

STOLEN, from the dwelling of William Zouch, Moeraki Downs, at 7 p.m. on the 13th ultimo, a pair of youth's lace-up boots, fancy fronts, size seven, value 18s. Identifiable. Thomas Cross, English, 24 years, 5ft. 7in., fair complexion, small slight whiskers and moustache, long thin beard worn Yankee fashion, a labourer, still at Moeraki Downs, is suspected.

STOLEN, from Porter's Pass, on the 6th ultimo, a light bay draught mare, blaze down face, long tail, white hind feet, branded S off shoulder. Identifiable; the property of Richard McKay.

STOLEN, from the dwelling of Richard Parish, Shand's Track, Prebbleton, on the 6th ultimo, a small brown morocco leather writing desk, opens like a book, containing a few old receipts, and a marriage certificate of Richard Parish and Caroline Blunden, at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, England, on the 2nd January, 1868. Value of desk 30s; identifiable.

STOLEN, from the dwelling of James Green, Lyttelton, about 8 p.m. on the 22nd ultimo, a black cloth frock coat, nearly new, two side pockets, one button at top, value £2; identifiable. A man, name unknown, about 40 years of age, 6 feet, long sandy whiskers and moustache, slight build, very dirty-looking, dirty tweed trousers and vest, black billycock hat, was supplied with food, and allowed to lie down to rest in Green's house, and decamped with the coat, leaving his own in its place.

A man, name unknown, described as 50 years of age, 5ft. 5in., medium build, light brown hair turning grey, fair whiskers mixed with grey, shaved on chin, wore moustache, dressed in dark sac coat, dark trousers with blue stripes, light felt hat, and having a red handkerchief with white spots, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with indecently exposing his person to Edith J. Blake, Armagh Street, at 3 p.m. on the 9th March last. Identifiable.

WILLIAM MURPHY is charged with deserting from H.M.S. *Dido*, at Auckland, on the 10th March last. Capt. Chapman offers £3 reward and expenses for his apprehension. Description:—A.B., 30 years, 5ft. 6in., dark hair and eyes, black whiskers, beard and moustache, round-shouldered, stoops slightly, bow-legged, tattooed, marks unknown, deep sunken eyes, high cheek bones, strong Irish accent.

JAMES BROWN, English, about 34 years, 5ft. 10in., stout build, fair hair and complexion, Yankee beard, dressed in blue sac coat, and moleskin trousers, light-colored hat, water-tight boots, a labourer, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with using obscene language in a public place.

THOMAS BENNETT CRESSY, native of London, a butcher, 40 years, 5ft. 6 or 7in., fair hair, whiskers, and moustache, medium build, grey eyes, long straight nose, very talkative, and fond of drink, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with deserting his wife Sarah Ann Cressy, at Christchurch, on the 17th December, 1874. Offender is supposed to be at Greymouth.

— BANFILL, a Frenchman, about 35 years of age, about 5ft. 6in., slight build, dark hair, whiskers, and moustache, dressed in dark coat, grey tweed trousers, black billycock hat, no swag, carried a parcel tied up in a handkerchief, is charged on warrant from Westland, with being of unsound mind. Banfill left his home at Totara, near Ross, taking with him a double-barrelled gun, on the 5th ultimo, supposed to be making for Christchurch.

THOMAS B. LEIGHTON, English, 39 years, 5ft. 10in., slight build, fair complexion, fair whiskers, beard and moustache, two or three front teeth missing, lump on back of head near crown, smart active appearance, formerly a grocer in Christchurch, dressed in a blue ribbed coat, tweed trousers and vest, billycock hat, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with deserting his wife and family. Offender was supposed to have arrived in Auckland from Wanganui, per s.s. *St. Kilda*, on the 10th ultimo, and to be trying to leave the Colony.

HENRY LEE, English, 38 years, 5ft. 4 or 5in., medium build, dark complexion, shaved on chin, cheeks, and upper lip, black hair, coarse flabby features, formerly a fruit hawker in Christchurch, very fond of drink, and frequenting public houses, dressed in black sac coat, light tweed trousers and vest, billycock hat, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with deserting his wife and four children.

THOMAS SIMPSON, English, 30 years, 5ft. 9in., medium build, fresh complexion, sandy hair, whiskers, and moustache, whiskers worn all round, generally dressed in blue coat, light tweed trousers and vest, black billycock hat, a labourer, sometimes works as rough carpenter on railways &c., is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with larceny as a bailee.

### Missing Friends.

INQUIRY is made for the whereabouts of William O'Shea, 30 years, native of Limerick, Ireland, a seaman, who shipped on board the *John Knox*, at Sydney, on the 24th June, 1873, and proceeded to Lyttelton, since when he has not been heard of by any of his friends. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.