

of coloured-moleskin trousers with brown stripe, size 5, value 9s. 6d.; a pair of tweed trousers, dark-check pattern, value 17s. 6d.; a blue-serge coat and trousers, size 5, value £1 15s.; a pair of tweed trousers, dark fancy stripe, value 10s. 6d.; a boys' Kaiapoi-tweed coat, value 10s.; a pair of white ribbed lambs'-wool drawers, value 6s. 6d.; a shetland Mosgiel undershirt, value 7s. 6d.; and two flannel undershirts, value 12s. 6d.; Kaiapoi Woollen Factory tickets with price and number thereon attached to the coats and trousers, the other articles have attached plain-white tickets with cost-price in private letters and selling-price in plain figures thereon. Identifiable by tickets.

STOLEN on the 9th ultimo, from the railway-platform, Kawakawa, a case of kerosene-oil, marked "Arnold, Hines, and Co., New York," and addressed "A. Heslop;" the property of Alexander Heslop; value 16s.

STOLEN on the morning of the 26th ultimo, from off a horse at Newmarket, Auckland District, a colonial-made saddle with small rusty stirrup-irons and dirty white girth; the property of Arthur Bray; value £2. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 31st ultimo, from Bradford Street, Parnell, Auckland, a spade with black greasy handle; the property of Pearson Gardiner; value 6s. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, about 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, medium build; wore light-grey-tweed suit and soft grey-felt hat. Identifiable. He was seen carrying a spade in the direction of St. George's Bay.

STOLEN between the 2nd and 6th instant, from an out-house at Pipeitea, Wellington, a buffalo rug, about 8ft. by 7ft., with ears, &c., intact, tail recently cut off, holes about 1in. in diameter round edges, about three years in wear; the property of William Ebdon; value about £4. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 31st ultimo or 1st instant, from the yard of David Rumney, Devon Street, New Plymouth, a sheepskin, 8ft. long and 2ft. wide, dyed marone colour; value 6s. Identifiable.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

SUPPOSED stolen about the 3rd September last, from Tauranga, a chestnut hack-mare, in foal, aged, about 13½ hands high, blaze half-way down face, hind fetlocks white, a lump about the size of an egg on back-bone under crupper D, no visible brand; the property of George Thomas Davoren; value £4. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 205.)

STEALING horses at Wyndham, the property of Messrs. Carswell, White, and Co.: One of the bay horses died and was not stolen. The other is five years old, a little white on one of hind fetlocks, a white stripe about 3in. long extending from nose upwards, star on forehead, large body; value £12. The horse branded TW is nine years old, heavy hairy legs, hind legs white very high up, large blaze down face, some grey hairs on sides; value about £8. The mare is value £7. Malcolm McDonald, who was suspected of stealing the horses, has returned to Wyndham. The bay horse was sold at Dunedin on the 22nd ultimo by John Meikle, of Tukurau; the brand was altered from CL to O E. Meikle says he bought the horse from John Scott, who is suspected of stealing the horses on the road between Wyndham and Mataura about six weeks ago. Scott has left Wyndham, and it is not known where he has gone to. Diligent inquiry should be made for him, and when found he should be asked if he sold the horse to Meikle as alleged, and, if so, how he became possessed of the animal, and how branded when sold to Meikle. These particulars, when obtained, to be at once telegraphed to the Inspector of Police, Invercargill.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 171.)

THE mare, the property of George Devonport, reported stolen from a paddock at Putiki, has been recovered; not stolen.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 205.)

THE mare, the property of R. E. Morrison, supposed stolen from a paddock at Christchurch, has been recovered; not stolen.

STOLEN between the 24th August last and the 26th ultimo, at Tukurau, Southland District, fifty-four sheep, branded A over black line in red on rump, and seven with fire-brand on nose, two notches in ears; the property of the New Zealand Mortgage Investment Association; value 8s. each. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 26th ultimo, from Eketahuna, a light-draught chestnut gelding, four years old, 15½ hands high,

white face, the white nearly reaching to near eye, a scratch from barbed wire on off shoulder, one hind shoe on, unbranded; the property of N. Lund; value £15. Identifiable.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 172.)

JAMES REID, charged on warrant of commitment to gaol for seven days' labour in default of paying £3 fine and costs for cruelty to a horse, has paid the amount.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, pages 62 and 71.)

EDWARD JOHN IVEY, charged on warrant with deserting his wife and two children, has been arrested by Constable David Burnett, Mosgiel Police, and remanded to Timaru.

JEREMIAH DALY is charged on warrant of commitment to gaol for three days' labour, issued by the Dunedin Bench, in default of paying 5s. fine and 7s. costs for malicious injury to property. Description: Irish, a labourer, about twenty-seven years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, dark hair, clean-shaved except small side whiskers and moustache, broad Irish accent; dressed in dark-tweed suit and black soft felt hat. His brother recently kept the National Hotel, Dunedin. He is supposed to have gone up country in search of employment.

JOHN SMITH is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with disobeying an order to pay £1 per week towards the support of his three children, at Wellington, since the 28th ultimo. Description: Irish, a labourer, forty-two years of age, 5ft. 10½in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, blue eyes, dark-brown hair, full beard whiskers and moustache clipped rather short; usually wears dirty brown-tweed sac-suit and soft black-felt hat. The sum of £1 was due on the 5th instant.

WILLIAM GOODISON is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with deserting his wife and child, at Auckland, since the 30th May last. Description: A native of America, a horse- and cattle-dealer, forty-two years of age, 5ft. 11½in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, hazel eyes, light-brown hair, long full fair beard whiskers and moustache, smart active erect appearance; usually wears blue-serge sac-suit and hard black-felt hat; frequents billiard-rooms. Supposed gone to Napier or Palmerston North. (See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 160.)

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

WALTER C. HODGSON, George Brown, Henry Benjeyfield, and Charles Lyon are charged on warrants with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson," at Auckland, on the 5th January, 1886; and Frederick O'Neill is charged on warrant with deserting from the same ship, at Wellington, on the 20th of the same month. Description: Hodgson is a native of Essex, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, fresh complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, American crest on right forearm. Brown is a native of Stratford, England, eighteen years of age, 5ft. 1in. high, ruddy complexion, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes. Benjeyfield is a native of Somerset, England, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, anchor tattooed on left arm. Lyon is a native of Surrey, eighteen years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, dark complexion, black hair and dark eyes, CL tattooed on right arm and T on left arm. O'Neill is a native of Boston, Lincolnshire, an ordinary-seaman, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, fair complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes, clasped hands tattooed on back of right hand. A reward of £3 each is offered for their arrest, in addition to £5 reward offered by the Colonial Government. The Government desires special exertions to be made towards effecting the arrest of these men.

GEORGE MATHIAS is charged on warrant with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson," at Auckland, on the 15th February last, and George Hemming is also charged on warrant with deserting from the same ship, at Wellington, on the 2nd March last. Description: Mathias is a native of Bermondsey, England, eighteen or nineteen years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, fresh complexion, blue eyes, and auburn hair, scar on bridge of nose. Hemming is a native of Worcester, England, an ordinary-seaman, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 2½in. high, ruddy complexion, grey eyes, and dark-brown hair. A reward of £3 each is offered for their arrest, in addition to £5 reward offered by the Colonial Government.

JOHN MILLER is charged with deserting, on the 28th July last, from Her Majesty's ship "Diamond." Description: A native of Newport, Buckingham, boy first class, eighteen years of age, 5ft. 0½in. high, fair complexion, brown eyes, and dark-brown hair. The place at which he deserted is not stated. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest, in addition to £5 reward offered by the Colonial Government.