

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.*From H.M.S. "Royalist," at Auckland.*

On 17th April, 1897.

ROBERT FISHER, ordinary seaman, a native of Preston, Lancashire, about twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. high, dark hair, grey eyes, sallow complexion, scar on left hand, two rings tattooed on second and third fingers of left hand.

On 29th April, 1897.

WILLIAM PILGRIM, ordinary seaman, a native of Norwich, England, about nineteen years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion.

CHARLES HENRY SCOONS, ordinary seaman, a native of Chatham, Kent, about nineteen years of age, 5 ft. 4½ in. high, dark hair, hazel eyes, fresh complexion, scar over right eyebrow and on right forearm.

JAMES ROBB, ordinary seaman, a native of Liverpool, England, about twenty years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, birth-mark on left collar-bone.

A reward of £3 is offered for each if apprehended within two years from the date of desertion, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government. (2-91.)

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

On 3rd May, 1897.

JOHN DUFFY, domestic, second-class (ward-room cook), thirty-eight years of age, a native of Bishopsgate, London, 5 ft. 4 in. high, dark hair, light-blue eyes, fresh complexion.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 152.)

JOSEPH CANT, deserter from H.M.S. "Mildura," at Sydney, has been arrested by Constable J. McIlveney, Auckland police, and placed on board the "Goldfinch." Offender was going under the name of Joseph Barnes.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

AUCKLAND.—George Robert Morpeth, sharebroker, Hamilton Road, Ponsonby, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 18th March last, a bay mare, hack breed, black points, about seven years old, about 15 hands high, a little white on forehead, longish tail, hair off hind fetlocks; value, £10.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 91.)

THAMES.—Richard Preece's mare has been found.

WAIHI.—Charles Albert Johnston Fletcher, farmer, reports stolen from the Katikati Road, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a black mare, draught breed, aged, 16 hands high, white star on forehead, small white spot on back under saddle, no visible brands; value, £21.

WAIHI.—Charles Harley, storekeeper, reports stolen from a paddock at Bowen Town, between the 1st and 3rd instant, a roan gelding, hack breed, eight years old, about 15 hands high, one hip-bone slightly knocked in, brand unknown. Supposed to have been ridden by a Maori in the direction of Tauranga.

GISBORNE.—Frederick Hamilton reports stolen from a paddock at Tatapouri, on the 21st or 22nd ultimo, a dark-bay gelding, black points, about seven years old, 15½ hands high, short tail, branded with a curve within a circle on near shoulder and HH (conjoined) on body near girth, value £8; and a black gelding, 15½ hands high, off hind foot steel-grey, short tail, branded with a double-headed spike on near shoulder, value £10.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 70.)

GISBORNE.—Walter Richardson's gelding has been found.

MANAIA.—James John Patterson, blacksmith, reports stolen from a paddock, between the 28th March and 15th April, 1897, a white heifer with strawberry neck and head, four years old, straight-upward horns, branded 8 on near rump, two slits on near ear (one on each side of point); value, £4. Complainant guarantees a reward of £5 on conviction of the offender or offenders.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 70.)

GERALDINE.—John Farrell's trotting-mare is now described as having a swelling on the off knee, not the near one.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 91.)

WINTON.—Four of Alexander Cochrane's sheep have been found.

DUNEDIN.—Richard Hudson, miller, Moray Place, reports stolen from a paddock at Halfway Bush, between the 6th and 14th instant, a roan buck, two years and a half old, mealy face, dark on neck and light about hind legs, branded HR (conjoined and indistinct) on near rump, horns inclined downwards and inwards, walks with hocks close together, in store condition; value, £3.

Missing Friends.

JOSEPH STITT is inquired for by his father, residing at Daniel Street, Newtown, Wellington. Description: Fifteen years of age, rather tall, dark complexion, blue eyes, full face; dressed in a light coat and vest, and blue-serve pants. May be working for a blacksmith. Has relatives at Fordell, near Wanganui, and at Pahautanui.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 83.)

GEORGE PATTERSON has written to his wife from Riversdale.

HUGH McLEAN is inquired for by the New Plymouth police. Description: Colonial (Scotch parentage), a labourer, about thirty-four years of age, 6 ft. high, medium build, fair complexion, blue eyes, fair brownish hair, may be wearing beard whiskers and moustache of same colour. He served in the New Zealand Police Force from the 1st July, 1882, to the 22nd January, 1887, when he was discharged at his own request at Queenstown. His parents reside in Otago, and his married sister, Mrs. Maggie Hannington, at Cox Street, Ashburton. He was last seen about five weeks ago at Palmerston North, en route for Wellington, and may have gone to the Greymouth district, where he is well known. It is not desirable that he should be apprised of this inquiry, which is made at the instance of T. S. Weston, Esq., solicitor, New Plymouth, with the view of compelling him to contribute towards the support of his wife and child, whom he has deserted.

CHARLES LAIDLAY, settler, of Levin, is inquired for by the Wellington police at the instance of Walter Leslie. Description: English, about thirty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, slight build, fresh complexion, dark hair, fair moustache only. He was last seen in Wellington on the 8th instant. May have gone to Martinborough district, where his brother-in-law, named Wallis, has a station.

Miscellaneous Information.*Appointments as Constables.*

FELIX ROBERT GOULLETT, No. 798.
Donald McLeod, No. 799.
William McNeely, No. 800.
Frederick Adolphus Waterman, No. 801.
Charles Henry Pratt, No. 802.

Rewards.

THE Customs Department has awarded £1 to Detective W. Maddern, No. 471, and 10s. to Constable D. McKenzie, No. 772, for obtaining a conviction under the Beer Duty Act at Christchurch, on the 14th March last. (97/94.)

SERGEANT J. CULLEN, No. 194, and Constable J. Shearman, No. 534, Wanganui police, have been awarded £3 and £2 respectively for obtaining the conviction of Richard Underwood for sly-grog selling at Karioi on the 30th January last. (97/6/56.)

CONSTABLE J. McILVENEY, No. 697, Auckland police, has been awarded £3 for arresting Joseph Cant, a deserter from H.M.S. "Mildura" at Sydney. (97/94.)

THE following amounts have been awarded in recognition of services in obtaining convictions against six Maoris and a European storekeeper for sly-grog selling at Kawhia: £5 each to Constables D. C. Fraser, No. 787, and J. H. Boreham, No. 782, Auckland police; and £2 each to Constables J. W. Forbes, No. 118, Hamilton; G. A. Tapp, No. 409, Raglan; and J. S. Morgan, Kawhia. (97/201.)

THE following decisions are published for general information:—

JONES v. GERMAN (76 L.T. 136).

Search-warrant—Sufficiency of Information—No Direct Allegation of Theft—Goods not specified.

Section 103 of the English Act, 24 and 25 Vict., c. 96, is practically the same as section 208 of "The New Zealand Justices of the Peace Act, 1882." The plaintiff Jones was a