, Patrick Denis. 23rd December, 1923.
 No. 838. Constable Read, Lewis. 25th December, 1923.

Promotions.

(To be Sergeants, from 1st January, 1924.)

- No. 1309. Constable Blake, William.
 No. 1455. Constable Turner, Ernest Henry.
 No. 1479. Constable McCarthy, Andrew.

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Prosecutions under By-laws.

It is noticed that prosecutions are frequently initiated by the police under local by-laws when the offence could as well be dealt with under statute, in which case the fine would go to the Crown instead of the local authority.

Where the police initiate proceedings for an offence that can clearly be dealt with under statute, the prosecution should be taken under the latter, unless there is any special reason for doing otherwise.

A. H. WRIGHT, Commissioner of Police.
 Wellington, 24th December, 1923. (P. 23/1688.)