

WELLINGTON.—Sheldon Payne, ship-desertion, has been arrested by the Thames and Auckland police. His correct name is George Edward Sheldon Payne. (See Police Gazette, 1924, page 3.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles McDonald, failing to maintain, has been arrested by the Christchurch police. (See Police Gazette, 1922, page 728.)

TIMARU.—George Henry Humphreys, alias Gordon, trespass on racecourse, has been served with a summons by the Ashburton police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 312.)

KAITANGATA.—George Edwards, abducting, has been arrested by the Dunedin police. (See Police Gazette, 1923, page 297.)

## PROPERTY STOLEN.

AUCKLAND.—26th ultimo, from clothing at the Parnell Baths, the property of JAMES LESLIE BLACKMORE, clerk, Gore Street, a silver hunting English lever watch, "No. 1873" scratched on inside of back case; a silver Bernstien watch-chain; and a bunch of keys: total value, £10. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 12th and 15th ultimo, from a room at the V.D. Clinic, Hospital Annexe, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Health Department), a two-cell celluloid 6-volt battery in a polished wooden box with a resistance-bar on top, "P.H." and "Dr. Brown" scratched on bottom, leather handle; value, £10. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—On or about the 1st instant, from the dwelling of MARIA BOTTLES, 3 Union Street, a gentlemen's fawn Stetson hat, size 6½; a striped shirt, size 3; two collars, size 15; and a white petticoat; total value, £4 2s. 6d. Identifiable. Also from JOSEPH LANGTON'S dwelling in Huia Road, Otahuhu, a gentlemen's black-enamelled 22 in. Argyle bicycle, No. 99871, reversible handles with black grips, Eadie Coaster hub; value, £12. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to Robert James Brydon, alias James Woodward, age thirty-nine, height 5 ft. 5½ in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, scar on right wrist and on right side of nose. He may be identical with "Waldron," referred to in "Persons wanted," this issue. (See Police Gazette, 1920, page 60, and Photographs, page 13.)

AUCKLAND.—1st instant, from a bedroom at the Imperial Hotel, the property of TONY WELLS, contractor, Whangarei, a £10 note, four £5 notes, two £1 notes, a 10s. note, and 8s in silver; total, £32 18s. Not identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—25th ultimo, the property of WILLIAM STENHOUSE, dentist, 99 Union Street, Freeman's Bay, a dark-leather brief-bag, containing a pair of dental pliers and two sets of old artificial teeth; total value, £2 13s. 6d. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to Two Men (names unknown). Description: (1.) Age about thirty, height about 5 ft. 10 in., slight build, dark sallow complexion; dressed in a dark suit and black soft-felt hat. (2.) Age about thirty-seven, height about 5 ft. 4 in., stout build. Complaint was passing along Union Street to his home when he was knocked down and robbed by suspects.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 1st September and the 28th November last, from an apartment-house at 123 Vauxhall Road, Devonport, the property of ELSIE ATKINSON, a Big Ben alarm-clock, an embossed silver-backed mirror with child on back, two ladies' silver-back hair-brushes, three camisoles, and other articles of underclothing; total value, £13 12s. 6d. Mirror and brushes only identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—On or about the 16th ultimo, while in transit between Wellington and Auckland (per Main Trunk Railway), the property of ANDREW MURRAY BELL, 31 Birdwood Crescent, Parnell, a leather suit-case, containing a navy-blue- serge suit, with "Hunter and Sons" on tab of coat; a brown woollen Sportsman brand Cardigan jacket; two dress-shirts, size 2, laundry number 1211; a pair of gold shield-and-club sleeve-links, "M.B." on shield; three striped shirts; two

suits of pyjamas; a pair of Roslyn underpants, with "A.M.B." on them; two Roslyn singlets; a pair of glace-kid boots, size 7; twelve classic collars; ten York and Opera collars, branded "Poneke, Hope Bros., Wellington"; five pairs of socks; four ties; a light-fawn Borsalino hat, size 6½; ten handkerchiefs, with "A.M.B." on each; and a cotton shirt: total value, £25. Identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—ALBERT BERRY PROUD'S jewellery stolen: One wristlet watch has been recovered and George Warren Hastings, alias Taylor, referred to in Police Gazette, 1923, page 701, arrested for the offence by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1924, page 5.)

AUCKLAND.—Between the 15th and 22nd ultimo, from the Piccadilly Tea-rooms in the Strand Arcade, the property of GEORGE WILLIAM WRIGHT, seven medium-size silver teapots, with "Piccadilly" on each; value, £21. Identifiable.

ROTORUA.—Between the 1st and 30th November last, from a hut at Okere Falls, the property of WHITAKER DENIS FOLEY, engineer, a five-chambered revolver, No. 70267, maker Iver Johnson; value, £1 10s. Identifiable.

KIKIKIHI.—Between the 1st April and the 27th November last, from a farm at Ngaroma, the property of EDWARD TOLLEY, Strand Arcade, Auckland, a kapok double mattress, six pairs of white woollen blankets with blue stripes at ends of each, a pair of white sheets, a quantity of enamelled saucepans and dishes, an oblong E.P. tray, an American alarm-clock, a gallon kettle, a lamp, a quantity of tablecloths and household linen, a wringer, two black-leather horse-collars, two pairs of hames, two pairs of wagon trace-chains, two black-leather bridles with blinkers, two pairs of open bridles with single reins and large ring-bits, a pair of leather driving-reins, an axe, four wedges, and a large grindstone; total value, £47. Mostly identifiable.

RUATOREA.—24th ultimo, the property of MRS. NED KERSHAW, a £10 note, a £5 note, several £1 notes, and a Government cheque for £30, No. 658120, issued on 24th December, 1923, signed "J. Shaw." Cheque only identifiable.

RAURIMU.—Between the 1st February last and 27th ultimo a hut on Waimarino Plains was broken into, and the following articles, the property of the REV. FREDERICK HAMILTON SPENCER, 10 Portland Road, stolen therefrom: Two tents and flies, a spade, two saws, a slasher, two wedges, an axe, two chisels, a jack-plane, a spanner, a wire-strainer, a quantity of nails and screws, two dozen white-handled large and two dozen small table knives, six tablespoons, two dozen dessert-spoons, two dozen teaspoons, two dozen large and two dozen small forks, a dozen tins of milk, a ground-sheet (fawn on one side and check on the other), a Le Roy's dry finish motor-coat, and six cream blankets with coloured borders; total value, £28 12s. 6d. Mostly identifiable.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—27th ultimo, from a motor-car in a garage in Devon Street, the property of FREDERICK ARTHUR WATSON, farmer, Hurford Road, Omato, a fawn-gabardine costume with imitation double sleeves, two large buttons on belt; a white silk-cotton knitted jumper; a pair of fawn-silk stockings; and a pair of fawn-suede shoes, size 4: total value, £14 16s. 6d. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—29th November last, from the Miramar Wharf, the property of ALFRED ARCHER, 171 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, a gentlemen's black-enamelled free-wheel Massey-Harris bicycle, No. 69972, straight handles with one celluloid grip, nickel rims, Dunlop tires; value, £8. Identifiable.

HOKITIKA.—Between the 11th and 12th instant the shop of PETER STEPHENS, tobacconist, in Revel Street was broken into, and the following articles and money stolen therefrom: £62 in notes; a greenstone-and-gold watch-chain; a gold band ring, set with a red stone; a 9 ct. gold fetter-and-three-oval watch-chain; five gentlemen's rolled-gold hunting keyless watches; a rolled-gold expanding wristlet watch; an Eclipse pencil in a gilt case; six fountain pens; two pocket maniere-sets in gilt cases; a ladies' gold hunting English lever watch, with "E. Stant" on back case; a ladies' silver watch, gilt dial, Egyptian figures, green-enamelled band around case; and three boxes of Three Castles cigarettes: total value, £100. Ladies' watches only identifiable.