

## COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

### RECOVERY OF RINGS.

At the Wollongong Police Court on Monday, before Mr. M. J. McMahon, S.M., Robert Davis, alias Robert Mayer, was charged with stealing a diamond ring, a brooch, and pendant, the property of Mrs. Goodridge, of Tattersall's Hotel, Wollongong.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy deposed: About 3 p.m. on the 10th inst, in company with Detective Watkins, I saw the defendant at Newtown Police Station and said to him: "Is your name Robert Mayer?" He replied, "Yes." I said, "You answer the description of a man we have been looking for in connection with a robbery at Tattersall's Hotel, Wollongong, on November 2nd, when jewellery to the value of £155 was stolen. Were you at Wollongong on that day?" He replied, "Yes, I was there." I said, "Did you go upstairs and use the telephone?" He replied, "Yes, I rang up Mr. Dean." I said, "Were you wearing a blazer coat at the time?" He replied "Yes." I said "It is alleged that whilst you were upstairs you took the jewellery." He said, "What will happen to me if I tell you about it?" I said, "I can't make you any promise." He said, "I will tell you all about it. On that day there were races at Wollongong, and at night I was on the platform of the Wollongong station when two men came up to me and one of them said, "Have

up to me and one of them said, "Have I not seen you before?" I replied, "I don't know." The same man said, "Have you got a pawn shop in Sydney?" I replied, "No." The man said, "Here is some jewellery; will you pawn it for me?" We all went to Sydney the following morning, and I pawned the jewellery at a pawn shop. I got £31, and kept £8 and gave the balance to the two men."

Continuing, the witness said: We went with defendant to 183 Newtown, and went into Mr. Maurice Sleeman's pawnshop and he handed us the jewellery produced, and pointed to defendant and said: "That is the man that pawned the jewellery." We then returned to the Newtown Police Station, where I said to defendant: "I can hardly believe your statement about the two men giving you the jewellery." Defendant replied, "I will have to put up with it; I knew it was stolen. I have been very worried, and was going to give myself up." Defendant was then charged with the present offence.

Mrs. Goodridge identified the jewellery in Court as her property. On the day in question she left it in a cabin trunk in her bedroom, and was called away and left the keys in the trunk. After tea she went upstairs and missed the keys and the key of the safe from the ring. Also noticed that the covering on the trunk had been disarranged and on investigating found that a jewel case, which contained some jewellery, was empty. She valued the jewellery in Court at £150.

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Mary Ilma Keating, a waitress employed at Tattersall's Hotel, deposed that about 5 p.m. on the day the jewellery was missing the defendant asked to be allowed to use the telephone, which is upstairs on the landing. Upon receiving permission he went upstairs.

The defendant reserved his defence, and was committed for trial to the Wollongong Quarter Sessions on February 19th, 1924.

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