

WELLINGTON.—J. M. Clarke, traveller, care of Rylands and Co., reports stolen, between the 8th and 11th instant, from his sample-baskets on the s.s. "Takapuna," between New Plymouth and Wellington, or on the Wellington Wharf, three ladies' shirt blouses, two made of mauve-and-white plaid, and one of red-and-green plaid; about twelve ladies' brown-and-black-leather purses; twelve ladies' white handkerchiefs, marked R on corner; several men's brown-coloured merino singlets, two ladies' red-and-black-striped flannelette skirts: value, £5. Blouses only identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Charles E. Fraser, waterworks foreman, reports stolen from a tool-chest in Bunny Street, on the 30th ultimo or 1st instant, two pairs of long rubber boots, one pair size 8, "Whiteman" written inside, two pairs size 9; value, £2 10s.

WELLINGTON.—The Union Clothing Company, Manners Street, reports stolen on the s.s. "Te Anau" in transit from Dunedin to Wellington, between the 21st and 23rd ultimo, three flannel undershirts, branded "A Ae O O"; value, £1 2s. 6d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 193.)

WELLINGTON.—Edgar Gustav March, alias Marcks, &c., charged with theft from John Munro Clark: The watch and chain have been recovered at Fruhauf's pawn-office, where they were pledged by the offender on the 3rd August last. The singlet was recovered at Kinder's second-hand shop, Manners Street.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 116.)

CLYDE QUAY (WELLINGTON).—Joseph Kenny's coat has been recovered. It was sold on the 23rd ultimo to Mrs. Fitzsimmons, second-hand dealer, Tory Street, by a man about twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, stout build, clean-shaved, nose appears to have been broken, dirty appearance. Identification doubtful.

RANGIORA.—James Kirk, tobacconist, reports that on the 10th instant his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A box of Vanity Fair and half a box of Old Judge cigarettes, twelve packets Old Judge, 5 lb. Derby, and one box and a half Juno tobacco, three shaving-brushes with wooden handles, two Kropp and two Bengal razors in cases, four white-handled pocket-knives, one meerscham and seven wooden pipes (most of them marked "Don"), and 1s. in coppers; value, £14.

DUNEDIN.—John Loudon, manager, Farmers' Agency, reports stolen from his office, about the 1st ultimo, a double-barrelled breech-loading hammerless gun, with 30 in. blue-coloured barrels, "Pigeon gun" stamped on them; vulcanite butt; maker A. and W. McCarthy; value, £10. Identifiable.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY (Dunedin).—George Calder, settler, reports that about the 13th instant his shed was broken into and six packages of dynamite stolen; value, £2 5s.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—William Ashby is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 5s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, thirty-one years of age, 5 ft. 9½ in. high, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, small blue eyes, thin nose, upper front teeth missing. Supposed to be working in the King-country. The sum of £9 12s. 6d. is in arrears up to the 13th August, 1901. Complainant: Martha Jane Lineham.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 50.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Frederick Manton, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child: Warrant cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 116.)

WESTPORT.—Martin O'Loughlin, charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his wife and child, has been arrested by Constable T. O'Rourke, Otaki police. He was going under the name of Charles Coleman.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Henry Ayers is charged on warrant of commitment to Lyttelton Gaol for six months for disobeying an order of Court to pay 5s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child, and to find surety for due compliance with the order. Description: A native of New Zealand, a groom, twenty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, slender build, fair complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved except light-brown moustache, thin features. His

parents reside in Madras Street North, Christchurch. Complainant: Emma Jane Harriet Frost, Burwood, Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Richard Davis is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 5s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a venetian-blind maker, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair, grey eyes, peculiar shaped underlip (see *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 158 and 205). On the 24th ultimo there was in arrears the sum of £4 10s. Complainant: Elizabeth Mooar, Addington, Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Joseph Fox is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a groom and barman, twenty-one years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, fair complexion, fair curly hair, blue eyes, medium build, clean-shaved; generally wears brown-tweed sac suit and hard black-felt hat; is son of the licensee of the Zetland Arms Hotel, and was last seen in Cashel Street on the 5th instant. Complainant: Clara Wilson, domestic, St. Asaph Street, Christchurch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 224 and 233.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Norton Wilson, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child, has been arrested by Detective T. Livingstone, Christchurch police.

OAMARU.—Patrick McCluskey is charged on warrant of commitment to Dunedin Gaol for three months for disobeying an order of Court to pay 6s. 6d. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child. Description: A colonial of Irish parents, a blacksmith and labourer, about twenty-nine years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. or 9 in. high, stout build, fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, reddish moustache only, round features, pug nose, low forehead, short arms, smart appearance, shuts his eyes when laughing; usually dressed in dark-tweed suit and soft black-felt hat. Last seen in Oamaru on the 26th August last.

DUNEDIN.—John Kellie is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Rachel Kellie. Description: A native of Glasgow, a carrier, about forty years of age, looks younger, 5 ft. 8 in. high, clean-shaved except reddish moustache, thin features and build, ruddy complexion; arrived in Auckland from Melbourne about nine years ago, and worked for Sutherland, a tanner, at Onehunga (see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 195). He left Dunedin for Christchurch on the 15th June last.

### Deserter from His Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Ringarooma," at Sydney.

On 3rd October, 1901.

Harry Bailey, stoker, twenty-eight years of age, a native of England, 5 ft. 6 in. high, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, sallow complexion, scar above right elbow.

### Absentees from His Majesty's Service.

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

On 12th October, 1901.

Frank Jones, signalman, a native of England, nineteen years of age, about 5 ft. 5 in. high, fair freckled complexion, blue eyes.

Frederick Dale, marine private, born in England, twenty-one years of age, about 5 ft. 5½ in. high, fair hair, blue eyes, fair complexion; dressed in blue-serge suit.

A reward of £1 is offered for the apprehension of Jones; and £5 for Dale—his arrest is important, as he is suspected of theft of money and a light-brown tweed suit of clothes from the ship.

### Deserting from Merchant Vessel.

From the ship "Machrinhanish," at Wellington.

On the 12th and 18th October, 1901.

Samon Mattison, Russian Finn, seaman, twenty-four years of age, about 6 ft. high, medium build, fair complexion, reddish hair.

John Garaz, a native of Chili, seaman, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in. high, stout build, dark or copper complexion; dressed in blue-serge or flannel sac suit.

A reward of £5 will be paid for the apprehension of Garaz, and £4 for Mattison.