

A FISHMONGER'S SCALES.

Alleged Theft by Carrier.

Accused Committed for Trial.

Charged before Messrs. Bangs and Fitzsimmons, J'sP., at Prahran Court on Monday, with stealing a pair of Toledo scales valued at £45, a young man named Francis Thomas Rankin was committed for trial.

Ian Rosing, of 238 Toorak road, South Yarra, gave evidence that on the 17th March last, he was in business as a fishmonger at 584 Chapel street, South Yarra. On that night he locked up his shop at 11.15. He returned at eight o'clock next morning, and found the scales had been taken. The door of the shop was still locked, and witness could not find where an entrance had been gained. Accused, who was a carrier, visited the shop daily, and was in possession of a duplicate key. Witness identified the scales produced in court as his property.

Ernest J. Crump, a cloak-room porter at Spencer street station, stated that accused cloaked the scales on the 24th June.

W. J. Page, another cloak room porter at the same station, said accused called for the scales on the 25th June. Witness accosted him and asked where he got the article.

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Detective Greeve said he arrested accused in High street, Malvern, on the 25th of last month. He denied leaving the scales at the station, or that he called for them, but the porters positively identified him as being the man who did so. i

Accused was also committed for trial on a further charge of stealing a tent valued at £12, the property of the Postmaster-General. The tent was stolen from a vacant plot of land in High street, Armadale, on the 11th November, 1920, and was said to have been found in a room occupied by accused in Meryl street, Malvern.
