

in Mackay-street, Greymouth, a meerschaum pipe, nearly new, crooked stem, clouded amber mouthpiece cracked on upper part; the property of James Kirton, Bank of New South Wales, Greymouth: the pipe was abstracted through an open window from off a table on which it was lying.

On the morning of the 12th ult. the rigging of the schooner "Jane Ann" lying at Hokitika wharf was wilfully cut nearly through: a man named William Thomas, a seaman on board the "William and Julia" states that he saw a man on board the schooner with a large knife in his hand, that he went to have a look at him but the man ran away; but from the character of Thomas, his contradictory statement and expressions he has made use of, he is suspected of doing the injury: he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, 36 years old; dark complexion, dark brown hair, no whiskers, tuft on chin; medium build. Well known in Hokitika and Dunedin.

STOLEN, between 1 and 8 a.m. of the 6th ult. from a dwelling in Tancred street, Hokitika, four £5 Bank of New Zealand notes, one of the notes identifiable by some writing on the back, and three half-sovereigns; the property of Henry E. Yates. A man named William Cuming, who lives in the same house, is suspected, from a half-sovereign being found under his bed, which he could not account for, and his behaviour afterwards. He is about 36 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, stout build; sandy hair and whiskers; a printer by trade. Still in Hokitika.

STOLEN, between 1 and 7 a.m. of the 7th ult. from the dwelling of Charles Pierson, printer, Tancred-street, Hokitika, six £1 notes and about 50s. in silver. Cumming, described above, is also suspected for this offence.

STOLEN, between 8 and 12 p.m. of the 24th ult. from the person of Johnstone Burn, while in a state of intoxication, the sum of £31, consisting of three £5 notes, the remainder £1 notes; all of the Union Bank of Australia. A man known by the name of "Geordie Mick," who had been in his company, is suspected: he is an Englishman, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, stout build; dark moustache, tuft on chin, turning grey, clean shaved on face; dressed in black and white crimean shirt, moleskin trousers, and black billycock hat. Still in Greymouth.

STOLEN, between 11 p.m. of the 29th and 10 a.m. of the 31st ult. from a horse that had been left tied to a gate on the Ferry-road, a second-hand pigskin saddle, tree broken, a small piece torn out of the back part of the seat; two girths, one white the other grey with white thread down the centre; plain silver-plated stirrups and snaffle bridle, branded G. Holmes: the property of Geo. Holmes, Esq., Heathcote Valley.

Inquests.

An Inquest was held at Hokitika on the 5th ult. before S. Beswick, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Henry Taylor, aged 42 years, station holder, who was accidentally drowned in the Wainui Creek. Verdict—Accidentally drowned.

An Inquest was held at Ross on the 21st ult. before S. Beswick, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Adolph

Sorgenfray, miner, aged 26 years, who was killed by a fall of earth while working in a drive. Verdict accordingly.

An Inquest was held at Kaiapoi on the 31st ult. before C. Dudley, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Herman Heirmann, farmer, aged 25 years, who died from the effects of a gunshot wound in the head. Verdict—Deceased shot himself with a gun during a fit of temporary insanity.

An Inquest was held at Hokitika on the 26th ult. before S. Beswick, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Robert Russell, groom, aged 49 years, who was killed by a kick from a horse. Verdict—Accidental death, caused by a kick from a horse on the abdomen, rupturing the intestines.

An Inquest was held at Christchurch on the 28th ult. before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Thomas Boyle, drill-instructor, aged 35 years, who was found dead in a drain. Verdict—Accidentally drowned.

An Inquest was held at Kanieri on the 9th ult. before S. Beswick, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Robert Plunkitt, miner, aged 27 years, who died suddenly of disease of the heart. Verdict accordingly.

An Inquest was held at Stafford Town on the 5th ult. before S. Beswick, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Alexander Riddle, miner, aged 40 years, who was killed by a tree falling upon him. Verdict accordingly.

Miscellaneous Information.

Extract from Auckland Police Gazette, Oct. 1, 1867, No. 26, p. 157.

INFORMATION is requested respecting one William Kinloch, who left his wife privily about 18 months ago. Nothing was heard of him until about three weeks since when he was seen in Auckland. He, however, remained for only two or three days, having proceeded to Hokitika, where it is said he is keeping a public house. Description of Kinloch: age about 42 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, florid complexion, sandy hair, slight whiskers, stout build, an iron and brass founder by trade.

A WARRANT has been issued by the Greymouth Bench for the apprehension of one Frank Smith, for the non-payment of a penalty of £2 inflicted in the Resident Magistrate's Court. He is an Englishman, 30 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high, slight build, light brown hair, sandy beard and moustache, beard short and grizzly, blue eyes, full face, a very haggard appearance. Dressed when leaving Greymouth in grey sac coat, dark trousers, and black billycock hat. Supposed to have gone to Westport or some of the diggings in the Nelson Province.

ABOUT 11.30 p.m. of the 24th ultimo an attempt was made to set fire to the schoolhouse attached to St. Luke's Church, Manchester-street, Christchurch, by placing a quantity of combustible matter, consisting of tuft of dry grass, some small sticks, and some canvas rags, in the gutter running between the double roof where it smouldered for some time before bursting into a flame. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done.