

STRATFORD.—20th ultimo, from the Defence Hall, the property of PIKO HAWKINS, Waitara Hotel, a gentlemen's double-breasted heavy fawn teddy bear overcoat, "Minster" tag on inside pocket, full belt, vent in back with 2 in. tear at top which has been mended; fit man about 5 ft. 9 in., value, £8. Identifiable.

WAIPIKURAU.—During the night of the 27th ultimo, the shop of YATES CASH STORES, Ruataniwha Street, was broken into and the following stolen: £7 10s. in money; a cheque on the Bank of New South Wales, Palmerston North, for £16, drawn on the estate of J. McCoskery, in favour of Mrs. McCoskery; a cheque for £3 18s. 6d. on the Bank of New South Wales, in favour of Yates Cash Stores, signed H. K. Hutchinson, dated 27/5/39; a cheque for £5, drawn in favour of B. Patterson on account of Hatuma School Committee, No. E.D. 78294, dated 27/5/39; a cheque for 19s. 10d. on the Bank of New Zealand, Hastings, in favour of B. Patterson, on account of Heretaunga Dairy Co., dated 19/5/39 or 20/5/39; a cheque for £4 on the Bank of New Zealand, Waipukurau, No. 756614, payable to "Cash," on account of N. H. Tate, dated 25/5/39; and an open cheque for £1 10s. on the Bank of New Zealand, Waipukurau, No. 757469, on account of A. T. Russell, dated 27/5/1939. The safe was opened by means of explosives, and footprints indicate that **Two Men** were associated in the commission of the offence—one wore shoes or boots with pointed toes and round rubber heels with six-pointed star in centre, size about 8 or 9; the other man wore shoes or boots with blunt toes, size about 8, square heels with rubber tip across back of heel, and toe-plate about 1 in. wide.

PETONE.—25th March last, the property of CECIL FREDERICK MAULE, 5 Market Street, Lower Hutt, a brown leather well-worn kit-bag, 22 in. by 12 in. by 12 in., nickel lock in centre, nickel fastener at each end, containing a Stanley steel smoothing-plane, 11 in. long, "C.F.M." scratched on side; an iron rabbet-plane, 7 in. long, "120" stamped on it; a ratchet screwdriver, 20 in. long, red wooden handle, "Henry Boker" on it; a nickel ball-bearing brace, "Sampson" on it; a brown canvas roll, containing assorted bits, sizes from $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 in.; and a claw hammer; oil-stone; carpenter's apron, &c.: total value, £4 4s. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to **Man** (name unknown), age about twenty-four, height about 5 ft. 8 in., slight build, light-brown hair; wearing a green pullover with V-shaped neck, and a medium brown sports coat. He was seen to remove the property described from the rear carrier of a bus while it was stationary near the Petone railway crossing.

WELLINGTON.—22nd April last, from a cabin on the ship "Dominion Monarch," the property of GEORGE FRANCIS IRWAN, 6 Lucas Road, High Wycombe, Bucks, England, a chromium-plated travelling alarm-clock, 5 in. square, hinged leg support at back; a black Kodak Junior folding camera, size 620 film on which there are six exposures; and a pair of old non-prismatic Zeiss field-glasses with scratches on them, 6 x 30 magnification, separate eye-focus adjusters, contained in black leather case; total value, £20 10s. Identifiable except clock.

WELLINGTON.—25th April last, from a motor-car outside 26 Tinakori Road, the property of GEORGE HENRY ALLINGHAM, a black leather Leica camera, No. 199657, 3.5 lens, four screws on top, range-finder, contained in brown leather case; fourteen metal containers for films; and a leatherette attache-case: total value, £50 17s. 6d. Identifiable except case.

WELLINGTON.—2nd ultimo, from a lobby in the Diocesan Hall, Mulgrave Street, the property of JOSEPH SNELL, Chatsworth Road, Heretaunga, a gentlemen's double-breasted fawn tweed overcoat with slightly deeper herringbone, fully lined with dull brown material, fit man 5 ft. 6 in., six fawn bone buttons, "Made by Doherty, Tailor, Lambton Quay" on tag inside breast pocket; value, £10 10s. Identifiable.

TIMARU.—During the night of 26th April last, from a room in the Pareora Freezing-works Boardinghouse, the property of LEONARD MURRAY, a gentlemen's gold square wristlet-watch, Arabic luminous numerals, luminous hands, made by Griffiths, and purchased in Melbourne, gold expanding bracelet attached; value, £6 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—Between the 13th and 17th April last, from the mantle department of SARGOOD SON, AND EWEN, LTD., High Street, a ladies' dark-brown northern musquash fur coat, self collar of similar material, 42 in. bust, 48 in. long, brown lining, "F. 88" stamped on inside of inside pocket and on skin under lining; value, £35. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—23rd March last, from the Hillside Workshops, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Railways Department), a $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. portable electric drill, Record No. 190, type U 1, made by Vidal England Co.; value, £12. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—24th April last, from a lane leading to the rear of Gourley and Co., Clarke Street, the property of NOEL KEAN, 332 Rattray Street, a five-valve Pilot radio-set, serial No. 82174, Royalty No. C. 1518, model -103X-, dual wave, lightly stained cabinet, mantel model; value, £10. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

AUCKLAND.—FRANCIS SAMUEL WICKMAN'S motorcycle has been recovered at Taupiri. (See Police Gazette, 1939, page 52.)

PUTARURU.—WILLIAM JOHN CLEAVER'S suit has been recovered by the Wellington police, having been left with a dry-cleaning firm by a man who gave the name **J. Hayes**, whose description is identical with **J. Ward**, alias **L. Summers**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1939, page 318, and with that of **Joseph** or **Joe Ward**. (See Police Gazette, 1939, page 286.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—WALTER THIN'S bicycle has been recovered by the Christchurch police, and the offender arrested. (See Police Gazette, 1939, page 352.)

DUNEDIN.—EDWARD ERNEST BEZETT'S bicycle has been recovered by the Dunedin police. (See Police Gazette, 1939, page 320.)

DUNEDIN.—NOEL TYLER RUTH'S bicycle has been recovered at Titiri. (See Police Gazette, 1939, page 352.)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

ROTORUA.—The bicycle described hereunder was found abandoned at Whakarewarewa on the 18th March last, and the owner has not been found: A gentlemen's black, No. 254834, nickel-plated handle-bars, grey Dunlop tires, rubber pedals, Mansfield saddle, white paint on rear mudguard, rusty rims.

claimed 5.7.39

MISSING.

OTOROHANGA.—Since the 8th ultimo, **Muriwaka Takiaho**, age fifteen, labourer, Maori, straight black hair; wearing long dungaree trousers and shoes (no hat). It is desired that he be induced to return home.

located 14/6/39

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Since the 9th ultimo, **Rangi McLean**, alias **Rangi Parapara**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1939, page 179, and Photographs, page 35. He was lost overboard from the launch "Waitamata" about twelve miles out from Urenui, and he was then wearing dark trousers with white stripes, dark shirt, navy-blue sweater, and tan shoes. A lookout is to be kept for the body, which may be washed ashore probably in a northerly direction.

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

DEVONPORT.—19th ultimo, on warrant for deserting from H.M.S. "Achilles," **Alfred Dodds Walton**, age thirty-five, height 5 ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., blacksmith, native of England, strong build, sallow complexion, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, scar on left elbow.

cancelled 14/6/39

DEVONPORT.—20th ultimo, on warrant for deserting from H.M.S. "Achilles," **David George Thomas**, age nineteen, height 5 ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., seaman, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, blue eyes, butterfly on right arm; dressed in fawn trousers and brown sports coat.

arrested 12.7.39

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

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Comments on other Departments.

Members of the Force are directed to refrain from publicly giving expression, either in Court or otherwise, to remarks reflecting on the work or efficiency of any other Government Department. Members are expected to work in co-operation with other Departments, and if they have occasion to draw attention to any defects in administration or to any other matter in connection with another Department which they consider militates against the public interests, they should do so by means of a report through the proper channel and not by statements which may be given publicly in the press.

D. J. CUMMINGS, Commissioner of Police.
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