

Mount Thomas and Loburn plains, is suspected.

STOLEN at Kakahu road, near Temuka, between the 13th and 27th ult., 29 sheets of galvanised iron, Gospel Oak brand, 6ft. sheets, value £8 10s., the property of Samuel Brenaley. Identification doubtful.

Stolen from the Prince of Wales hotel, Christchurch, between 2.30 and 4 p.m. 8th instant, two red crimean shirts with black spots, some paper sewn on the tails of the shirts with price 12s. 6d. marked on them; one pair black cloth trowsers and vest, waistband of trowsers and left side of vest marked with initials R. J. E. B.; and one black silk scarf, similarly marked, the property of R. J. E. Baxter, value £3 2s. 9d. Identifiable.

STOLEN from the room of a house being built in Barbadoes street, Christchurch, during the night of the 3rd instant, three 7-inch door locks, one draw-lock, eight pairs 3-inch butt hinges, one pair of 4-inch ditto; nine sets window hinges, one cast-iron floor cramp, one brass door handle, three brass keys, and one brass handle, scutcheons, not identifiable, the property of Joseph Brunt. John Lee, a carpenter well known in Christchurch, and still here, is suspected.

STOLEN from the Devonshire Arms Hotel, on the 2nd instant, a brown double-breasted overcoat, black velvet collar, two side pockets, and ticket pocket, value, about 25s., the property of James Mooran. Identification doubtful. A man supposed to have gone to Timaru, about 25 years of age, 5ft. 10in., stout built, clean shaved, wore a suit of light tweed clothes, is suspected.

STOLEN from Porter's Pass on the 5th March last, a light bay draught mare, blaze down face, hind feet white, long tail, off hock capped, branded **S** near shoulder, the property of Robert McKay. Identifiable.

STOLEN from the shop of James Young, watchmaker, Waimate, during the night of the 5th instant, one set greenstone brooch and earring value £5, one greenstone brooch value £2 15s., one greenstone brooch value £2 2s., one gold locket large size value £2 10s., one gold brooch value £2 6s., one pair earrings, dark coloured stone in each, value £2 5s., one pair plain earrings value £1 15s., three English gold lockets value £4, three pairs Colonial gold earrings value £3 5s., five ladies' dress rings English gold, 9 carat, value £4 10s. Show glass 12 by 9 inches, value £1. Total £31 9s. Identifiable.

THE undermentioned seamen are charged on warrant filed in the Commissioner's office with deserting from the ship "Cicero" in Lyttelton Harbour during the night of the 2nd instant. Captain Raymond offers £2 2s. each for their apprehension. Symonds, English, 20 years of age, 5ft. 5 or 6in., fair complexion, pale face, no whiskers,

beard or moustache. J. Williams, English, 24 years of age, 5ft. 7 or 8in., fresh complexion, dark hair and moustache. W. McDonald, Scotch, 24 years of age, 5ft. 8in., dark complexion, dark moustache and imperial; all dressed in sailors' clothes. They took the ship's boat which has not yet been recovered.

JOHN DALTON, farm labourer, native of Yorkshire, England, 22 years of age, 5ft. 8 or 9in., stout build, dark hair, long face, fair complexion, fair whiskers and beard, small fair moustache, slouching gait, fond of talking to children, dressed in light tweed suit, is charged on a warrant filed in the Commissioner's office, with neglecting to provide for his illegitimate child of which Eliza Page, of Springston, is the mother.

WILLIAM SELWYN, English, labourer, 29 or 30 years of age, 5ft. 6 or 7in., stout build, very dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, ruddy complexion, dark blue eyes, generally dressed in dark clothes, is charged on warrant filed in the Commissioner's office, with neglecting to provide the support of his illegitimate child of which Ellen Niven is mother. Offender is supposed to have gone to Auckland.

THE undermentioned men are charged with deserting from H. M. ships "Dido" and "Rosario," at Auckland, on the 2nd instant. Captain Chapman offers a reward of £3 for each man. Thomas Delicate, blacksmith, 30 years, 5ft. 10in., pale complexion, light hair, whiskers, beard, and moustache, sharp features. Peter Wattey, caulker, H. M. S. "Rosario," 5ft. 10in., brown hair, dark complexion, short dark whiskers, beard and moustache, scar on left wrist. They are supposed to have come South.

A WARRANT of commitment for want of distress, against William Robinson, English, about 26 years, 5ft. 7in., slight build, fair complexion, sandy hair, whiskers, beard, and moustache, smart appearance, dressed in brown tweed suit, and black billycock hat, is filed in the Commissioner's office. Offender, who violently assaulted Thomas Dorn, barman at the City Hotel, on the 18th May last, is supposed to have gone North.

SOMETIME between the 20th and 22nd ultimo, a small freestone figure of the Virgin Mary was removed from the grave of James Hannon's child in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Christchurch. Mrs. Maloney, the sexton's wife, is suspected of having done it out of spite.

SOMETIME between 6 p.m. on the 3rd and 10 p.m. on the 4th instant, a blacksmith's bellows valued at £2 10s., the property of James Ernest, Temuka, was cut on both sides so as to render it almost useless.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette* No. 11, 1875, page 83, the saddle belonging to Samuel Needham therein described as stolen has