

DUNEDIN.—**Walter Loring** is charged on warrant with the theft, on or about the 22nd ultimo, of £10, the money of his employer, Charles Macandrew Howison, merchant, Crawford Street, Dunedin. Description: A clerk, twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 8 in. high, strong build, dark brown hair, fresh complexion, small fair moustache only, sunken inflamed eyes; usually dressed in dark sac suit and hard black hat. Offender received £10 on behalf of Mr. Howison, and failed to account for it. Other charges pending.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 96.)

DUNEDIN.—Theft of Walter Alexander Scott's bicycles. W. Sinclair and J. T. Brown, charged on warrant with these offences, are identical. Offender left Wellington with the Fourth Contingent for South Africa.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.—Joseph Clark, boot-manufacturer, Main Street, reports that on the 26th or 27th ultimo his shop was broken into and a black tin cash-box, 5 in. by 10 in., stolen, containing a sovereign, two half-sovereigns, and £2 14s. 10d. in silver. Cash-box only identifiable.

PALMERSTON.—Robert Matheson, farmer, Green Valley, reports stolen from his trap, in the yard of the North Western Hotel, on the 20th ultimo, a brown-leather portmanteau containing clothing, value £4. The clothing was found concealed underneath the woolshed at Mount Royal, and may have been stolen by some of the men employed there. Portmanteau is still missing.

LITTLE RIVER.—Between 7.45 p.m., the 31st ultimo, and 7.50 a.m., 1st instant, the Little River Railway-station was broken into, the safe blown open with an explosive, and the following stolen: £50 15s. 0½d., consisting of about forty £1 notes and the remainder in gold, silver, and copper; £1 15s. 5d. worth of postage-due stamps, value from 1d. to 6d. each; £25 6s. 5½d. of revenue stamps, value from ½d. to 1s. each, a 5s. and a 3s. stamp being amongst them; a cheque for £3 10s. (recovered), a small cash-box, a yellow oilskin stained at the back, collar-button, one on each side, missing. Suspicion attached to two men, names unknown, who were seen at Kaituna on the 31st, going towards Little River. Descriptions: First—About twenty-four years of age, about 5ft. 9 in. high, clean-shaved, good-looking, dressed in dark clothes and dark-brown soft hat. Second—About thirty years of age, about 5ft. 9 in. high, clean-shaved, dark moustache, good appearance; dressed in dark clothes and soft brown hat, a muffler round his neck, and carried a small parcel over his shoulder. Both identifiable. They got away on the lineman's trolley, and disconnected the telegraph-wires before leaving.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 170.)

INVERCARGILL.—Theft of Percy Henry Vickery's bicycle. Robert John Ransome McNaught has been arrested by Constable W. D. Thompson, Upper Hutt police, and remanded. Bicycle recovered.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

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

AUCKLAND.—Walter Charles Marlborough, charged with deserting his wife, has been arrested by Constable H. G. Hunt, Oamaru police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 136.)

AUCKLAND.—John Black, charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his wife, has been arrested by Constable J. F. Sweeney, Dunedin police. He was going under the name of John McPherson.

NAPIER.—**Charles Duncan** is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of America, a butcher, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 9½ in. high, medium build, fair complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, regular features, clean shaved, has a large snow-white patch on the back of his head; dressed in brown-tweed sac suit and black-felt hat. He left Napier on the 10th April last for Palmerston North. His parents reside at Okaiawa, Taranaki District, and he formerly worked at Tomoana freezing-work, and with O'Connor, at Waipukurau, as butcher.

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

PETONE.—Michael Ambrose, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his illegitimate child, is said to have been in Napier on the 26th ultimo, and to have written a few days ago from Bourke, New South Wales, to a friend in Napier.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 38.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—William Smith, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, has been arrested by Constable C. Bowden, Pahiatua police, and remanded.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Edwin Albert Southon** is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Mary Ann Eliza Southon, since the 7th instant. Description: A native of England, hotel cook, thirty-three years of age, 5ft. 6 in. or 7 in. high, fair complexion, fair curly hair, light-blue eyes, clean-shaved except large fair moustache, large nose, sunken cheeks, overhanging eyebrows, large ears, front teeth discoloured; bracelet, ship, and anchor on left hand; dressed in dark sac coat and vest and light-coloured trousers.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Alfred Aynsley** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his wife. Description: A native of England, cab-driver, about forty-five years of age, about 5ft. 7 in. high, medium build, ruddy complexion, sandy beard, whiskers and moustache trimmed short, small eyes, erect gait. Supposed to have left Christchurch for Sydney on the 20th June last. The sum of £7 2s. 6d. is due up to the 16th ultimo.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Henry Walkey** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 15s. a week for the maintenance of his wife. Description: A native of England, a wheelwright, about fifty years of age, 5ft. 6 in. high, stout build, sallow complexion, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache turning grey; has two fingers of right hand off. He left Timaru for Christchurch about the middle of June, and there is now due up to the 30th July last the sum of £9 6s.

Deserters from His Majesty's Service.

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

On 1st August, 1901.

William G. White, Seaman, eighteen years of age, a native of England, 5ft. 3 in. high, light hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, "Love S. W." on left forearm, scar on palm of left hand, coat-of-arms and "true love" on right wrist. A reward of £3 will be paid for his apprehension, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 158.)

Edward J. Palmer, deserter from H.M.S. "Pylades," has been arrested by Constable J. Connell, Lyttelton police.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

HAMILTON.—Patrick Jones, horse-trainer, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a chestnut hack pony mare, aged, 14 hands high, no visible brands, small white star on forehead, one white forefoot, and a crack down the front of one forefoot; value, £3. Identifiable.

HAMILTON.—Arthur Petty, labourer, reports stolen, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a white hack gelding, eight years old, about 15 hands high, near hip down, shod all round; value, £5. Identifiable.

CAMBRIDGE.—James Taylor, farmer, reports stolen, on the 30th or 31st ultimo, nine or ten yearling calves, mixed sexes, branded T on near ribs, and a V notch in near ears; value, £20. Identifiable. The stolen cattle were last seen on Mr. Buckland's run, Puketutu, with their ears freshly faked to swallow-tail, point mutilated, and were taken from there by two persons riding—one a shod and the other an unshod horse. They were driving a mob of about thirty head, probably stolen, and went along the Puketutu bridle-track towards Wahoroa.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 172.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Thomas James Collinson's horse stolen. The horse has been traced by the Christchurch police to the possession of Charles Cockery, who has been arrested by Constable T. E. De Norville, Palmerston North police, on other charges, and committed for trial.

CULVERDEN.—John Coskley, storekeeper, reports stolen from a paddock at Sherwood, between the 1st May and 20th June last, a light draught bay gelding, nine years old, 15½ hands high, very large head, a white patch on near hind leg, no brands; value, £12. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 136.)

OPHIR.—John McCluskey's horse has been found wandering. Suspicion no longer attached to Rocks McIntyre.