

Hawke's Bay, a keg of staples; the property of Robert E. Stevens; value £1 10s. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 13th or 14th instant, from the Railway Station, Dunedin, a black oblong wooden box, 2 feet long by 1 foot broad and deep, containing a nearly new organ accordeon or small harmonium, made of black ebony, three octaves of keys, the last of which is broken, a brown leather strap attached to box, value £4; a biscuit tin containing coffee, cocoa, tea, jam, candles, &c., value 7s. 6d.; and a brown-paper parcel containing a nearly new pair of elastic-side boots and a pair of lace-up boots, value 15s; the property of Richard J. Matthews. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 8th instant, from off a horse at Matawhere, Poverty Bay, a saddle with cowhide seat and pigskin flaps, low knee-pads, extra strong gullet-piece, good nickel stirrups, value £6; a bridle with chain-bit, and a nearly-new Spanish martingale with breastplate; the property of Theodore Green. Saddle identifiable; identification of bridle and breastplate doubtful.

STOLEN on the 11th or 12th instant, from the garden of C. D. Moore, at Winton, a jar, broken at the top, containing about 20 lb. of butter, value 15s.; a ladies' night-dress, value 4s.; and a white shirt, value 5s. Jar only identifiable.

STOLEN on the 11th or 12th instant, from the clothes-line of F. R. White, at Winton, a white knitted woollen shawl, with fringe, value £1 6s.; a white shawl, with pink border, value £1; two red woollen magenta shirts, with button-holes on both sides of front, buttons sewn over holes on one side, value 16s. each; and a white flannel undershirt, value 4s. All identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 11th instant, from the clothes-line of John Gora Allen, High Street, Timaru, a calico sheet, marked "A. M. Allen" with ink; a twill sheet, not marked; and a small counterpane, marked A.M.A.; value £1 2s. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 15th instant, from the piggery of Frederick Perrean, at Foxton, a white female sucking-pig, three weeks old; value 10s. Identifiable.

### Horse- and Cattle-Stealing.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 209.)

STEALING sheep from Downsland Farm, Canterbury, the property of Thomas Blair: It is now thought that the sheep died during the winter, or strayed among the flocks of neighbouring settlers.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 198.)

THE mare, the property of A. R. Hay, reported stolen from St. Ronan's, Halfway Bush, Southland, has been recovered.

SUPPOSED stolen on the 9th ultimo, from Invercargill, a bay horse, six or seven years old, nuggety build, star on forehead, branded  $\cup$  on near shoulder; value £16. Had on a canvas cover, lined with druggat, value £1 5s.; the property of James Donnelly. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 30th ultimo, from a paddock at Ashburton, a dark-brown mare, hack breed, 15½ hands high, star on forehead, scar on off fore fetlock, unbranded, newly shod, the property of Townley Filgate Culbert; value £10. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 28th ultimo, from a paddock at Upper Ashburton, a black gelding, hack breed, aged, about 15 hands high, slit in off ear, branded CM on near shoulder; the property of Frank Lowe; value £6. Identifiable.

SUPPOSED stolen on the 25th or 26th ultimo, from Campbelltown, Manawatu, a piebald gelding, light draught breed, about four years old, branded like Tk conjoined on off shoulder, white legs; a black mare, hack breed, aged, about 14½ hands high, diamond brand on near shoulder, white snip on nose, hollow-backed; and a dark-brown gelding, hack breed, aged, about 15 hands high, star on forehead, unbranded; the property of Francis Loudon; value £25. Identifiable.

SUPPOSED stolen about the 20th ultimo, from a paddock near Wanganui, a bay horse, aged, black points, a little white on off hind heel, long tail, branded WL on near shoulder, unshod; the property of Daniel Gunn; value £16. Identifiable.

SUPPOSED stolen on the 13th instant, from Kaeo, Whangaroa, Auckland, a very light grey saddle-horse, about six

years old, about 15 hands high, branded H on near shoulder; white wavy mane, shod; the property of Thomas Devenport; value £16. Identifiable.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 198.)

JAMES TOLLINS is now charged on warrant of commitment to Wanganui Gaol, as the gaol at Patea has been closed.

ROBERT OWEN is charged, on warrant issued by the Timaru Bench, with deserting his wife and three children at Timaru since the 10th instant. Description: English, a labourer and sailor, twenty-eight years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, dark hair beard whiskers and moustache; dressed in pepper-and-salt-coloured coat and vest, white moleskin trousers, and old white soft-felt hat; fond of drink. It is believed that he will endeavour to ship as a seaman, with the intention of leaving the colony.

STEPHEN HUTCHISON is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with deserting his wife at Dunedin since about the 8th instant. Description: English, a gas-engineer, fifty-five years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, stout build, very florid complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved except small brown moustache; usually wears black-cloth coat, white vest, and white tall hat. It is supposed he will endeavour to leave the colony for England.

GEORGE HOWARD is charged, on warrant issued by the Helensville Bench, with threatening to stab John Graham with a gum-spear at South Head, Kaipara, on the 27th of October last. Description: A gum-digger and fisherman, thirty years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, thin sallow features, beard on chin, cheeks shaved.

ISAAC ARMSTRONG is charged, on warrant of commitment to gaol for two months' labour, issued by the Ashburton Bench, in default of paying £10 fine, and £1 6s. 6d. costs, for illegally trespassing in pursuit of game. Description: English, a blacksmith, thirty-one years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches high, fair complexion, light-brown hair and eyes broad nose, and large mouth. He was sentenced at Rakaia on the 9th February last to two months' labour for unlawfully wounding. See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 74. He may have gone to Kumara.

JAMES STEWART is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with deserting his wife, at Shag Valley, near Palmerston South, since the 5th ultimo. Description: A native of Ireland, a labourer, about thirty-two years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stout build, fair complexion and hair, full fair beard and moustache. He left the employment of a Mr. Munroe, at Inch Valley, on the 5th ultimo, saying that he was going to the Christchurch Cattle-show.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 209.)

FRANCIS LEAN, charged on warrant with deserting his wife and two children, it is said was rabbiting in the Wetherburn District about ten weeks ago.

HARRY, *alias* Henry, Lloyd is charged, on warrant issued by the Invercargill Bench, with having on the 11th instant, at Waikiwi, near Invercargill, assaulted William Brookland. Description: A native of Tasmania, a labourer and bushman, twenty-two years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes, clean-shaved except small fair moustache, burn marks on forehead and left temple, large lump on back of right wrist. See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 115. He was summoned for the offence, but he did not appear. He left Waikiwi on the 19th instant, supposed for Tasmania or Tapanui.

### Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

ALEXANDER DEANS is charged with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Raven," at Sydney, on the 21st ultimo. Description: A native of Pollockshaws, Scotland, a stoker, thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches high, fair complexion, brown hair, and blue eyes. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest, in addition to £5 reward offered by the Colonial Government.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 165.)

FREDERICK BULL, charged with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Miranda," at Sydney, has been arrested by Constable Patrick Leahy Harnett, Johnsonville Police.

### Deserters from Merchant Vessels.

WILLIAM WALSH is charged with deserting from the ship "Taranaki," at Port Chalmers, during the night of the 12th