

WELLINGTON.—F. W. Lang, Esq., M.H.R., reports stolen from the lavatory at the House of Representatives, on the 15th instant, a dark-blue ribbed-tweed Inverness waterproof coat, green-plaid lining, an Auckland maker's name on collar, strapped on all inside seams with strips of mackintosh, collar rather large, side-pockets with flaps, spare collar-strap fixed with two buttons on inside of breast, the upper of the two buttons of flap behind has been torn off; value, £4.

"MAHINAPUA" S.S., AT WELLINGTON.—Arthur Daly, passenger, reports stolen from his cabin, on the 20th or 21st instant, a silver hunting-watch, supposed Geneva, number unknown, "A.D., Nov., '91," scratched on outside shield, and "R. Krehagan" on inside case; black-bead chain attached: value, £3. Complainant's address is, care of Mrs. Rowell, Halifax Street, Nelson.

"MAHINAPUA" S.S., AT WELLINGTON.—Joseph P. Gilgour reports stolen from the cabin, on the 21st instant, a small patent-leather bag, with nickel-plated fittings, containing two shirts, a towel, and some mechanical books; value, £1 10s. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, about twenty-six years of age, about 5ft. 10in. high, stout build, clean-shaven except small moustache. Complainant's address is, care of B. Garnham, Blenheim.

NELSON.—Johanna Jackson, Wakefield Quay, reports stolen from off a clothes-line, on the 20th instant, five and a half pairs of boys' black-ribbed worsted stockings, marked LJ in red wool.

BLENHEIM.—C. Large, flour-miller, at Mrs. Redwood's, Spring Creek, reports stolen from the mill, on the 17th instant, a silver Waltham hunting-watch, No. 1248386; value, £4.

DUNEDIN.—Thomas Harty, commission agent, reports stolen from an outhouse in Princes Street, between the 3rd and 10th instant, ten venetian blinds (corrugated tin, painted brown)—viz., two 7ft. by 3ft. 2½in., four 7ft. 8½in. by 1ft. 4½in., and four 7ft. 8½in. by 2ft. 10½in.: value, £8 10s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—John Winton, Ravensbourne, reports stolen from his boat, on the 22nd or 23rd instant, an ordinary fishing-net, 70 yards long, 100 meshes deep, each mesh 2½in., made of Italian twine; value, £7 10s.

WINTON.—John C. Shearer, storekeeper, Drummond, reports stolen from the railway-shed, Winton, between the 21st and 28th ultimo, three bags of potatoes, value £1 3s.; bags marked 2 in black paint.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

WELLINGTON.—Richard Morgan is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his father. Description: A native of the colony, a labourer, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, fair complexion, brown hair, grey eyes. (See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 146.) He was £4 8s. in arrears on the 2nd July last.

INVERCARGILL.—Colin Clark is charged on warrant with deserting his wife since January last. Description: Scotch, a labourer, fifty-one years of age, 5ft. 11½in. high, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, broad nose, scar on right wrist and under left eye; very much addicted to drink. (See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 131.) Will probably seek employment on a station. Complainant, Catherine Clark, Wright's Bush, near Invercargill.

TEKURA.—Tom Davis is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife Mary since the 19th instant. Description: English, a farmer and skin-dealer, forty-two years of age, about 5ft. 7in. high, dark-brown hair beard whiskers and moustache turning grey, drooped and very round shoulders, medium build, fresh complexion, speaks rather loud, fond of drink; dressed in a black-worsted coat, grey-tweed trousers and vest, and soft black-felt hat. Supposed to have about £100 with him. He went south on the above date, and will probably endeavour to leave the colony. Photograph at Inspector's office, Christchurch. Complainant and her eight children are left totally destitute, and dependent on charitable aid.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, pages 79 and 88.)

WAIMATE (CANTERBURY).—William Beasley, charged with deserting his wife and children, was seen between Waimate and Timaru on the 20th instant, going north, on foot. He was wearing a blue-serge suit, hard black hat, and elastic-side boots; and had a swag covered with a light-coloured quilt.

Absconding from Industrial School.

PETER VICKERY, licensed from the Burnham Industrial School, absconded from the service of George Morgan, dairy-farmer, Graham Valley, near Akaroa, on the 21st instant. Description: About fifteen years and a half old, small for age, slender build, fairish complexion, hazel eyes, pointed nose; dressed in a dark-tweed suit, grey-tweed cap, and lace-up boots. Committed from Christchurch, and is known to Mrs. Holm, Richmond Store, Stanmore Road, in that city. To be returned to the school.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Rapid," at Auckland.

On 4th October, 1894.

JOSEPH CANT, A.B., English, twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 4½in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, nose bent to the left. Had a considerable amount of mess-money with him.

On 14th October, 1894.

CHARLES J. WALKER, A.B., a native of Plymouth, England, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, dark hair and complexion, hazel eyes, scar on right shin.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of each, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

From H.M.S. "Royalist," at Auckland.

On 26th October, 1894.

ALBERT JAMES FARR, A.B., English, twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, light-brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, spot tattooed on back of left hand. This man was arrested on the 15th instant by Constable M. O'Brien, Helensville police, for deserting from the "Wallaroo" (see *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 119), was put on board the "Royalist," and has again deserted. No reward is now offered for his arrest.

From H.M.S. "Mildura," at Sydney.

On 2nd October, 1894.

ARTHUR LAYHE, ordinary seaman, born at Rainhill, Lancashire, twenty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, light-brown hair, light-blue eyes, fresh complexion. £3 reward for arrest.

From H.M.S. "Orlando," at Sydney.

On 4th October, 1894.

FREDERICK JAMES BRICE, private, Royal Marines, twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 10½in. high, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, sallow complexion. £3 reward for arrest.

From H.M.S. "Katoomba," at Port Adelaide.

On 3rd October, 1894.

WILFRED CLARENCE GRAY ROTHSCHILD, A.B., twenty-two years of age, born at Detroit, U.S.A., 5ft. 5½in. high, light hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, scar over right eye. A reward not exceeding £3 is offered for his arrest.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 157.)

THOMAS EDWARD ELLIOTT, deserter from "Mildura," at Sydney, has been arrested by the Launceston (Tasmania) police.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 157.)

CULVERDEN.—Stealing John Rogers's cob: Henry James is charged on warrant with this offence. Description: English or colonial, twenty-six to thirty years of age, 5ft. 5in. or 6in. high, slight build, fair hair, small moustache and whiskers, clear complexion, prominent Roman nose; dressed in a dark-tweed suit, and large soft brown-felt hat; had the appearance of a shoemaker or saddler; carried a small bag-swap, and blue blanket. Offender sold the animal, on the 23rd ultimo, to James Johnston, at Clarence Bridge, and left there on the same day, saying he was going to Lyttelton by steamer from Kaikoura. He is further charged with the theft of a saddle and bridle (recovered) from E. Idle's Jollie's Pass Hotel, on the 17th ultimo.

CHRISTCHURCH.—George Talbot, Opawa, reports stolen from Diamond Harbour, near Lyttelton, between the 1st and 30th ultimo, two four-toothed wethers, one having six legs, the other only three; both have been branded with a diamond in red paint, but may now be indistinct; value, £12. May have been shipped to some of the neighbouring colonies for exhibition.