

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

On 12th February, 1896.

JOHN JAMES PRITCHARD, domestic, 3rd class, nineteen years of age, born at Napier, New Zealand, and well known in Gisborne, Poverty Bay, 5ft. 10½in. high, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, sallow complexion. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest.

From H.M.S. "Ringdove," at Norfolk Bay, Tasmania.

On 7th January, 1896.

THOMAS LESLIE, A.B., a native of Dundee, Scotland, twenty-six years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, scald on left leg.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

WARKWORTH.—Stolen, on the 26th instant, a dark-bay horse, aged, 14 hands high, had a long tail, which is now said to be cut short, brand (not described) on one shoulder, hole on outside of one forefoot; value, £6; the property of William Henry Glenney, Auckland. It is said to have been ridden in the direction of Auckland by a boy named George Smith, fifteen years of age, medium build, dark hair and eyes, sallow complexion, small for age.

WOODVILLE.—Robert Davis, Kumeroa, reports stolen from a paddock at Woodville, about the 25th December last, a chestnut trap-mare, 16 hands high, nine years old, shod all round, branded T on near shoulder, one hind foot white; value, £15. Supposed to have been taken away from the district.

EKETAHUNA.—A man, name unknown, is charged on warrant with theft, on the 28th ultimo, of a dark-bay mare, medium hack, seven years old, small star on forehead, shod all round, about 15 hands 3in. high, no brands, a mark round the arm of off fore leg, a good trotter, broken to saddle and harness; a half-worn saddle, recently stuffed, with horse-shoe pattern stirrup-irons; and a nearly new bridle: value, in all, £15 10s.: the property of Stephen Harding, livery-stable keeper. Offender is about twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, lame on right leg, as though broken at knee or thigh; dressed in a dark-tweed suit. He hired the mare for the expressed purpose of going to Pahiataua and returning on the same day, but has not been seen since. The above is the best description that can be given of him, as he was not closely observed at the time.

GERALDINE.—George Cross, Orari Flat, reports stolen, on the 31st ultimo, a heavy draught mare, dark chestnut with darker points, four or five years old, about 17 hands high, white blaze down face coming to a point near nose, full eyes, hollow in bone under off one, tail docked, splint on outside of off fore-leg below knee, brands (if any) unknown, hair rubbed off belly in a long narrow strip, shod all round, good action, had a headstall on when last seen; value, £21.

WAIKAI.—John Thornton, Winding Creek, reports stolen, between the 15th October last and 4th instant, two cows, one red with red calf at foot, the other having a white face and body and red neck; two red heifers, one with a white face; and three red steers, one having a white face; all branded JT (conjoined) on right rump, except the calf; value, £24 10s. Suspicion is attached to James Muirhead Peart, a rabbit on the Otama Run. He has been committed for trial on charges of theft and housebreaking, and admitted to bail.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 13.)

OPHIR.—Walter B. Hawson's mare has been found.

Missing Friends.

WALTER JOHN WILLIAMS is inquired for through the Woodville police, with the view of compelling him to support his mother. Description: A native of New Zealand, a farm-labourer, twenty-five years of age, 4ft. 10in. or 11in. high, stout build, dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes, slight scar under one eye, round features, longish nose. He left Woodville in April, 1894, and intended going to Wairarapa. This is an urgent case.

CHEVIS.—Information is requested concerning William Chevis, who was last heard of in Wellington during September, 1890, and was then leaving an hotel where he had been employed. He is described as twenty-eight years of age, rather fair, not very tall. Inquirer: His sister, Amelia Chevis, 8, Brandon Terrace, Warpe Hill, Winchester, Hants, England. (96/151.)

ROBERT BROWN is inquired for by the Kaikoura police, with the view of compelling him to provide for his wife and family, who are now being supported by charitable aid. Description: English, a labourer, forty-two years of age, 6ft. high, stout build, fair complexion, beard whiskers and moustache. He left Kaikoura on the 31st July last, with the expressed intention of going to the North Island to push the sale of "Brown and Co.'s Bronchial Vegetable Astringent."

Miscellaneous Information.

Appointment as Constable.

CHARLES FINDLAY, No. 730.

District Constable, Cheviot, appointed.

WILLIAM JAMES WHATMAN has been sworn in as a district constable at Cheviot, Canterbury, and North Otago District, from the 7th instant. (96/71.)

Dismissal.

CONSTABLE DAVID REIDY, No. 586.

Station reopened.

NORMANBY, Wanganui and West Coast District, 10th instant. (95/987.)

Station closed.

SOUTHBRIDGE, Canterbury and North Otago District, 7th instant. (96/73.)

Forage.

(Circular No. 6/96.)

ATTENTION is drawn to Circular No. 15, of the 26th November, 1888, which appears to have been frequently overlooked.

It is also observed that the full ration is issued daily at many stations where the mounted duty is not large. At some of these places police paddocks are already formed, and, where there are none, grazing should, if possible, be obtained, and a saving effected thereby.

Inspectors in charge of districts are therefore requested to give this matter their special consideration, and report fully thereon, with the view of strict economy in this item of expenditure.

A. H. HUME,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 15th February, 1896. (96/144.)

Return discontinued.

THE monthly "Return of Fines" (Form No. 29) is no longer required.

Rewards.

DETECTIVE ROBERT NEILL, No. 245, and Constable F. S. Cox, No. 714, Wellington police, have been awarded £4 and £3 respectively for special services rendered in the prosecution of Annie Brown and John Henry Brown, who were convicted of procuring abortion. (*Vide Police Gazette*, 1896, page 15.)

CONSTABLE D. JACKSON, No. 622, Ashburton police, has been awarded £2 from the Reward Fund for zeal and ability displayed in the detection and prosecution of William Cobeldick, convicted on two charges of sheep-stealing, and sentenced to six months' labour. (96/173.)

SERGEANT J. SLATTERY, No. 7, and Constables P. Minogue, No. 496, and J. C. Griffiths, No. 673, Palmerston North police, have been awarded £3 each for services in securing a conviction against Hetty Crop, fined £50 and costs for sly grog-selling. (95/1609.)

CONSTABLE D. LLOYD, No. 402, Picton police, has been awarded 5s. by the Customs Department for obtaining a conviction under the Beer Duty Act. (96/37.)

THE sum of £3 has been awarded to Constable C. Stanyer, No. 567, of Otorohanga, and £1 10s. to Native Constable Hoponi, of the same place, for services rendered in obtaining a conviction against William Bond for sly grog-selling at Te Kuiti. (96/128.)

CONSTABLE J. RIORDAN, Waipawa police, has been awarded £6 by the Hawke's Bay Acclimatisation Society for services in securing a conviction for fishing without a license. (96/37.)