

NASEBY.—George Adess, care of Anthony Adess, Walker Street, Dunedin, reports stolen from McCarthy's boarding-house, Naseby, on the 9th instant, £2 12s. in cash, and a gold nugget scarf-pin, value £1. The sums of 12s. 6d. and £1 belonging to other boarders were also stolen at the same time. Spielers suspected.

KUMARA.—Miss Naomi Hulbert Billett, school-teacher, Westbrook, reports that, between the 19th December last and 4th instant, her dwelling was broken into, and a ladies' silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 73361, chased case, value £3, stolen. Suspicion is attached to Christopher Curtain, a youth of vagrant disposition, whose parents reside at Westbrook. Description: About seventeen years of age, about 5ft. 4in. high, fair complexion, slightly freckled; dressed in a light-grey suit, and light-felt hat. Supposed to have gone towards Canterbury.

DENNISTON.—James Emerson reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 5th or 6th instant, a brown-leather pocket-book, containing four £1 notes and a gold nugget, value £5 10s. Nugget identifiable by the quartz in it, and general appearance. Suspicion attached to James Ferguson, living at Denniston.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Basil Hewitt, Ngaruawahia, reports stolen from the Auckland Railway-station, on the 11th instant, a light-brown Gladstone bag, marked BDH, containing a grey-tweed coat and vest, made by Westolig and Co., Strand, London; a pair of white-flannel trousers, pair of cotton ditto, a white-cotton coat, pair of tan-boots, pair of slippers, a suit of pyjamas, red-leather writing-case, four small brooches in a cardboard box; a pair of opera-glasses, makers Negretti and Zambra; ties, gloves, &c.; value, £15.

ONEHUNGA.—The Onehunga Woollen Company report stolen from their factory, during the night of the 6th instant, a cutting of ten and a half reversible rugs, greasy and unfinished, pattern a black ground with grey and yellow crossed stripes, about 1in. wide, on one side, and white and grey diamonds, with red and black bars, about ½in. wide, on the other side; value, £12 10s.

GISBORNE.—Philip Winfred Lange, Kaiti, reports stolen from a shed, on the 10th or 11th instant, a gentlemen's saddle, colonial made, both knee-pads and stuffing on off-side close to the seat have been patched, stirrup-leathers spliced near the centre, iron stirrups; value, £3. Suspicion attached to Donald Ross, colonial, twenty-two years of age, about 5ft. 8in. high, medium build, fair hair, small moustache only. Well known in the district.

OPUNAKE.—Walter Read reports stolen from a shed, during the night of the 1st instant, an old bullock-hide saddle, left knee-pad torn, leather girth, old rusty irons; and an old single-reined bridle with nickel-plated bit; value, £1.

METHVEN.—James Henry Stone, storekeeper, reports that on the 30th or 31st ultimo his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A dark-tweed sac suit, size 7; two dark-check tweed sac suits, size 5; two black-worsted coats and vests, sizes 5 and 6; two pairs of dark-blue moleskin trousers, two blue-duck jackets, three pairs of grey saddle-tweed trousers, two pairs of brownish-tweed trousers and vests; a silver lever hunting-watch, No. 7522; two nickel watches (one secondhand, with "W. Goring" scratched on case); a Manhattan watch; and some tobacco, cigarettes, &c.; total value, £22 14s. 6d. Suspicion is attached to Joseph Clarkson (*alias* Kelly), Richard Deelan Mulcahy, and two men, names unknown. Clarkson is a native of Tasmania, a labourer, thirty-two years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, sallow complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, large nose (see *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 20). Mulcahy, Irish, a labourer, thirty-three years of age, 5ft. 8½in. high, dark complexion, black hair, grey eyes, large nose (see *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 189). One of the men unknown is supposed identical with Thomas Keating, wanted for default of fine (*vide Police Gazette*, 1894, page 70); and the other is twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 4in. or 5in. high, medium build, dark hair and complexion, black moustache only. Mulcahy has gone to Ashburton, and the others, who are working near Methven, are believed to have hidden the property, intending to take it away after harvesting.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 3.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Miss Nellie Hibbert's watch and chain have been found on board the s.s. "Penguin."

"WAKATIPU," s.s. (LYTTELTON).—James Hall, steward, reports stolen from his cabin, on the 9th or 10th instant, a gold scarf-pin, set with a white stone; two cream-coloured flowered silk handkerchiefs, one may be stamped "Hall"; two linen ditto, one marked "James Hall"; four silk neckties, one blue-corded, the others cream-coloured; a dark-blue satin bow, with white spots; a small scent-bottle; and about £1 9s. in silver: total value, £3.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 19.)

RAKAIA.—Richard Daniels, *alias* Drew, charged on warrant with stealing fat, the property of Richard David Petrie, has been arrested by Chief Detective M. O'Connor, Dunedin police, and remanded to Rakaia.

DUNEDIN.—Culberth Warburton, watchmaker, Kensington, reports that on the 6th or 7th instant his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 1946, CW scratched on outside of case, value £2 10s.; and three small metal compasses, Maltese cross shape, value, 7s. 6d.

DUNEDIN.—John William Roberts, North-east Valley, reports stolen from his store, between the 28th ultimo and 5th instant, about 15lb. of Harlequin tobacco, value £4; and 17s. 3d. in silver and coppers.

DUNEDIN.—James Alexander Young, engraver, St. Clair, reports stolen from the Public Baths, Ravensbourne, on the 9th or 10th instant, a gold collar-stud; a gold breast ditto, with rosette and leaf engraved thereon; and a pair of gold sleeve-links, dumb-bell and ball pattern; value £1 10s.

TAPANUI.—A man, name unknown, is charged with having, on the 5th or 6th instant, stolen from Jacob Bellamy's stable a waterproof overcoat, value £2, since recovered. Offender is supposed Irish, a labourer, thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, stout build, rather full face, brown hair and moustache, small growth on chin; dressed in a dark-tweed suit, and light-tweed hat. He sold the coat at Waipahi on the last above-mentioned date, and said he had walked from Gore *en route* for Dunedin.

WESTPORT.—Manson E. Gardner, Charleston, reports stolen from a store at Westport, between the 24th and 28th ultimo, a box, marked GS over C, containing about 23lb. of tobacco; value, £6.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

MASTERTON.—Morgan O'Meara is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of the Court, made on the 27th July, 1894, to pay £1 per week towards the support of his wife and three children. Description: A native of Tasmania, a painter, about thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 10½in. high, medium build, very fair complexion, fair hair beard whiskers and moustache, blue eyes, medium nose, scar at back of head, long cut on third and fourth left fingers; usually wears a dark-cloth suit, and hard black-felt hat. (See also *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 193.) He will probably endeavour to leave the colony.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Robert Hamilton is charged on warrant to apprehend with deserting his child Ronald, aged four years, Description: Irish, a stonemason, fifty-seven years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, fair complexion, very dark hair turning grey, sandy beard whiskers and moustache; usually wears a serge sac coat, light trousers, and cloth hat; carries a stick. Offender engaged with Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, of St. Albans, to keep the child at 8s. per week, but is about £10 in arrears. He left for Wellington on the 25th ultimo.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 11.)

QUEENSTOWN.—Albin Green, charged with wife-desertion, has written from Honolulu, stating he will not return for three or four years.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 53.)

TASMANIA.—Walter Robert Sherrin, charged with deserting his illegitimate child, has been arrested by the Melbourne C.I. Police, and remanded to Hobart. (*Vide Victoria Police Gazette*, 1895, page 33.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 19.)

PUKEKOHE.—The warrant for the arrest of David Wright charged with disobeying an order for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, has been cancelled.