

1898, page 41.) He was employed as branch manager at Dargaville for the complainant, and collected the above amount and failed to account for it. Other charges pending.

**PAHIATUA.**—Catherine M. Nelson, Ruatea, reports supposed stolen from the train between Kakaiki and Pahiatua, on the 9th March last, a brown canvas holdall, secured with double straps, "J. Nelson," in white paint on it, containing a riding-habit and gaiters, a grey alpaca dress, a white blouse trimmed with yellow silk and lace, a pink-flannel night-dress, a change of underlinen, and a number of collars and handkerchiefs; a brush and comb, in embroidered bag; a small wooden box containing a very thin gold ring, set with a large diamond surrounded by brilliants; a gold ring, set with three diamonds, shamrock pattern (old-fashioned setting); a scarf-pin, red enamel surrounded by pearls, "Martha Hale" on back; a necklace of Roman pearls; a small gold bar brooch, set with turquoise, one stone missing; a silver thimble. Most of the clothing marked "C. M. Nelson." Value, £113 15s. Identifiable.

**STRATFORD.**—George Smart, plumber, reports that between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., 15th ultimo, his shop was broken into, the safe was removed to the back of the premises and an attempt made to open it.

**WELLINGTON.**—Leonard Dart, clerk, 135, Taranaki Street, reports stolen off his bicycle in Lambton Quay, on the 14th ultimo, a nickel acetylene-gas bicycle-lamp; trade mark, a raised bee on front of lamp, and "R. P. B."; maker's name unknown: value, £1 2s. 6d.

**WELLINGTON.**—Massey, Harris, and Company report supposed stolen, on April last, a Massey-Harris bicycle, model 6, No. 18764; value, £20. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Henry Mitchell, who had the bicycle on time payment and is supposed to have sold it. For description see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 149: suspected of theft of bicycle from John Edward Jenkinson and from H. V. Westbury.

**WELLINGTON.**—V. Reid, 2, Stapleton Avenue, North Sydney, reports stolen, between the 1st and 15th March last, a silver English lever watch, maker "Little Bros., London"; a silver open-faced stop watch, with glass back; an old-fashioned snuff-box, Scotch pebble (check pattern) on top, pebble at bottom, gold rim on lid, containing the following Jubilee coins: a five-shilling, a four-shilling, a half-crown, a shilling, and a three-penny piece, and a rupee: value, not stated. Supposed stolen in transit between Wellington and Sydney.

**CLYDE QUAY (WELLINGTON).**—Mrs. W. F. Perry, No. 2, Holland Street, reports stolen from her clothes line, on the 14th or 15th ultimo, a three-quarter honeycomb-pattern bed-quilt; a full-size quilt, flowers worked in red in centre, "W" in red cotton on one corner: both nearly new; also, two white honeycomb toilet-covers: value, £4. Identifiable.

**STAFFORD.**—Benjamin Lyons, storekeeper, reports stolen between Wellington and Stafford, between the 22nd and 27th May last, a new dark-brown tweed suit, with red thread running through the cloth; size 5; the trousers-buttons were marked "Own Make"; value, £2 10s. The above articles formed part of a parcel from Bing, Harris, and Co. per s.s. "Corinna," via Hokitika, and were stolen in transit.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—John Grey, labourer, reports stolen from Islam Road, Riccarton, on the 8th ultimo, a gentleman's Waverley bicycle, No. 114666, black enamelled, 16 model, Rambler chain; value, £18. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 64 and 95.)

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—The frame and back-wheel of Frederick Weymouth's bicycle were found in Cashel Street, and handed over to the owner. The front wheel and a saddle of another machine had been fitted into the frame.

**LYTELTON.**—Miss Scott, Lancaster Park, reports stolen from the social hall of the s.s. "Mokoia," on the 31st May last, a grey opossum rug lined with blue material, value not stated. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to spiliers who were on board, on their way to Christchurch and Dunedin.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, pages 29 and 92.)

**METHVEN.**—Theft from James Henry Stone's shop. Joseph Clarkson alias Kelly has been arrested for this offence by Constable D. Connolly, Dunedin police, and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

**DUNEDIN.**—T. B. Ringer, stock-broker, reports stolen from his office a small cash-box, containing three £1 notes, a half-sovereign, and 5s. in silver: total value, £4.

**DUNEDIN.**—Sergeant-Major Towler, drill-instructor, report stolen from the rack of a first-class railway-carriage, between Stirling and Dunedin, on the 8th April last, a double-barrelled breech-loading gun, 20 bore, makers "Ancion, Tiege and Co.," top action, rebounding locks, with cross-bolt; value, £6. Identifiable.

**MORNINGTON.**—Alexander Morrison, engineer, reports stolen from his vest, which was on the ground, at the Town Belt, when he was playing football on the 15th ultimo, a silver lever open-faced watch, No. 14970; maker, Alexander Kelt, Dundee: value, £6.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 3, and 1896, page 143.)

**MATAURA.**—Breaking and entering the Post office and stealing the safe. William Rhind Grigor Hay has been arrested for this offence by Detective W. B. McIlveney, Invercargill police.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

**AUCKLAND.**—Walter McQuoid is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Louisa McQuoid, since the 3rd June 1901. Description: A native of New Zealand, a carter, twenty-one years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, strong build, dark complexion, black hair inclined to be curly; 2 N and flag tattooed on one arm. When last seen was wearing a blue- serge coat, a vest with grey and brown stripes, tweed pants, blue-cloth cap, top-boots, and straw hat. He was employed as carter at Onehunga, and left there on the 3rd ultimo. His parents reside at Coromandel.

**AUCKLAND.**—John Hughes is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of Wales, a baker, nineteen years of age, medium build, brown eyes, hair, and small brown moustache, heavy eyebrows, large ears, right one much larger than the left, upper front teeth missing, speaks with a slight lisp; dressed in dark-tweed sac suit and white straw hat. He left Devonport on the 10th ultimo, and has friends at Cambridge. Complainant, Edith Maud Francis, Devonport, Auckland.

**AUCKLAND.**—Edward Green is charged on warrant of commitment to Mount Eden Prison for one month for disobeying an order of Court to pay £1 8s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate children. Description: A native of Tasmania, a bricklayer, forty-two years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair, and blue eyes. On the 16th April last he was in arrears £7 4s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 149.)

**AUCKLAND.**—Gustav Lindblom, charged with wife desertion, was arrested by Constable A. Lynd, New Plymouth police, and remanded.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 71.)

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**—Richard Carne is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Lucy Carne, since the 29th January, 1900. Description: English, a labourer, about forty years of age, about 5 ft. 4 in. high, clean-shaved, except moustache, hair turning grey, blue eyes, erect gait, medium build, quiet manner, fond of drink; when last seen, in Foxton, on 5th February, 1900, was dressed in dirty grey suit and soft-felt hat with wide rim. Every possible inquiry should be made for offender, as his wife and family are destitute and receiving charitable aid.

**WELLINGTON.**—John Randolph is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Mabel Randolph, since the 20th February last. Description: A native of London, thirty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, medium build, very dark complexion and eyes, dark hair, moustache only; very fond of drink; usually works at hotels or on steamers as cook, was last heard of at Gisborne, and has left his wife and infant child destitute.