

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 213.)

ASHBURTON.—Thomas Lowrie, charged with the theft of Victor Lambert's swag, has been arrested by Constable W. Drummond, Christchurch police.

METHVEN.—Lewis Wood reports stolen from the Mount Harden Sheep-station, on the 30th or 31st ultimo, a set of spring-cart harness, collar lined with leather and very hard, brass-mounted saddle with blue lining, brass-mounted winkers, bit-strap broken and tied with string, iron hames; traces have been repaired, a few links at the end; value, £4. Identifiable.

MIDDLEMARCH.—Ruth Elizabeth Naylor, Mount Ross, reports stolen from a hat-box at the Sutton Railway-siding, on the 1st instant, a gold brooch, heart on one side, bird on the other, connected with a gold chain of twenty-four links; and a silver brooch with gold flowers; value, £2 10s. Suspicion attaches to a man, name unknown, who was seen by Mr. Mathieson with the contents of the box around him at the siding. Description: About fifty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, grey beard, bloodshot eyes, very round shoulders; dressed in dark coat and vest, and light trousers; easily excited. Identifiable by Mr. Mathieson.

DUNEDIN.—William Henderson is charged on warrant with the theft, on or about the 14th January last, of £3 8s. money of George Lyon Dennison, merchant, Bond Street, Dunedin. Description: A native of New Zealand, about twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, black hair, sallow complexion, clean shaved, long pointed nose, usually dressed in dark suit and brown alpine or straw hat. Was last seen in Dunedin on the 29th ultimo, and is supposed to have left by the s.s. "Te Anau" for North, and will probably attempt to leave the colony. Offender was traveller for complainant, and collected the above amount from Thomas Silk, Metropole Hotel, St. Clair, and failed to account for it. Other charges pending.

#### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

THAMES.—George Tanner (also known as George Cockhead) is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of Hamilton, New Zealand, a miner, a butcher's assistant, and jockey, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, fair complexion, dark-brown hair and moustache only, large hazel eyes; dressed in black-cloth suit, white straw hat with green and pink band, necktie to match. Was last employed by the Waihi Company, and has two brothers, Jesse and Fred, Cockhead, one at Hamilton and the other at Coromandel, and two sisters, one a Mrs. Papprell, residing in Cuba Street, Wellington. Complainant, Ada Annie Brockelsby, Queen Street, Auckland.

WELLINGTON.—Hugh McFarlane is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay £1 a week towards the support of his wife and children. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, thirty-four years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, grey eyes. Supposed gone to Dunedin. The sum of £6 was in arrears on the 25th March, 1901.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 50.)

WELLINGTON.—Samuel Thomas Fletcher is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay £3 8s. towards the expenses incurred in the confinement of Mary Gertrude Astle, the mother of his illegitimate child. Offender is a native of the West Coast, South Island, a compositor, about twenty-five years of age, about 6 ft. 1 in. high, slight build, pale complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved except sandy moustache, dark-blue eyes; dresses in a brown or navy-blue suit, with hard black-felt hat. Was recently employed at the Government Printing Office. He is also charged on warrant with deserting his illegitimate child by the above complainant, and going to reside beyond the Colony of New Zealand. He left by the s.s. "Westralia" for Sydney on the 23rd February last, but cannot be found there.

THORNDON (WELLINGTON).—Tasman Steinmuller is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Kate Steinmuller, since the 6th instant. Description: Colonial, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, medium build, sallow complexion, fair hair, fair moustache only; dressed in light sac coat and vest, blue trousers, and light-coloured Dr. Jim hat. Was recently employed at Coley's flaxmill, Foxton, and occasionally goes under the name of Tommy Devine.

See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 149.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Joseph Tasso, charged with wife-desertion, has been arrested by Constable J. J. Cassells, Christchurch police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 28.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Alister William McDonald, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his illegiti-

mate child, has been arrested by Constable N. Miller, Lumsden police, on information supplied by Constable Quinn, Gore police, and remanded.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Michael Dougan is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the support of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a groom, twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, stout build, fair complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved; dressed in dark-brown suit and brown Dr. Jim hat. Supposed gone to Feilding. Complainant, Jane Gibson, Johns Road, Papanui.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Frederick William Lowe is charged on warrant of commitment to Wanganui Gaol for seven days, for disobeying an order of Court to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his child. Description: A native of England, a steward, about thirty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, dark hair, brown eyes (see *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 275). Supposed gone to Wanganui. £1 19s. was due on 19th February last.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 64.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Keast charged with disobeying an order of Court. The arrears, £4 11s., due to the 11th December, 1900, have been paid. Warrant cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 74.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—John McTaggart, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his children, has been arrested by Constable J. Andrew, Christchurch Police. Arrears remitted, and ordered to pay 3s. a week towards the support of each child.

TIMARU.—Thomas, alias Monte, Carr is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: Scotch, twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, dark sallow complexion, dark hair, brown eyes, clean-shaved except small moustache, frequents racecourses. About two months ago was employed by Mr. Monteith, solicitor, as groom, at Wellington.

INVERCARGILL.—Charles Walterrens is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Colonial, a seaman and lumper, twenty-six years of age, about 6 ft. high, medium build, erect gait, dark complexion and hair, clean-shaved except dark moustache; usually dressed in dark suit and dark Dr. Jim hat. Was in Auckland in January last, but no trace can be obtained of him there. Photograph filed in the Inspector's office, Dunedin.

INVERCARGILL.—George Martin is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of Dannevirke, New Zealand, a sawyer and labourer, about twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in. high, stout build, clean-shaved except fair moustache, fair complexion and hair, brown eyes; usually wears dark suit. Was working at Orepuke, and was seen in Balclutha in March last. Complainant, Kate Town, Shamrock Hotel, Invercargill.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 15.)

INVERCARGILL.—Robert Matson, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child, has been arrested by Constable J. Ferguson, Orepuke police, and remanded.

#### Deserters from His Majesty's Service.

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

On 10th April, 1901.

William Frank Cattell, ordinary seaman, a native of England, twenty years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, dark hair, grey eyes, dark complexion, bracelet tattooed on left wrist.

George McArthur McNab, ordinary seaman, a native of Scotland, twenty years of age, 5 ft. 4½ in. high, light-brown hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion.

A reward of £3 will be paid for the apprehension of each of the above men, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

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

On 31st March, 1901.

Arthur Hempstead, A.B., twenty-six years of age, native of England, 5 ft. 6 in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, brown complexion, a female in circle on right forearm, female and heart pierced with arrow on left forearm. A reward of £3 will be paid for his apprehension.

#### Absentees from His Majesty's Service.

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

On 7th April, 1901.

Albert Edward James, a native of England, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 6½ in. high, dark-brown hair, brown