

INVERCARGILL.—John Downing is charged on warrant with failing to maintain his illegitimate child by Mary McKernan, dressmaker, Bluff. Description: English, a fireman or labourer, about thirty-five years of age, stoutish build, fair to sallow complexion, dark-brown hair, light-brown beard whiskers and moustache (beard and whiskers usually trimmed short), sometimes shaves chin, partly bald, scar on forehead (supposed above right eye); usually wears a brown-tweed suit and fore-and-aft tweed cap. It is supposed that he is employed as a fireman on some steamer.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 191, and 1895, page 22.)

INVERCARGILL.—The warrant charging Robert Coneys with refusing to support his illegitimate child has been cancelled.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

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

On 17th September, 1895.

JOHN S. WILES, signalman, English, eighteen years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, fair complexion, brown hair, and blue eyes. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

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

On 16th September, 1895.

THOMAS CARROLL, ordinary seaman, nineteen years of age, native of Bristol, England, 5ft. 1½in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, sallow complexion, tattoo spots on left arm. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

WARKWORTH.—John Enkelman, Upper Waiwera, reports stolen, on the 12th or 13th ultimo, a milch-cow, five years old, white, with brown spots on neck and shoulders, short thick horns, the point and a piece underneath cut off left ear; unbranded; value, £3 15s.

HAMILTON (WAIKATO).—Alexander Thompson reports stolen, on the 18th July last, a mouse-coloured hack gelding, aged, white hairs through coat, grey stripe running over rump to butt of tail, legs very much puffed above pasterns, front teeth worn to gums, about 14 hands 3in. high, stout build, good cut of a stock horse, branded like T over G on one shoulder; an old saddle with pigskin seat, knee-pads recovered about twelve months ago, stitched across back of seat, and a common single-reined bridle; value, £5. Suspicion attached to William Fabey, also known as "Billy the Sailor," about twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, fair complexion, auburn hair and moustache only, active gait. He was last heard of at Katikati, Bay of Plenty, and spoke of going to Whakatane.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—William Eyton, farmer, reports stolen from a paddock at Hokowhitu, between the 4th and 19th ultimo, a bay mare, black points, fifteen hands high; branded M on near shoulder; small white star on forehead; value, £20.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 140.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Young man, name unknown, charged with having stolen a mare, saddle, and bridle, the property of Jabez Lukey. Edward Willis has been committed for trial for this offence. He sold the stolen property to Alfred Bee, at Kaikoura, on the 5th August last, and it has since been recovered.

FAIRLIE.—Stolen, about the end of August last, from the Levels Estate, Timaru, about two hundred three-quarter-bred two-tooth ewes, in lamb, branded HL (conjoined) in red on off side; tip off and slit in off ear; the property of the New Zealand Land Company; value, £120. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—William Bambery, Musselburgh, reports stolen, on the 3rd or 4th instant, a white spring-cart horse, aged, sixteen hands high, branded V on near shoulder, shod on forefeet only; value, £12.

REEFTON.—John McMaster reports stolen, on the 25th ultimo, a milch-cow, about nine years old, light-dun colour, hair much darker along backbone, a large white patch on one side, and two smaller white spots on other side, star on forehead; value, £6.

Missing Friends.

CHARLES WILLIAM JOHNSTONE is inquired for by the Auckland police at the instance of G. W. Ormsby, of Okoroire. He is described as a carpenter, 5ft. 10in. high, has no hair on his face, and wears a wig, age not stated. He left Okoroire about sixteen months ago, destination unknown, and his son, about twelve years old, is in Mr. Ormsby's charge.

PATRICK SHEEHAN is inquired for through the Dunedin police with the view of compelling him to support his mother, residing in Dowling Street. Description: A native of Cork, Ireland, a labourer, thirty years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, medium build, fair complexion, clean-shaved except moustache. He left Dunedin in December last to seek employment.

Miscellaneous Information.

Services dispensed with.

CONSTABLE ARTHUR HENRY NORMAN, No 606.

Dismissal.

CONSTABLE ANDREW MCKNIGHT, No. 63.

Station formed.

PAHI, Auckland and Waikato District. (95/945.)

Station closed.

TAIRUA, Auckland and Waikato District. (95/1230.)

Rewards.

CONSTABLE F. BEATTIE, No. 243, Paeroa police, has been awarded £1 from the Reward Fund for special services rendered in the arrest and conviction of William Wedston, *alias* McNab, sentenced to two years' labour for theft. (95/1295.)

CONSTABLE THOMAS PRICE, No. 685, Wellington police, has been awarded £1 for arresting a straggler from H.M.S. "Ringarooma." (95/886.)

Extracts from New Zealand Gazette.

(From *Gazette*, 1895, pages 1460 and 1527.)

Officers under "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884," Waitaki-Waimate District, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 1st October, 1895.

IT is hereby notified that, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred by section 9 of "The Fisheries Conservation Act, 1884,"

Constable FRANK STANLEY PARKER and

Constable PATRICK GOUGH

have been appointed officers for the purposes of that Act within the Waitaki-Waimate Acclimatisation District, consisting of the Counties of Waitaki and Waimate.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts, District of Waitaki-Waimate, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 2nd October, 1895.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable FRANK STANLEY PARKER and

Constable PATRICK GOUGH

to be Rangers under the Animals Protection Acts for the District of Waitaki-Waimate.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

Extract from New South Wales Police Gazette.

(From *Gazette*, 1895, page 340.)

BREWARRINA.—A warrant has been issued by the Brewarrina Bench for the arrest of a man named Armstrong, *alias* Bishop, charged with fraudulently obtaining the sum of £18 from John N. Plowman, of Beemery, near Brewarrina, on the 16th instant. Description: About twenty-two years of age, 6ft. high, slim build, knock-kneed, slovenly appearance, very small light moustache, dark complexion, cheeks slightly flushed; dressed in blue-dungaree trousers, coloured shirt, and dark-felt hat; carrying a small swag with leather hold-all inside. Supposed to have gone to Sydney *en route* to New Zealand.