

CAMBRIDGE.—**David Blair** is charged on warrant with having, on the 3rd ultimo, stolen from William Muir Douglas, farmer, a gentlemen's saddle, well worn, tree damaged, nickel stirrups; value, £2 10s. Description: A native of Dunedin, twenty-six years of age, a horse-trainer and farm-labourer, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, slim build, jockey appearance, brown hair, scanty short fair moustache, thin sharp features, and false teeth. He was last heard of at Auckland on the 14th ultimo, and was then endeavouring to join the Fifth Contingent.

NGARUAWAHIA.—**Thomas Patterson**, farmer, reports stolen, on the 21st ultimo, a gentlemen's saddle, sheepskin seat, bullock-hide flap, "R. R. Patterson" scratched on one flap; and a single-rein bridle: value, £2.

GISBORNE.—**Lorne Bolton**, clerk, reports stolen from outside Townley's store, on the 5th instant, a gentlemen's Rambler bicycle, number unknown, driving-gear on left side, spring under seat broken, steel rims painted yellow, G. and J. tires, Dunlop valves, reversible handles; value, £12.

NAPIER.—**John Roderick McRae**, shoemaker, reports stolen from his shop, on the 24th ultimo, a pair of nailed shooter boots, watertight, wooden pegs, size 6 or 7, value 15s.; a pair of blucher boots, size 8, value 8s. 6d.; and a pair of leather shoes, size 8, value 8s.

HUNTERVILLE.—**John Cox** reports stolen from Pratt and Dunn's stable, on the 20th February last, a brown-check-pattern mackintosh with cape attached (a tear in the back has been sewn up), and a pair of shoes; value, £3 2s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, pages 56 and 71.)

WANGANUI.—Theft of £100 from Naylor and Spriggen's totalisator: **Denis Swanson**, alias Williams, &c., is not identical with either of the offenders; he was then awaiting trial in Lyttelton Gaol.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 220 and 231.)

LEVIN.—Theft of Samuel M. Baker's telescope: **Ashby Samuel Hawthorne** has been arrested by Constable A. Hammond for this offence, and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

GREYTOWN NORTH.—**John T. Sutherland**, chemist, reports that his shop was broken into on the 27th ultimo, and the following stolen: Two £1 notes and 5s. in silver, six hair-brushes, twelve tooth-brushes, sixteen bottles of perfume; a silver oval-shape cigar-stand, with five holders on each side, ash-barrel in centre, value £5; a box of cigars, soap, two bottles of Scott's Emulsion, and sundry articles: total value, £14 15s.

WELLINGTON.—**Mrs. Ann Olive Pickersgill**, Willis Street, reports stolen, on the 8th or 9th ultimo, a gentlemen's silver lever hunting-watch, No. 6775, a heavy 15-carat gold double chain, plain links with a curb link between each; a diamond-shaped gold locket, "Presented by the officers of the Bank of Australasia to J. W. Pickersgill" engraved on it; and a two-bladed pocket-knife with pearl handle: total value, £16.

WELLINGTON.—**Hans Larsen**, 21, Grant Road, reports stolen from porter Harvey's cart, between the wharf and Grant Road, on the 31st ultimo, a gladstone bag with black waterproof coat and cape strapped on, containing a pair of black-cloth trousers and a vest, a white shirt (size 17), a pair of gold sleeve-links (square and bar), a pair of red-plush slippers, and seventy-five cigars; value, £6 10s.

STAFFORD.—**Lachlin Grant** reports stolen from his claim, on the 19th ultimo, about thirty pounds' worth of gold. **C. Johnston** (name probably fictitious) suspected. Description: Supposed native of New Zealand, about twenty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, strong build, fair hair, fair moustache only. The complainant saw the suspect in the claim, and shortly afterwards found that the tail-race had been washed up and the gold taken.

WELLINGTON.—**Henry Ranson**, painter, Ellice Street, reports stolen from an unfinished building, on the 16th ultimo, a silver Rotherham hunting-watch, well worn, No. 2867, H scratched on inside of case, no glass on face; value, £3.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**William Weakley**, labourer, Ferry Road, reports stolen, on the 26th February last, a gentlemen's Sun bicycle, No. 301, black enamelled 24 in. frame; value, £20.

LYTTELTON.—**William Burrill**, second officer of s.s. "Waimate," reports stolen from his cabin, on the 21st ultimo, a pair of binocular glasses about 5 in. long, "Myers, late Janet Taylor, Minorities, London," stamped on them; they fold inwards: value, £6.

DUNEDIN.—**John A. Pike**, drapers' assistant, reports stolen from the railway-station, on the 24th ultimo, a portmanteau, which was afterwards found cut open, and the following articles taken: A dressing-case, a grey-tweed coat and vest, a black-cloth frock-coat and vest, a fancy vest with blue spots, two pairs of check-pattern trousers, a pair of cycling-shoes, a grey woollen shirt, four white shirts, and a white sweater; value, £8.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

SYDNEY.—**John Charles Nelson** is charged on warrant issued by the Sydney Bench on the 12th March, 1900, for deserting his wife. Description: English, a shipbuilder, forty-four years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, stout build, fair hair turning grey, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, generally clean-shaved except moustache. He was bridge-building for Mr. Laiden at Wangaehu, and left there in the beginning of September last, supposed going south. If he will arrange to pay £1 10s. per week regularly towards the support of his wife and children his arrest is not desired. (00/530.)

AUCKLAND.—**Leopold Ahrens** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife **Annie Ahrens** since the 15th November, 1899. Description: A native of Hokitika, a salesman, twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, fair hair, small fair moustache, grey eyes, has a false upper tooth. In November last he was travelling with a cinematograph company at Nelson. He then sent his wife and child to Auckland, and has not been heard of since.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 105.)

AUCKLAND.—**James Joseph Mosley**, alias **James Hudson**, charged with wife-desertion, has been working at Pohui, Napier, under the name of Joseph McCabe. He left there for Wellington on 8th February last intending to leave the colony.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 45.)

GISBORNE.—**John Latchford**, charged with failing to provide for his illegitimate child: This warrant has been cancelled.

MASTERTON.—**Henry Anthony Jensen** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife **Elizabeth Jensen** since the 5th ultimo. Description: A native of Mauriceville, a blacksmith, twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, stout build, very fair complexion, fair hair, clean-shaved; dressed in light tweed suit, and black hat.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 45.)

WELLINGTON.—**James Henry Meehan**, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his illegitimate child, has paid the arrears due, and the warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 45.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Arthur Hardbatte**, charged with wife-desertion, was seen by the Sydney police on the 19th ultimo. He was going under the name of Peter White.

GERALDINE.—**Edward Dean** is charged on warrant with being about to leave the colony without making provision for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Colonial, a labourer, about twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, active appearance, slightly round-shouldered, fair hair, small fair moustache only, thin features and prominent nose; generally wears a dark-tweed suit, and brown "Dr. Jim" hat. He left Geraldine on the 15th ultimo, supposed for Melbourne or Sydney, but may be in the North Island. He was accompanied by **Charles Harding**, a labourer, about twenty-seven years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, stout build, very dark complexion and hair, no hair on face except a heavy dark moustache. Complainant, **Christabella Morrison**, Geraldine.

TIMARU.—**Phillip Scoringe** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife since the 24th ultimo. Description: A native of Timaru, a wharf-labourer, twenty-one years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, slight build, sallow complexion, black hair, small black moustache only, a small scar across the nose, a basket of flowers tattooed on the left arm, and two rings on middle finger of the hand, a woman standing on a globe, holding the Union Jack, tattooed on the right arm; when last seen was wearing a black sac-suit and blue cap.