

Suspicion attached to two men who said they were brothers and gave their names as Smith and that they were from Sydney. Description: First—About twenty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, medium build, blue eyes, sharp features, red face, clean-shaved, prominent nose; dressed in dark suit, high collar, soft cream-coloured shirt. Second—About twenty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. or 10 in. high, thickset, square features, large eyes, pale complexion, clean-shaved; dressed in dark suit. One of them was wearing a gold-mounted ribbon chain. Identifiable.

OTAKI.—Walter Alexander Milne, Postmaster and store-keeper, reports that on the 6th or 7th instant his store at Manukau was broken into, and the following stolen: Two tennis-shirts; a men's tweed sac coat; a pair of men's strong watertight boots with nails; a gentlemen's left-foot light walking-shoe, size 9; a men's dark-tweed sac coat, size 3; two boys' brown-and-blue tweed trousers and coats, size 4; three metal watches, one black; a gentlemen's gold-washed ring, imitation diamond in claw setting; a box of Old Judge cigarettes; some Derby tobacco; about 10s. in silver and coppers; total value, about £16.

CARTERTON.—William White Mansfield, draper, reports stolen from his shop-door, on the 9th instant, a plush rug, 3 ft. 10 in. by 4 ft. 10 in., one side black, the other side tiger-skin pattern, bound at edges with red tape; value, 16s. 6d. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 74.)

GREYTOWN NORTH.—Charles Kempton's bicycle stolen: It has been ascertained that the bicycle is a Taylor's Columbia, No. 13151.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Alfred Hosking Duneen is charged on warrant with theft, about the 20th ultimo, of a bicycle, value £22 (recovered), the property of Best and Towne. Description: About thirty-five years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, fair hair and complexion, fair moustache only; dressed in grey suit and grey cap. He obtained the bicycle on the hire system, and pawned it at Dunedin.

ADDINGTON (CHRISTCHURCH).—William Henry Butcher, carpenter, reports stolen from his clothes-line, on the 11th or 12th instant, one unbleached and four twill sheets, seams down the centre of two of the latter; one unbleached tablecloth, four large Turkish towels, three tea-towels, two white-cambrie aprons, one white apron with red stripe round the bottom, five calico pillow-slips, one cambrie pinafore, one white overall with red spots, two pairs of children's pink-flannelette drawers, one white-flannelette chemise and a pair of drawers, a cream tennis-shirt, a galatea shirt, and half a dozen handkerchiefs; value, £3. Identifiable.

TIMARU.—Charles Nicholson Macintosh is charged on warrant with theft, on or about the 9th October, 1901, of £72 8s. 11d., the money of John Venning, Atlas Mills, Timaru. Description: Colonial, land-broker and general commission agent, about thirty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 11 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, fair curly hair turning grey, bald on top, grey or blue eyes, rather full face, small mouth, small pointed chin, slight fair moustache only, slightly bow-legged, walks with a slight stoop; a plausible manner; usually dresses in grey tweed and soft-felt hat; was Mayor of Timaru two years ago. Will probably attempt to leave the colony. Other charges pending, amongst them probably a charge of forgery.

TIMARU.—William Burton (name probably fictitious) is charged on warrant with theft, on the 24th ultimo, of a gun, value £8 (recovered), the property of Messrs. Priest and Holdgate, ironmongers. Description: Supposed colonial, appeared well educated, about twenty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. or 9 in. high, slight build, fair complexion, inclined to be sandy; dressed in light-tweed suit and light-brown Dr. Jim hat. He hired the gun for the day and sold it to a second-hand dealer for £1 17s. 6d.

DUNEDIN.—Stanley Mead, seaman, reports stolen from his cabin on board the ship "Port Sonachan," on the 27th ultimo, a gentlemen's silver open-faced English lever watch, small hole in glass, a metal chain with small silver heart and a ten-cent piece attached; value, £4. Identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—Harry Hill (name probably fictitious) is charged on warrant with theft, on or about the 14th ultimo, of a bicycle, value £15 (recovered), the property of William Black, law-clerk. Description: Supposed colonial, labourer or bushman, about thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark eyes, very dark hair, small moustache only, cheeks slightly sunken; dressed in dark-tweed sac suit, coat rather long and cut

square at bottom, dark soft-felt hat worn on back of head showing fringe of hair on forehead; had a small swag rolled in brownish white quilt, a red-and-white scarf as a sling; supposed to be an expert axeman from Tasmania, and may seek employment bushfelling. Was last heard of at Gore, on the 15th ultimo, and may come to the North Island seeking employment.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 63.)

WAIKAWA.—James Campbell, charged with wife-desertion, has been arrested by Constable W. Baskeville, Waipukurau police.

PAHIATUA.—Robert Taggart is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, baker and labourer, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 9 in. high, slight build, long thin features, sallow complexion, dark-brown hair, small brown moustache only; generally wears dark suit and hard hat; may have a shepherds' plaid cap. Photograph filed in Inspector's Office, Wellington. Complainant, Myrtle Amy Webb, Hamua. He is also charged with carnally knowing complainant, who is under age.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 74 and 213.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—James McCullough, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child: Warrant cancelled by request of the complainant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 75.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Thomas Beegan, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his children, has been arrested by Constable T. Gibson, Christchurch police, and sentenced to one month.

SYDNEY.—Edward Samuel G. Bournes is charged on warrant with wife-desertion at Redfern, Sydney. Description: A carter, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. or 5 in. high, stout build, fair complexion, brown hair and moustache, the end of middle right-hand finger has been injured; dressed in blue sac suit and hard black hat; is said to have come to New Zealand. He was accompanied by Ada Scott, who recently called at the Post-office, Wellington, for letters from Sydney, but no trace can now be obtained of them. Photographs filed in the Commissioner's Office. (03/815.)

### Absconding from Industrial School.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 259.)

GEORGE THOMPSON, has been found by Constable W. J. Simpson, Eltham police, and sent back to Burnham Industrial School.

### Deserters from His Majesty's Service.

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

On 23rd April, 1903.

W. H. Keat, A.B., twenty-three years of age a native of England, 5 ft. 7½ in. high, light-brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. A reward of £3 will be paid for his apprehension.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 233.)

John McCarthy, deserter from H.M.S. "Archer" at Lyttelton, has returned to his ship.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 93.)

William John Clark, deserter from H.M.S. "Archer," has been arrested by Constables P. J. Dunn and P. J. Brown, Ponsonby police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1903, page 76.)

William R. Golding, deserter from H.M.S. "Ringarooma," has been arrested by Constable J. W. Hollis, Auckland police.

### Absentee from His Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Penguin," at Wellington.

On 9th and 11th May, 1903.

John Collins, A.B., native of England, twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 11 in. high, brown hair, hazel eyes, fresh complexion.

Thomas Fazakerley, stoker, native of England, twenty years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, woman on left forearm, African warrior on right forearm, small scar on lower lip.

A reward of £3 each is offered for their apprehension.