

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Ernest Townsend** is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A colonial, a carpenter, nineteen years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. or 7 in. high, dark complexion and hair, dark-brown eyes, clean-shaved; usually dressed in dark suit, and white-straw hat with black band. He left Lyttelton on the 7th ultimo for Sydney by the s.s. "Waikare." Complainant: Alice Elizabeth Offwood, 59, Stewart Street.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Arthur Wilson** is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Colonial, book-sellers' salesman, about twenty-two years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, rather stout build, clear complexion, black hair, brown eyes, clean-shaved except small black moustache, one tooth missing but not noticeable, erect gait; dressed in grey sac or dark-blue suit, with straw or hard-felt hat. His parents reside in Napier, and he was last seen there in June, 1900, and is now supposed to be in Queensland.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**John Walker** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of the Court to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his wife. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, fair complexion, red hair, blue eyes. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 140.) The sum of £4 was in arrears on the 25th August last. He is said to have gone to Wellington.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—**James Harden** is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Supposed colonial, a jockey, between twenty-four and twenty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 5 in. high, about 8 stone weight, small features, blue eyes, dark-brown hair. Supposed to have left Wellington for Sydney about the 1st December last.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 271.)

TIMARU.—**Charles Gibbs**, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, has been arrested by Constable D. Connolly, Invercargill police, on information supplied by Constable J. Keaney, and remanded.

### Absconding from Industrial Schools.

COLIN HECTOR KEMPTON absconded from the Industrial School, Burnham, on the 31st December last. Description: About fourteen years of age, tall, slim, dark complexion; dressed in new dark-tweed knicker suit, lace-up boots, and cap. Committed from Greytown on the 23rd November, 1900.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 280.)

DENIS RYAN is now in the employment of Thomas Bennett, farmer, near Methven.

### Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

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

On 19th December, 1900.

**John Knowles**, A.B., twenty-two years of age, a native of Leeds, England, 5 ft. 3 in. high, grey eyes, fresh complexion, ballet-girl tattooed on left forearm.

**Joseph Larkin**, A.B., twenty-three years of age, a native of Belfast, Ireland, 5 ft. 9 in. high, light hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion, scar over left eye.

**John Cullinan**, stoker, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 4½ in. high, light-brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, scar on calf of right leg. Deserted on 23rd December, 1900.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of each of the above offenders, in addition to £5 for each from the colonial Government.

### Deserter from Merchant Vessel.

From the Ship "Lady Isabel," at Lyttelton.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 203.)

L. A. Carl, or Earl, has been arrested by Constable Andrew, Temuka police.

### Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

TE KUITI.—**William Kilmartin**, settler, reports stolen, about the 1st June, 1900, a light-bay gelding, about 14 hands high, four years old, Roman nose, white streak down nose, branded X on off rump; value, £4. Natives suspected of selling the horse to a half-caste, James Roach, who took several lots of horses to Waitara and Hawera for sale.

WAIKUKU.—**Maurice Priestley** reports stolen from a paddock, on the 14th or 15th December last, a chestnut mare, about 14 hands high, eight years old, star on forehead, white nose, shod all round, lighter colour on legs, branded S on near shoulder; value, £8.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—**Joseph Crocket**, grain merchant, reports stolen from Newton King's yard, Currie Street, in October, 1900, a dark-brown hack gelding, 14½ hands high, four years old, branded 5 supposed on near shoulder, a little white on off hind foot; a colonial saddle, and a double-rein bridle with snaffle-bit about two years in wear: value, £25.

FOXTON.—**William Tofts** is charged on warrant with having, on the 25th December, 1900, stolen a horse, saddle, and bridle, the property of Frederick Spencer Easton. Offender is supposed colonial, a labourer, was blacksmithing in Wellington, twenty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 4 in. high, stiff build, fresh complexion, shaved except small fair moustache, fair hair, very short open teeth; was wearing a new pair of greyish saddle-tweed trousers, a blue or black coat, and a soft brown-felt hat with a very wide band. He left Foxton on the 25th, and offered the turn-out to Mr. Falkner for £4. Supposed gone to Palmerston North. The horse is a dark-bay gelding, branded □ on one shoulder, 14 hands high, a lump on near fore-leg between the knee and fetlock; a rather large colonial saddle, lining broken underneath the pommel, flat knee-pads, one broken at the bottom, nickel stirrup-irons, one with three and the other with one centre bar; a bridle, brass buckles on headstall, square buckles on the reins, iron bit: value, £5.

MARTON.—**John Hammond**, farmer, reports stolen, about the 28th October last, a dark-chestnut gelding, 14½ hands high, branded EB conjoined, looks like M, a small white streak down the face, a white saddle-mark on the off side of the wither and one under the saddle; value, £17. Suspicion attached to *Charles Hartley*, who lives with the Maoris at Parewa, and may have sold the horse at Palmerston.

RAKAIA.—**William Cromie**, blacksmith, reports stolen, on the 13th or 14th December last, a bay hack gelding, no brands, small lump on off fore pastern, slight scar on near hind hook, brushes with hind feet, white snib on nose; value, £15. Identifiable.

WINTON.—**Stephen Hunter**, farmer, Benmore, reports supposed stolen, between the 17th October last and 20th ultimo, sixty full-fleeced ewes, 4 H on near side in red paint, ear-marked with swallow in near ear; forty of this season's lambs, mixed sexes, cut and tailed, tip off and slit in near ear of ewes and off ear of wethers: value, £70.

### Missing Friends.

WILLIAM P. WHITE is inquired for by the Auckland police at the instance of John Burns and Company. Description: A native of New Zealand, thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 11½ in. high, dark-brown moustache, brown eyes; dressed in dark-blue serge suit, grey soft-felt hat, and tan boots. He was employed by the above firm as commercial traveller, and left Mercer on the 22nd December, 1900, for Auckland by the 5 p.m. train; his luggage arrived at the Commercial Hotel, but no trace can now be found of him.

EDWIN A. BURTON is inquired for by the Auckland police at the instance of his father, John Burton, Grafton Road. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer and bush-hand, thirty-six years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, dark complexion, thin build, black hair whiskers and moustache, whiskers cut short; well educated; respectable appearance; has lost middle finger of right hand from the second joint; has a gunshot wound on right thigh; was working at saw-mills at Waitakerei, and recently had charge of his uncle's bakery business in Grafton Road. He was last seen in the Auckland Domain on the 22nd December last, and was dressed in a dark-tweed coat, light-coloured trousers, and dark skullcap.

ADRLINE, or ADA, MCKERNAN is inquired for by the Napier police. Description: A native of New Zealand, twenty-one years of age, a fruit- and lolly-shop keeper, 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in. high, long thin features, fair complexion, rather good looking, has a scar about 1 in. long on the neck below the left ear, front teeth sound and even, very light brown coarse hair; when last seen at Napier on the 31st May or 1st June last was wearing a dark-green dress with a band of black military braid round the bottom, a double-breasted fawn jacket, a pepper-and-salt hat with poppy trimming, and lace-up boots with patent-leather toes. On the 3rd June last the body of a woman was found in the Napier Harbour (see *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 150), and it is thought she may be identical with the missing friend.