

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

AUCKLAND.—James Moyes, tailor, Victoria Street East, reports that on the 5th or 6th instant his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A brown-tweed sac-suit and vest, a black corkscrew vest, single-breasted; a roll (about 12 yards) of light worsted tweed, four remnants of dark blue vienna-cloth, and seven pairs of trousers, viz.: one brown-tweed, size 7; one light worsted, same size; one dark-slate, size 6; one black-tweed, size 6; one mixed tweed, same size; and two dark-brown tweed, size 7: value in all, £15 16s. 6d.

AUCKLAND.—Frederick Smith, carpenter, Remuera, reports stolen from a yard in Quay Street, on the 4th instant, a colonial saddle, nearly new, medium-sized knee-pads, leather girth, and three-bar stirrup-irons; value, £4.

AUCKLAND.—Ernest Nyberg, paper-ruler, Newton Road, reports stolen from the grand-stand in the Domain, on the 5th instant, a silver Geneva open-faced watch, No. 66224478; a silver chain, cable pattern, with three keys attached; and a brown-leather purse containing about 3s. in silver; total value, £3 8s. 6d.

WANGANUI.—Tom Rose, bootmaker, Guyton Street, reports stolen from his shop, on the 13th instant, a silver Geneva hunting-cased watch, No. 43838, seconds-hand missing, with white-metal chain attached; value, £3.

OTAKI.—Donald Ross (probably a fictitious name) is charged on warrant with the theft from a trap, on the 2nd instant, of a grey waterproof overcoat, large size, indistinct check pattern, check lining, side-pockets, bone buttons to match material, five bone buttons at collar for cape, which was not on, brass chain-tab; value, £1 10s.; the property of Basil Stocker, farmer, Rangiora. Offender is supposed colonial, an hotel rouseabout, about twenty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, stout build, fresh to florid complexion, fair hair, bluish eyes, clean-shaved except small brown moustache, large nose, sharp features; dressed in a black sac-coat and very old dark-tweed trousers, roughly patched; carried a small swag, containing the stolen coat and a very old white blanket, covered with part of an old tent-fly. He went towards Levin on the day of the theft.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 3.)

LOWER HUTT.—Theft of Edward Joshua Riddiford's saddle and harness, Thomas Paul Allen's saddle, and Thomas Burt's harness: Henry Hargreaves has been arrested by Chief Detective T. O'Brien, Wellington police, on the above and two other similar charges, and sentenced to six months' labour on each (concurrent). The stolen property has been recovered by Constable A. Cruickshank, and traced to offender's possession.

"IONIC," S.S., WELLINGTON.—Henry Kidd, steward, reports stolen from his cabin, on the 11th or 12th instant, a brown-leather handbag, containing £2 10s. in gold, a gold ring, set with a blue stone; a razor and a strop: value, £4 10s.

WELLINGTON.—Alexander Johnstone reports stolen from a house in course of erection in Ghuznee Street, on the 11th instant, a carpenters' basket, containing four planes (jack, trying, iron, and hollow), branded "H. Smith," "W. Brown," and "J. Barr"; a hand-saw, tenon-saw, and panel-saw, a 16in. square, two chisels, a bevel, and hammer; value, £2 15s.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 175.)

AUCKLAND.—Thomas James Pickford, charged with wife-desertion: Mrs. Pickford having heard that her husband is now in Melbourne, has gone to Sydney with the intention of following him up. Unless he should elude her and return to New Zealand she does not intend to come back.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 4.)

AUCKLAND.—Patrick Nolan, charged with deserting his two children, has been arrested by Constable W. Kelly, Helensville police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 109.)

AUCKLAND.—William McCarte, charged with failing to provide for his unborn child by Margaret Stanley: This warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 183.)

AUCKLAND.—John Henry Smith, charged with deserting his five children, has been arrested at Adelaide, South Australia. (96/1676.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 4.)

AUCKLAND.—Thomas Garlick, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his three children, has been arrested by Constable W. J. Rist, Whitianga police, and conveyed to Auckland. Ordered to pay the amount of arrears within one month, or in default six months' labour.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 201 and 208.)

OTAKI.—Robert Thomas Bailey, charged with intending to desert his illegitimate child, is said to be working at a sawmill about seven miles from Eketahuna.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Petersen is charged on warrant of commitment to Hokitika Gaol for six months in default of finding a surety in £50 to contribute towards the support of his illegitimate child by Emma Mary Ann Philpot. Description: A labourer, country not known, about twenty-seven years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown eyes, curly hair, moustache only. No further particulars given. He left Stillwater, near Reefton, for Christchurch about the 23rd ultimo, and will probably endeavour to quit the colony.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 101.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—George Jackson, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his children, has been arrested by Constable P. McGill, Addington Police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 55.)

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—Hugh Yardley, charged with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn child by Clara Lowen: The child having since been born, a fresh warrant has been issued for offender's arrest for "not providing for the maintenance of his illegitimate child." He is now believed to be in the Ophir district.

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—James Walker is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn child by Emma Wheeler. Description: A native of New Zealand, about twenty years of age, 5ft. 4in. or 5in. high, shallow complexion, dark hair, very slight black moustache only, a cordial-maker; usually wears a dark-tweed suit and straw hat.

DUNEDIN.—James Broadfoot is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child by Sabina Sarah Gorham, of Mary Hill Terrace, Mornington. Description: A native of the colony, a farm-labourer, about twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 5in. or 6in. high, slight build, fair complexion, blue eyes, slight moustache, left eye slightly disfigured. He is supposed to have gone to Timaru, or may be rabbiting.

### Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Wallaroo," at Picton.

On 2nd January, 1897.

JOSEPH PRICE, stoker, Scotch, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, dark hair, brown eyes, fresh complexion, tattoos on each thumb.

PATRICK DENVER, stoker, Irish, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion.

WILLIAM BUNT, ordinary seaman, English, twenty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion.

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

### Absconding from Industrial Schools, &c.

RACHEL BROWN absconded from the Parnell Industrial School, Auckland, on the 3rd instant. Description: About eighteen years of age, 5ft. 4in. or 5in. high, stout build, fair hair and complexion, full face; dressed in dark clothes and black sailor hat; has a red parasol. She was recently transferred from Christchurch, and may endeavour to return there, or may be found in some house of ill-fame. It is requested that a sharp look-out may be kept for her, but if she is in a respectable situation she can be allowed to remain, and particulars should be sent to the Manager of the Parnell School.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 215.)

JAMES H. RAE is employed at Mr. E. Cameron's Closeburn Station, Queenstown Sub-district. The manager of the Caversham School wishes him to remain there for the present.

### Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

PORT ALBERT.—John F. Smyth, Wayby, reports stolen from a paddock, between the 18th ultimo and 4th instant,