

CHRISTCHURCH.—Alfred Bing, gentleman, Chapel Street, St. Albans, reports stolen from Cashel Street, on the 25th ultimo, a gentlemen's Massey-Harris bicycle, No. 940, frame painted brown, white handle-grips, Brook's saddle, lamp attached; value, £16.

ADDINGTON.—William Scoon, farmer, Rangiora, reports stolen from his coat-pocket, on the 11th instant, a brown-leather pocket-book, 6 in. by 3 in., value 2s., containing receipts, papers, and a cheque for £1 14s. 8d. drawn on the Union Bank of Australia, Rangiora, by David Graham in favour of W. Scoon.

KUROW.—David Alexander Robertson, shepherd, Wharekuri, reports stolen from his trap, on the 9th instant, a pair of men's Balmoral boots, partly worn, value 10s.; also about 8 yards of brown tweed, value £1 10s.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—John N. Sorensen is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his illegitimate unborn child. Description: About twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 1 in. high, stout build, fresh freckled complexion.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Leonard Alfred Taylor is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 7s. 6d. a week towards the maintenance of his illegitimate child. (For description see *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 236.) Since his discharge from Wellington Gaol he has kept out of the way, and it is supposed that he will endeavour to leave the colony.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 167.)

DANNEVIRKE.—Henry James, charged with wife-desertion, has been arrested by the Eltham police, on information supplied by Constable De Norville, of Palmerston North, and remanded to Dannevirke.

CHRISTCHURCH.—James Darnell, *alias* Edward Stratton, is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his wife. Description: English, labourer, forty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, slight build, sallow complexion, dark curly hair, small dark eyes; when last seen in Christchurch in November, 1898, was wearing beard and moustache, which were dark, turning grey. (See *Police Gazette*, 1890, page 205; and 1892, pages 129 and 139.) The sum of £51 10s. is in arrears up to the 6th instant. He is supposed to have gone to Dannevirke.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 92.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Edward Neilson, charged with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child, has been arrested by the Auckland police, and remanded to Christchurch.

DUNEDIN.—Dugald Napier Eckhoff is charged on warrant of commitment to Wellington Gaol for ten days' labour for disobeying an order of Court requiring him to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his wife, Catherine Eckhoff. Description: A native of New Zealand, an electrician, about thirty-two years of age, about 5 ft. 5 in. high, slight build, fair hair, sallow complexion, blue eyes, fair moustache only, D.N.E. tattooed on one arm. Supposed to have gone to Sydney or to England.

Absentee from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Ringdove," at Lyttelton.

Alfred James Mallet is charged on warrant with being absent without leave since the 9th instant. Description: English, a domestic, twenty-five years of age, 4 ft. 10½ in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, tattoo-spot on left arm. No reward.

Deserter from Merchant Vessel.

From the Barque "Medea," at Timaru.

On 9th November, 1899.

Gustav Adolph Andersson, sailor, native of Sweden, twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 11 in. high, slight build, fair hair and complexion, no hair on face; dressed in blue- serge sac-suit and cap. Offender is supposed to have gone to Karitane, near Seacliff, Otago, where he has an uncle named W. Benson. Warrant issued.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

HAMILTON.—Patrick O'Brien, farmer, Ngaruawahia, reports stolen, on or about the 1st instant, a white pony mare, about 13½ hands high, aged, branded PO on off shoulder, value £4; and a black gelding foal, one year old, value £3.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 229.)

WANGANUI.—G. T. Thompson, charged with the theft of Jefferson and Youngson's horse, trap, and harness: It has been now ascertained that accused is *not* identical with William Waters.

BULL'S.—Hugh Parker Smith, schoolmaster, Rongototo, Sanson, reports stolen from a paddock, between the 31st ultimo and the 1st instant, a dark-brown mare, about 15½ hands high, light build, four years old, hoofs badly cracked, shod all round, near hind hock slightly swollen, four white feet; value, £15.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 243.)

MASTERTON.—Man, name unknown, charged with the theft of Thomas William Miller's gelding, &c.: A warrant has been issued. Offender may be identical with W. Thomas, or with Jack or John Miles, *alias* Dick Hackett, wanted for similar offences at Kawakawa and Napier. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 209, 221, and 231.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 243.)

HUNTERVILLE.—Robert Wilson's horses have been found.

KUROW.—John Lefevre, farmer, Hampden, reports stolen at Breast Hill, Longslip Station, Cromwell, between May 1898, and October, 1899, about forty head of cattle, aged two to four years, mixed sexes, branded O on near rump; earmark, fork in each ear: value, £100.

Missing Friends.

WILLIAM MELODY is inquired for by his son, John Melody, Wanganui. Description: A native of Ireland, a labourer, seventy-three years of age, 5 ft. 11½ in. high, stooped shoulders, full grey beard; wore a black- serge suit and black hard-felt hat with square crown. He left his home on the 4th instant, and it is feared that some accident has happened to him.

WILLIAM BULLEN is inquired for by the Helensville police. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, dark hair and complexion, small dark moustache and beard; dressed in blue- serge trousers, dark waistcoat, and light-coloured shirt; no hat, coat, or boots. Is an imbecile, and subject to apopleptic fits. He left Riverhead on the 11th instant, and, it is thought, may be wandering about the gumfields.

Miscellaneous Information.

Appointments as Constables.

17th November, 1899.

THOMSON, JOHN NEIL, No. 925.
Clouston, George Clark, No. 926.
Moriarty, Robert, No. 927.
Williams, George Henry, No. 928.
Harvey, William, No. 929.
Baxter, Henry John, No. 930.
McLeod, John, No. 931.
Nicholls, George Middlecott, No. 932.
Gerken, Diederich, No. 933.
Bunting, James, No. 934.
Ryan, Daniel, No. 935.

Rewards.

CONSTABLES A. G. DOUTHETT, No. 768, Newton, and G. FOREMAN, No. 113, Papakura, have been awarded £7 and £1 respectively for arresting W. H. G. Burgess, a deserter from H.M.S. "Royalist." (99/1876.)