

“IT’S A FINE FIT”

OVERCOAT AND SHIRTS STOLEN

SWEDISH FIREMAN SENT TO GAOL.

Two charges of larceny were preferred against a young Swedish fireman, Franz Svenson, who appeared before Mr. J. H. Sinclair, S.M., in the Port Adelaide Police Court yesterday. As the defendant could not speak English the services of Detective Segerlin as interpreter were requisitioned. Sub-Inspector Bennett conducted both prosecutions.

In the first case Svenson was charged with having on July 15 stolen an overcoat, valued at £2, the property of Michael Thomas Quirke.

Evidence was given by a witness who saw Svenson enter Quirke's shop in Commercial road early on Wednesday afternoon, and come out with the overcoat produced. He informed Quirke, who went after the accused.

Quirke told the court that when he questioned Svenson about taking the coat he overheard accused's companion say, "It is a fine fit." Witness followed the two men into Nile street, when they started to run. He gave chase, and subsequently caught Svenson, who said that he bought the coat. "Where?" asked the witness; but the accused replied, "What has that got to do with you?" Witness requested the accused to accompany him to the Police Station. Svenson resisted, and endeavored to throw the witness on the ground, but the latter overpowered the man and gave him in charge to Senior-Constable McMahon, who took the prisoner to the lockup.

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Accused, who elected to be summarily dealt with, pleaded guilty. He had nothing to say.

"Apparently you can talk English, although you made out to this court that you could not," remarked Mr. Sinclair. "This is a wanton theft, for which you'll take three months' imprisonment."

The other charge was one of having stolen two shirts and a pair of boots, valued at 25/, the property of Boris Soans. Svenson and Soans were room mates at a Port Adelaide boarding house, and on Wednesday the latter missed the goods, which were recovered next day at a secondhand dealer's shop. The crime was sheeted home to Svenson, who admitted having taken the shirt, but not the boots. For this offence he was also awarded three months in gaol.
