

**Absentee from Merchant Vessel.**

From the Ship "Invercargill," at Wellington.

On 4th May, 1903.

**Trevor Sinclair**, apprentice, a native of England, seventeen years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, fresh complexion, stout build; dressed in monkey jacket with brass buttons, blue-cloth trousers. Photograph filed in the Inspector's office, Wellington. A reward of £1 will be paid for his apprehension.

**Horse and Cattle Stealing.**

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 269.)

**RAWENE**.—Claude C. Courtney's horse has been found straying.

**WAIROA**.—James Halliburton, shepherd, Mohaka, reports stolen, on the 19th February last, a half-draught chestnut gelding, aged, about 15½ hands high, white blaze down the face, two white hind legs; value, £20. Identifiable.

**MARTINBOROUGH**.—Robert Wadham, livery-stable keeper, reports stolen, on the 11th or 12th instant, a brown hack gelding, aged, branded with half-circle on near shoulder; a black hack mare, aged, white rings round both eyes, no brands; value, £25 each. Both had covers on branded R.W. in tar, also maker's name (Hudson, Carterton) on near side; value, £2. Identifiable.

**Missing Friends.**

**JAMES CURRAN** is inquired for by the Foxton police with a view of serving him with a notice of fine for keeping an unregistered dog. Description: Supposed English, master mariner, about forty years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, clean-shaved except brown moustache. He was captain of the s.s. "Mangapapa," and is said to have left Wellington on the 22nd ultimo for Melbourne.

**GEORGE MARRINER** is inquired for by the Foxton police at the instance of his wife. Description: A native of New Zealand, labourer, thirty-three years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, round shoulders, fair complexion, dark-brown hair inclined to curl, shaved except brown moustache; dressed in black suit, light check cap, and lace-up boots. He may go to Dunedin, where he was formerly a tram-driver. If found, a warrant will be issued for wife-desertion.

**MICHAEL JOSEPH BURK** (known as "Mick") is inquired for by the Havelock police at the instance of Miss Rose Diamanti. Description: A native of Galway, Ireland, contractor and miner, thirty years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build; has been in the colony about fifteen years. He was last heard of at Wood Villa Boardinghouse, Nelson Street, Auckland, about the 20th March last. Fears are entertained for his safety. Photograph filed in the Inspector's office, Wellington.

**ARCHIBALD PATRICK** (known as "Pat") is inquired for by the Rakaia police, at the instance of Nellie Wilson Treglowan, with a view of compelling him to support his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, carpenter, twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. or 5 in. high, medium build, fair hair, fair complexion, large brown eyes, round features, smart active appearance; generally dressed in dark-brown tweed suit and light-felt hat. May have come to the North Island.

**ARCHIBALD LECKIE** is inquired for by the Orepuki police with a view to serve him with a summons for refusing to quit the Masonic Hotel. Description: A native of New Zealand, labourer, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, flag on right arm, A.L. on left arm (See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 163.)

**ISAAC HARRY BACHELOR** is inquired for by the Christ church police at the instance of his family, who are anxious as to his safety. Description: A farmer, sixty-one years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, stooped, reddish complexion, sandy moustache, brown hair turning grey, left eye blind; dressed in grey trousers patched at knees, striped shirt, and Cardigan jacket. Was last heard of at Lyttelton, on 7th instant.

**TUNN**.—Information is requested by the Victorian police as to the whereabouts of Hugh Tunn. He is a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and was last heard of at Gippsland about four years ago. He was then married, and farming a section of land. Was formerly employed mining. His brother, Andrew Tunn, is said to be employed in some

capacity of trust by a solicitor in New Zealand, and if found may know the present address of his brother. Inquiries are made in connection with the intestate estate of A. Tunn, Sydney. *Special inquiries to be made, and early report forwarded to the Commissioner's office.* (03/924.)

**CLAYTON**.—Information is requested concerning the whereabouts of Richard Clayton, at the instance of William Sutherland, Dalmarnock Gasworks, Glasgow. Description: A farmer, about forty-five years of age, fair complexion, medium height, stout build, smart appearance. He and his wife left Newcastle-on-Tyne in December, 1901, for New Zealand, with the intention of sheep-farming, and are supposed to have settled in the Canterbury district. (03/829.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 283.)

**ELLEN ROLFE** has been found at Dunedin.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 120.)

**MARY WEBBER**, inquired for by the Westport police, has been found.

**Miscellaneous Information.**

*Station formed.*

**PORONGAHAU**, Napier and East Coast District, 7th May, 1903. (03/427.)

*District Constable appointed.*

**CITTADINI**, **WILLIAM ALEXANDER**, at Herbertville, Napier and East Coast District, 5th May, 1903, vice Constable E. Eales, transferred to Porongahau.

*Rewards.*

**CONSTABLE P. CREAN**, No. 699, Kawakawa police, has been awarded £3, and District Constable W. J. King £2, for services in obtaining convictions for sly-grog selling at Aratara. (03/581.)

**CONSTABLES H. G. Tull** and **J. Bagrie** have been awarded £3 each for the arrest of two stragglers from H.M.S. "Wallaroo." (03/51.)

**Law Report.**

THE following decision is published for the general information of the Force:—

("New Zealand Law Reports," Vol. xxii., pages 161–164.)

**CHONG v. COX AND ANOTHER.**

*Police—Action against—Notice of Action—"The Police Force Act, 1886," Section 16—Use of Handcuffs.*

The circumstances under which the handcuffing of a prisoner is justifiable considered.

An action against constables for damages for alleged unreasonable use of handcuffs when arresting is an action for something done in the pursuance of "The Police Force Act, 1886," and the notice of action required by section 16 of that Act must be given.

This was a special case stated by the parties in an action in which the plaintiff, a Chinaman, who had been arrested with others in what was alleged to be a common gaming-house, sought to recover damages from the defendants, the arresting constables, for alleged illegal use of handcuffs.

The special case stated that on the 5th of March, 1902, the defendants, acting under a warrant issued in pursuance of section 3 of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," and being accompanied by twelve other police officers, made a raid upon premises occupied by the plaintiff in Haining Street, Wellington, and there arrested the plaintiff and twenty-seven other Chinese, who were then in a room of the premises. The defendants, in the room, handcuffed the plaintiff and the twenty-seven other Chinese, and compelled them to walk from Haining Street through the streets of Wellington in a handcuffed condition to the police-station, where they were detained. The special case referred to the evidence given when the plaintiff and the others were charged before the Magistrate with offences under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, for the circumstances under which the arrests were made. This evidence did not show any attempt at resistance beyond the fact that when the police first entered the room there was a rush to get out, and that several of the Chinese grabbed at money which was lying on the table and tried to get away with it. They were, however, stopped, and the police secured the exits from the room. There was no evidence of any attempt to get away or avoid arrest on the part of the plaintiff. Nor was there any evidence of any resistance or of any attempt to get away on the part of any of the Chinese after the first entry of the police. It appeared, also, that the whole of the prisoners, and the plaintiff in particular, were individually known to the defendant Cox, who