

HAWERA.—Thomas Barrett, farmer, reports stolen from his paddock, on the 29th or 30th May last, a dark-bay heavy harness gelding, four years old, about 15 hands high, star on forehead, one hind foot white, no brands; value, £15. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 150.)

INGLEWOOD.—Theft of Herbert John Woodfield's horse: Charles Cockery has been arrested for this offence by Constable T. E. De Norville, Palmerston North police, and committed for trial. Horse recovered by the Christchurch police.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—John Lynch, farmer, reports stolen from the Palmerston North sale-yards, on the 20th April last, a dark-bay gelding, unbroken, rising three years old, about 14 hands 3 in. high, cobby appearance, tail docked short, large head; value, £8 5s. Suspicion attached to *Charles Cockery*, a colonial, a horse-dealer, about twenty-eight years of age, 6 ft. high, slight build, clean-shaved except fair moustache. On the 24th April he shipped a number of horses to Christchurch, and this one may be amongst the number.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—P. C. Palmes, farmer, Levin, reports supposed stolen from the sale-yards at Palmerston North, on the 20th April last, a bright-bay gelding (unbroken), rising three years old, 15 hands high, a little white on forehead, no known brand, carries head well; value £6. Suspicion attached to *Charles Cockery* (see preceding paragraphs), who may have shipped the horse to Christchurch with the one which he has been arrested for stealing from Herbert John Woodfield.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Thomas James Collinson, draper, reports supposed stolen on the 12th March last, a bright-bay draught gelding, about 14½ hands high, rising five years old, white star on forehead, a little white on one hind fetlock, branded NO (conjoined) on near hind-quarter, broken to harness, carries head rather low, shows more white in one eye than the other; value £25. Identifiable.

TEMUKA.—George Johnson, farmer, reports supposed stolen, on the 30th ultimo or 1st instant, a light chestnut hack gelding, white face, two years old, unbroken; a dark chestnut hack gelding unbroken; a bay hack gelding, aged, white face, near leg deformed, no brands; value, £45.

INVERCARGILL.—Percy Challis, hotelkeeper, Kennington, reports stolen from his stable on the 7th or 8th instant, a black gelding, four years old, small head, about 16½ hands high, long tail, off front fetlock joint slightly enlarged, shod all round; also a new canvas cover, "Spratt" on it; value, £19 6s.

Missing Friends.

JOHN FALVEY is inquired for by the Lawrence police at the instance of his wife, No. 13, Smith Street, Dunedin, with a view of compelling him to contribute towards her support. Description: A native of Ireland, a labourer, about thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, full face, dark eyes, hair, and moustache, walks a little lame on right leg, quarrelsome when in drink. He was seen about two years ago at the Christchurch races, and was supposed to be working about Balfour, Southland.

GEORGE GREY GLEESON is inquired for by the New Plymouth police, with a view of proceeding against him for the maintenance of his wife and children. Description: A native of New Zealand, a carpenter, about thirty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, fair hair, brown moustache only, grey eyes, sallow complexion, large scar on right wrist; looks like a labourer. Was last heard of in July, 1900, at Mrs. Bask's, Wellington.

CHARLES PARKINSON is inquired for by the Christchurch police, at the instance of Mr. Rhodes. Description: A native of England, a coachman, about forty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, slight build, stooped shoulders, dark hair, sallow complexion, clean-shaved except small side-whiskers; dressed in dark-tweed suit, soft-felt hat, and grey mackintosh coat. He was employed by Robert Heaton Rhodes, of Elmwood, and was seen crossing one of his paddocks at 12.30 p.m., 4th instant, but no trace of him can now be obtained. A brother of the missing friend disappeared in a similar way from Christchurch about twelve years ago. He was sent by his friends to a situation at Blenheim, and was never heard of since.

BERNARD CORRIGAN is inquired for by the Eketahuna police, at the instance of his family. Description: A native of Ireland, about seventy-five years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, 13 st. weight, respectable appearance, white hair, white side whiskers only, dressed in dark-tweed suit, old grey-frieze coat, and hard black-felt hat, has good eyesight, and is very active. He is childish in his manner, and wandered from his son's place at Kaiparoro on the 5th instant, and fears are entertained for his safety.

EDWARD BEALE is inquired for by the Christchurch police that a copy of a minute of order for the support of his illegitimate child may be served on him. Description: A native of New Zealand, a tanner, twenty-four years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, dark complexion and hair, clean-shaved except slight dark moustache. On the 12th ultimo he was seen at Woolston. Complainant: Agnes Walsh, Christchurch.

GEORGE HENRY SELMAN is inquired for by the Oamaru police, at the instance of his wife. Description: A native of England, a farmer, forty-six years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, stout build, dark hair turning gray, full sandy whiskers, small bald patch on left side of head. On the 25th April last he received £88 at Dunedin for oats sold, and may have cleared out to England or Victoria.

WHITAKER.—Information is requested concerning William Francis Melville Whitaker, who left San Francisco for New Zealand in 1882. Description: A plasterer by trade, forty-eight years of age, dark curly hair, good-looking and intelligent, a teetotaler. He joined the American army when under age, and took the name of Frank P. Melville. Inquiry on behalf of his brother, C. N. Whitaker, Monrovia, California. (01/1103.)

ANNIE ROBBIE is inquired for by the Wellington police at the instance of her mother. Description: About thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 4 in. high, slight build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, brown eyes, walks erect, rather pleasing face, respectable appearance; was housemaid at Miss Kebble's, No. 3, Fitzherbert Terrace, for some years, and left there on the 19th March last, stating that she was going to her mother, at Oamaru, but no trace of her can be obtained. Photograph filed in the Inspector's Office, Wellington.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 159.)

JAMES HARKER WILSON has been found.

Miscellaneous Information.

Rewards.

SERGEANT E. MACKAY, No. 210, Nelson police, has been awarded £8 for arresting Evan Davies, a deserter from H.M.S. "Mildura." (01/974.)

CONSTABLE D. RYAN, No. 935, Wellington police, has been awarded £8 for arresting four absentees from H.M.S. "Pylades." (01/54.)

Uniform.

(Circular No. 14/01.)

It affords me much gratification in communicating to the Force generally that Cabinet has been pleased to authorise the free issue of uniform to all sergeants-major, sergeants, and constables, as per schedule annexed.

This free issue will commence from 1st October next, and the first issue will be made on requisition, as the various articles then in use become unserviceable.

Inspectors will be held responsible that this first issue is not requisitioned for until the articles are actually required, and all subsequent issues will be made according to the periods named in the schedule, and dating from the first issue.

Where materials are issued to be made into articles of uniform, the Inspectors will take all necessary precautions to insure that such materials are made up into the garments for which they are intended, within one month of such issue. The cost of making up must be borne by the officer concerned.

District and Native constables will not be supplied with uniform.

Police Department, Commissioner of Police.
Wellington, 9th July, 1901. (01/1087.)

Schedule showing Uniform to be issued.

A.—Town Stations south of Taranaki, namely:—
NAPIER AND EAST COAST DISTRICT.—Dannevirke.