Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

Auckland.—John Black is charged on warrant of commitment for two months for disobeying an order of Court to pay £1 a week towards the support of his wife. Description: A native of Scotland, a blacksmith, fifty-six years of age, 5 ft. 7½ in. high, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, blue eyes. The order was made on the 29th September, 1900, in Christchurch, and there was due on the 9th February last the sum of £15.

(See Police Gazette, 1901, page 125.)

AUCKLAND.—William Ernest Gunthorpe, charged with default of maintenance, has been arrested by Constable G-Harris, Mangaweka police, on information received from Constable J. Bree, and remanded to Auckland.

LEVIN.—Albert Henry Banks is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, nineteen years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, slight build, fair complexion and hair, grey eyes, dressed in dark-tweed suit, skull cap. Supposed come to Wellington about the 28th ultimo, and may attempt to leave the colony. Complainant, Elizabeth Fanny Hopkins, Levin.

Wellington.—Patrick Dooley is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 2s. 6d. a week towards the support of his father. Description: A native of New Zealand, a plumber and labourer, thirty-one years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, fair moustache only; usually wears dark sacsuit and soft-felt hat. Left Wellington about March last.

Mount Cook (Wellington).—David Livingstone McWirter is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Ethel McWirter, since the 10th May last. Description: A native of Scotland, a coach-painter, twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 8½ in. high, stout build, ruddy complexion, light-brown hair, clean - shaved except brown moustache; may be dressed in a fawn, a dark, or a grey suit, and soft black hat; he had been employed for some time by the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company, and left on the 10th ultimo, taking his wages and money his wife had, saying he was going up-country to do some painting. It is thought he may attempt to leave the colony.

GREYMOUTH.—Daniel Rugg is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Margaret Rugg, since the 21st May, 1901. Description: A native of Kumara, a bus-driver and stable-hand, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, full, ruddy features, brown hair, small moustache only, brown eyes, bright expression, smart, active appearance; dressed in dark-tweed trousers, fawn-coloured coat, black hard hat. Will probably make for Wellington or Auckland.

Christchurch.—Albert Hulme is charged on warrant of commitment to Lyttelton Gaol for one month for disobeying an order of Court to pay 15s. a week for the maintenance of his wife, Ocean Hulme. Description: A native of New Zealand, a baker, twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 3½ in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, first finger of right hand injured (see Police Gazette, 1901, page 32). On the 16th March last there was due the sum of £18 15s.

(See Police Gazette, 1901, page 126.)

TEMUKA.—James Findlay, jun., charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, has been arrested by Acting-Detective A. Cameron, Wellington police.

Palmerston.—James Moffatt is charged on warrant with failing to provide for his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, about twenty-four years of age, a carpenter, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, stoutish build, fair hair and complexion, clean shaved except fair moustache; generally wears a light-grey tweed suit and Dr. Jim hat; worked about six months ago for a builder in Dunedin. Photograph filed in Inspector's Office, Dunedin. Complainant, Elizabeth Sarah Clements, Palmerston.

Absconding from Industrial School.

(See Police Gazette, 1900, page 258.)

RICHARD FREDERICK W. PERRIN, alias Guinness, who absconded from Burnham Industrial School, was arrested by Constable Cassin, Mount Cook Police, and was placed on the s.s. "Tarawera," at Wellington, in charge of the fore-cabin steward. On arrival of the boat at Lyttelton no trace of him could be found. Description: A native of New Zealand, eighteen years of age, 5 ft. 11½ in. high, slight build, fair com-

plexion, no hair on face; dressed in grey sac suit, small grey cap, a print shirt with turn-down collar, reddish stripe running through it; slovenly appearance.

Deserters from His Majesty's Service.

(See Police Gazette, 1901, page 75.)

JAMES DANIEL CLEATOR, deserter from H.M.S. "Archer," has been arrested by Constable A. McDonnell, Auckland police, and put on board.

(See Police Gazette, 1900, page 258.)

EVAN DAVIES, deserter from H.M.S. "Mildura," has been arrested by Sergeant E. Mackay, Nelson police, and put on board H.M.S. "Archer," at Auckland.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

(See Police Gazette, 1901, page 16.)

POROOTARAO.—Peter Jackson, charged with the theft of a horse, the property of Thomas Reynolds, was seen at Maungautari Native settlement, near Cambridge, and left there on the morning of the 17th ultimo, supposed for Taupo.

INGLEWOOD.—Carr William Schwieters, farmer, reports stolen, on the 10th ultimo, a black, half-draught gelding, four years old, 15½ hands high, white star on forehead, small white patch on one hind fetlock, long tail, heavy mane, shod all round, no visible brands; also, an old saddle, rusty three-bar stirrup-irons, leather girth; a single-rein bridle, repaired at the buckle that joins the reins, nickel bit, white browband; value, £21 5s.

INGLEWOOD.—Otto Schultz is charged on warrant wi the theft of a horse on the 21st May, 1901, the property Herbert Curtis; value, £16. Offender is supposed colonial of German parentage, a labourer and drover, about twenty years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, stout build, fresh complexion, fair hair, and small fair moustache, square features, and square shoulders; dressed in grey-tweed trousers, dark coat and vest, and brown soft felt hat. He hired the horse and sold him at New Plymouth for £10, and left Inglewood by train for South on the 22nd ultimo.

ELTHAM.—E. Smith is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 30th ultimo, of a horse, the property of Donald Cameron; value, £12. Offender is about twenty years of age, 5 tb. 7 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, fair moustache only; dressed in dark suit, peak cap, and new tan shoes; respectable appearance. He hired the horse on the 30th ultimo, rode to Stratford, and sold the horse there to F. Gooch, stable-keeper, for £7. Supposed identical with Otto Schultz, charged with theft of horse at Inglewood.

(See Police Gazette, 1901, page 126.)

Palmerston North.—Theft of horse, saddle, and bridle, the property of Edward Humphrey. The warrant issued for a man, name unknown, has been cancelled. The horse, saddle, and bridle have been returned.

OPHIR.—John McCluskey, labourer, Poolburn, reports supposed stolen on the 9th March last, a cream-coloured pony gelding, five years old, 14½ hands high, black points, spur-shaped brand on near cheek; value, £15. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Rocks McIntyre, supposed Irish, a shearer and rabbiter, about forty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, dark hair and whiskers, turning grey. Was accompanied by a man named Pat Ryan.

Missing Friends.

MATTHEW MILLER is inquired for by the Auckland police, at the instance of his brother, William Miller, shipwright, Auckland. Description: A native of New Zealand, a carpenter, thirty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 8 in. high, 12 st. weight, stout build, dark complexion, dark hair, side whiskers and moustache tinged with grey. He was at the Takapuna races, and was last heard of on the 24th ultimo, when he was in the Flagstaff Hotel, Devonport, drinking with Thomas Hill, Thomas Sadgrove, and a man named Houghton. Fears are entertained as to his safety, as no trace of him can be obtained. He was employed by J. Walters, New North Road, Auckland.

DAVID BARCLAY is inquired for by the Dunedin police, at the instance of Mary Hendry, with a view of compelling him to provide for the future maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, about twenty-eight years of age, stout build, very fair hair and complexion, round face, blue eyes, fair moustache, Dr. Jim hat. Supposed come to the North Island.