

CAMBRIDGE (WAIKATO).—Robert Cowley, farmer, Tamahere, reports that on the 31st ultimo or 1st instant his dwelling was broken into, and a blue ribbed cloth suit, size about 7, value £3 10s., stolen.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 30.)

UPPER HUTT.—Theft from John Millar Southee's dwelling, of a watch, chain, and medal: A warrant was issued for the arrest of the suspect, John Keefe, referred to in the above-quoted notice.

HAVELOCK (MARLBOROUGH).—Dr. Robert Hoadley reports stolen from him, in the Commercial Hotel, on the 7th or 8th ultimo, a gold Waterbury watch, nearly new; a gold chain, large curb links, each stamped "18-carat," swivel stamped "9-carat"; and a fancy gold pendant with coloured stone on each side: value, £17.

CHARLESTON.—The agent of the Public Trustee reports that, between the 5th and 14th ultimo, an unoccupied dwelling, known as Thompson's, and under his charge, was broken into, and the following stolen: Twelve pairs of children's plain elastic-side boots, small sizes; four dozen half-pint mugs, fancy patterns; a plain dark-tweed coat and trousers, size 5 or 6; and a case of toys and crockery: value, about £3 5s. Identification doubtful.

WYNDHAM.—William Goldie, labourer, reports stolen from the shearer's sleeping-room at Ota Creek, near Edendale, between the 22nd and 26th ultimo, a new black oilskin coat, double-breasted, maker Spratt, Invercargill, leather binding all round, "W. G." on inside of one breast, and "W. Goldie" inside the other, value 15s.; a sovereign, three £1 notes; and a magnifying-glass, value £1 5s. Suspicion is attached to two men: First, James Stewart, a sailor, about twenty-two years of age, about 5ft. 5in. high, stout build, red face, small moustache only; second, Ralph Matthews, a native of Invercargill, about twenty years of age, tall, no whiskers. Complainant's address is, "Care of Mrs. Goldie, Ritchie Street, East Invercargill."

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

"MANAPOURI," s.s.—Mark Sanders, passenger, reports stolen from his berth, between Napier and Auckland, on the 29th or 30th ultimo, a silver lever hunting-watch, makers Stewart Dawson and Co., number unknown, MS on case, value £4 10s.; a silver chain, long links and small rings alternately, value 17s. 6d.; and about £1 5s. in money. Suspicion attached to John Hyams, a well-known spili, who booked at Gisborne under the name of Glover. Description: About forty years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, reddish-brown beard whiskers and moustache trimmed short; wore a black coat and vest, striped trousers, and soft-felt hat. He is now in Auckland.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 46.)

AUCKLAND.—Stanley Milroy's dog has been found.

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MERCER.—Billy Monday, alias Charles Murray, charged with the theft of John McAnalley's saddle and bridle (recovered), has been arrested by Constable T. Whelan, Tauranga police, and remanded to Mercer.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Edward James Cudd, Devon Street, reports stolen from a shed, on the 29th ultimo, a spirit-level, pair of clippers, and a padlock; value, 6s. Identifiable.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Charles Oliver, carter, Rahotu, reports stolen from a tent at New Plymouth, on the 29th ultimo, a russet-grey rug, scarlet necktie, and man's cotton shirt; value, £2. Identifiable.

SPIT (NAPIER).—William Mehan reports stolen from his shop, on the 26th ultimo, a pair of men's boots, size 7, water-tight tongues, 2in. heels, pegged, riveted shanks, heel- and toe-plates; value, 17s. 6d.

WELLINGTON.—John Stevens (name supposed to be fictitious) is charged on warrant with having, on the 22nd ult., stolen from a hut at Worsler Bay a silver Waltham hunting-watch (recovered), a silver albert chain with medal, and a Waterbury watch; value, in all, £5; the property of George Warren, clerk, Molesworth Street. Offender is supposed English, about twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, slight build, dark hair and complexion, clean-shaved except small dark moustache; dressed in a dark sac suit, and hard black-felt hat. He pledged the Waltham watch at Griffiths's pawn-office.

"WAIHORA," s.s. (LYTTELTON).—Robert Really, second cook, reports stolen on the 9th or 10th instant a pair of trousers, black-and-white check pattern, nearly new, "Newman, Glasgow," on buttons; a pair of American braces, one tag missing; and a leather purse, containing three sovereigns and two halfpennies: value, in all, £4 5s. 1d.

GERALDINE.—G. J. Dennistoun, sheep-farmer, Peel Forest, reports stolen from his woolshed, on the 7th instant, about seven fleeces of cross-bred wool; value, £1. Identification doubtful. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, between forty-five and fifty years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, square build, fair, full brown beard turning grey, said to walk with a slight limp; wore light trousers and light hat. Can be identified.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 54.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—James Martin's tools have been found on the South Belt.

DUNEDIN.—James Alfred McGuinness, horse-trainer, St. Clair, reports stolen about the 13th January last a pure-bred sable-and-white collie dog, long hair, white ring round neck, thin sharp nose, brown eyes, short sharp-pointed ears, very timid, answers to "Jumbo" or "Laddie," kennel name "Opawa Diamond," took first prize for puppies at the Agricultural Metropolitan Show, 1894; bred by F. Briggs, of Christchurch, and well known to J. H. Jowett, of Renfrew Kennels, Dunedin: value, £30. It is supposed to have been taken into the country.

DUNEDIN.—Andrew Webster, bootmaker, City Road, Roslyn, reports stolen from his shop, between the 28th and 30th ultimo, four pairs of Balmoral boots—viz., one size 5, with blue-cloth tops, lairikin heels, toe-caps extending round vamps, no nails; one calf, size 7, straight toe-caps, nailed; one kip, youths' No. 3 size, nailed; and one calf, supposed youths' No. 13 size, straight toe-caps, sprigged; all having heel- and toe-plates: value, £3 5s.

DUNEDIN.—Elizabeth Prescott, Prince Edward Road, St. Kilda, reports stolen from a drying-ground, on the 9th or 10th instant, three sheets, one embroidered; a linen tablecloth, two pair of men's cotton drawers, two flannelette chemises, two pairs of ladies' calico drawers; two boys' blouses, blue; a large red-and-white towel, a red-and-white toilet-cover, a child's pink shirt, scarlet pinafore, and pink night-dress; and two pairs of men's socks: value, £2.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 47.)

DUNEDIN.—Breaking into and stealing from James Molison's shop: The two pairs of Balmoral boots have been recovered from a second-hand dealer, who can give no description of the person from whom he bought them. Shoes not traced.

RIVERTON.—John Belsham reports stolen from the jockey's room at the Riverton Racecourse, on the 6th instant, a silver lever hunting stop-watch, makers Stewart Dawson and Co., No. 03578 (supposed) on case, and 25784 on works, gold hands; and a white-metal albert chain with delf ornaments on links, and square pendant: value, £15.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

HASTINGS.—James Williams is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child by Mary O'Neill. Description: A native of Ross, New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-nine years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, slight build, thick dark-red moustache, very small sideboards, hair on head nearly black, pale face, round features, very noticeable wrinkle on side of mouth, walks very erect; may be dressed in dark-blue suit, and cream-coloured soft-felt hat. Photograph filed in Inspector's office, Napier.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—John Thomas Shannon, alias Mick Shannon, alias Jock Cameron, is charged on warrant with having deserted his child since the 1st April, 1895. Description: Supposed colonial, thirty to thirty-five years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, fair complexion, medium build, active appearance, small sandy moustache and side whiskers, rather prominent nose, rather large grey eyes; usually wore a grey-tweed suit, and soft grey-felt hat; a sawmill hand or bushman. He was at Makuri in January last, and Wanganui the following month. Is well known to Constable Cooper, of Pahiatua. The child was left with a Mrs. Farland, and he promised to send money for its support, but has failed to do so.