

### Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Elizabeth Kissling, Burleigh Street, reports stolen from the Opera-house, on the 22nd instant, a small pair of opera-glasses, bound with black Russian leather, front edges gilt with gold, in a dark leather case with small strap attached, "J. R. Connell" stamped on inside of case, and probably "J. R. C." on plate in front of glasses; value, £5. Identifiable.

KIKIKIHI.—William George Kay, farmer, Parawera, reports stolen from a workshop, on the 11th or 12th instant, a colonial-made saddle, pigskin seat, nearly new, maker's name "McNaught," stamped in Roman letters on outside of flaps, straps for surcingle on the latter, leather roller-girth, holes in stirrup-leathers numbered, white-metal stirrups; value, £4 10s. Maoris suspected.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—John Drury, coachman at Oliver Samuel's, reports stolen from an outhouse, on the 5th or 6th instant, a dark-brown tweed sac-coat, square pattern, large and small pocket on right side, two large pockets on left side; a vest of same material; an old dark tweed vest, torn at back; a small brown notebook; a white silk handkerchief with brown border, stained with fruit, and an old soft grey-felt hat with blue cord; value, £1 4s. Also, the property of Oliver Samuel, a hanging looking-glass, 18in. by 12in., a comb, and set of shoe-brushes; value, 12s. 6d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 162.)

DANEVIRKE.—Theft of James McNaughton's clothes: George Lund has been arrested for this offence by Constable T. Drake, and remanded. Stolen property recovered.

WELLINGTON.—Frank Oakley, tailor, Lambton Quay, reports stolen from his shop, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a pair of new black-worsted trousers, full size, "Cook and Oakley" on buttons; and a vest of the same material, bound with black tracing-braid; value, £2 15s.

WELLINGTON.—Walter Coath, clerk, Bank of New Zealand, reports stolen from the National Insurance Buildings, on the 11th instant, a bicycle; value, £20 (since recovered). It was pledged for £6 at Zachariah's pawn-office by a man who gave the name of S. Philson (probably fictitious), who is described as about twenty-five years of age, about 5ft. 5in. high, stoutish build, dark complexion, dark moustache only; dressed in a dark tweed suit, and hard black-felt hat. Can be identified.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 147.)

WELLINGTON.—The articles stolen from Halley and Ewing's factory have been found in the yard, where they had evidently been placed by the thief.

LYTTELTON.—Charles Milward, master, s.s. "Otarama," reports stolen from the vessel, on the 13th instant, a 5-gallon tin of dark-red paint, tin marked "Holzappel's International Composition No. 2 Paint"; value, £7.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

WELLINGTON.—James McLean is charged on warrant of arrest, issued on the 24th instant, with failing to provide for the support of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of the colony, twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, dark complexion, grey eyes, clean-shaved except slight dark moustache; has been employed building bridges, wharves, or similar structures, is a prominent footballer, and was one of the last Wellington representatives. Has a sister (Mrs. Flay) at Makuri, and a brother (Neill McLean), a bushman, in the Auckland District. Complainant, Hannah Mason, care of Robert Mason, cab-proprietor, Cuba Street.

WELLINGTON.—Francis Clark Miller is charged on warrant of commitment to the Terrace Gaol for one month for disobeying an order of Court to pay £1 per week for the support of his three children. Description: A native of New South Wales, a printer, forty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, stoutish build, fresh complexion, brown hair, clean shaved except fair moustache; fond of drink; takes a prominent part in labour matters. He was £5 in arrears on the 18th ultimo. Complainant, James Sharpe, Petone.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 114.)

OAMARU.—Arthur James Ferris (not "Ferris"), charged with failing to make future provision for Georgina Clarke. This warrant has been cancelled at complainant's request.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 81.)

DUNEDIN.—John Swan, jun., charged with disobeying an order of Court. This warrant has been cancelled.

### Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

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

On 15th September, 1895.

JOHN S. WILES, signalman, eighteen years of age, born at Stoke, Newington, London, 5ft. 4in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion.

On 7th October, 1895.

JULIUS S. DORIA, S.D., twenty-six years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, dark hair, brown eyes, sallow complexion.

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

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

On 8th October, 1895.

WILLIAM HENRY BOWDEN, ordinary seaman, English, twenty years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. £3 reward for arrest.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, pages 81, 87, and 93.)

MICHAEL WALSH, deserter from H.M.S. "Rapid," has been arrested by Constable W. M. Jones, Auckland police, and placed on board the "Goldfinch."

### Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

CAMBRIDGE (WAIKATO).—Stolen from the grounds of the Oddfellows' Hall, on the 16th instant, a black gelding, aged, 15 hands high, white face and legs, old scar on face, branded like HE (conjoined) on one shoulder, value £5; the property of Charles Arnold: an old colonial-made saddle, large size, torn about cantle, new stirrup-leathers, old rusty irons, value £1 10s.; the property of William Perkins: a single-reined bridle with nickel-silver bit and horseshoe-shaped buckles, value 10s.; the property of James Dean: and a bay gelding (since recovered), a medium-sized saddle with hogskin seat and knee-pads (the latter small), imitation hogskin flaps, leather girth, nickel-silver stirrup-irons, value £2 10s.; and a single-reined bridle, without choke-strap, value 5s.; the property of Ben Garland. Suspicion attached to two men, names unknown, supposed to be spicers. Description: First, between thirty-five and forty years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, stout build, fair complexion, small fair side-whiskers, shaved on chin; dressed in a dark coat, light vest and trousers, and hard hat. Second, between thirty and thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark moustache only, flesh-mark on one cheek; wore a dark suit and hard hat.

MATAKOKE (AUCKLAND).—Joseph Ovens reports stolen, between the 1st and 17th ultimo, four fat bullocks, four years old, square bit out of the back of near ear, branded Q on near rump, two of them red with white heads, no description given of the others; value, £24.

MATAKOKE (AUCKLAND).—Richard Smith reports stolen, since June last, about one hundred four-toothed half-bred wethers, A out of back of right ears, not branded; value, £62. Maoris suspected.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Michael Ryan is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 12th August, 1895, of a racing-mare, value £200, the property of James Gordon, cab-proprietor, Sydney. Offender is Irish, about thirty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair turning grey, clean-shaved except brown moustache, squint in one eye, flat feet, a horse trainer. He leased the mare from complainant, and sold it to Andrew Robertson, of Palmerston North, who has now possession of it.

DUNEDIN.—James Morris Wilson, poundkeeper, North Dunedin, reports that, on the 2nd ultimo, the pound was broken into, and a light-coloured chestnut mare (riding hack) about fifteen years old, about fifteen hands high, one fore-leg swollen, stolen. The padlock and chain were also taken.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 163.)

DUNEDIN.—William Bambery's horse has been found.

GORE.—George M. Bell reports stolen at Stoney Creek, between the 1st and 26th ultimo, ten hoggets, mixed sexes, brand like a bell on black, ear-marked (diamond), ewes on near ear, wethers on off ear; value, 6s. each.

### Missing Friends.

JOHN McDOWELL is inquired for by the Mosgiel police on behalf of his wife and family, who are in indigent circumstances. Description: A native of Greenock, Scotland, a labourer and cook, about forty years of age, about 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, dark hair beard whiskers and mou-