

WAIHI.—About 15th April last, from a paddock, the property of DAVID JAMES DURIES, farmer, Mataura, Waihi, a chestnut mare, about fifteen or sixteen years old, about 14 hands high, long tail, split in one hoof, no brands: value, £6. Identifiable.

WAVERLEY.—17th instant, from the dwelling of ANDREW BOYD, plasterer, an English silver open-faced lever watch, silvered dial, "William Orr, Saltcoats," engraved on inside of the works; value, £6. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Ernest Devoine, age about eighteen, height about 5 ft. 3 in., thick-set; dressed in dark suit and cap.

WELLINGTON.—22nd instant, from a cabin on the s.s. "Moeraki," the property of MARK COHEN, journalist, Dunedin, a gentlemen's gold hunting-watch, maker Erhardt, London, number not known, value £25; a black-ribbon watch-guard, gold shield in centre, "M. C." in monogram thereon, a gold keeper on each end, value £1 ls.; a gold sovereign-case and match-box combined, about 3 in. long, "M. C." thereon, value £6; and two sovereigns. The above articles were stolen from complainant's vest, which was hanging in his cabin, during the time the boat was in Wellington.

WELLINGTON.—23rd ultimo, from the Ministerial Residence, Tinakori Road, the property of CATHERINE MILLER, a dark-brown pet Pomeranian dog, about 10 in. high, seven months old, weak in hind-quarters, was wearing a scarlet patent-leather collar; value, £15 15s. Identifiable.

MOUNT COOK.—Between 7th and 10th instant, from the dwelling of MARIE VERNON, College Street, a ladies' 18 ct. gold keyless open-faced watch, "Aldo to Veronique" on back of case, value £5; a ladies' 9 ct. gold muff-chain, small links, value £3 10s.; an 18 ct. gold bangle, Nellie Stewart pattern, hinge damaged, dent near the hinge, value £10; a 15 ct. gold cable bangle, had five pearls and blue-coloured stones in centre, two are now missing, a French coin attached; value, £6 10s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—20th ultimo, from a building in course of erection for the New Zealand Express Company, the property of NICOL ALEXANDER BOOTH, carpenter, a hollow plane, an iron plane, a rivet-plane, a tenon-saw, a set of bits in green baize (planes and saw marked "A. Booth"); value, £1 13s. 6d. Identifiable. Also a steel plane, "Matthews" thereon; a small steel plane, slight crack on side; a rabbit plane; and an oilstone, the property of STANLEY McDONALD, carpenter; value, £2 7s. Identifiable.

OWAKA.—6th instant, the property of CHARLES R. SMITH, farmer, a light-coloured leather riding-saddle, sewing loose on pommel, one stirrup-leather broken and mended with copper rivet, two or three leather strips missing from girth, large nickel stirrups; value, £4. Identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—11th instant, from the Empire Stables, the property of ALEXANDER HENDERSON, farmer, Puni Bush, a B.S.A. black-enamelled bicycle, No. 21004, free wheel, 22 in. frame, back-peddalling brake, wide reversible handles, steel rims with red lines, steel rat-trap pedals, celluloid mud-guards, roller chain; value, £8. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

PONSONBY.—ROBERT REID'S bicycle has been recovered. (See *Police Gazette*, 1909, page 360.)

ORMONDVILLE.—JAMES EGAN'S swag has been recovered, and Robert Austin, alias Ashton Dunbar, at present undergoing a sentence in Auckland Prison, has been charged with this offence and sentenced to two months. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 536.)

ABSCONDING FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

AUCKLAND.—Joseph Feeney, age seventeen, height about 5 ft. 6 in., native of New Zealand, thin build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, knock-kneed; usually dressed in dark-tweed suit with light stripe running

through it, soft blue shirt and cap; untidy appearance. He absconded from licensed service with Mr. Montgomery, Manakau Road, Parnell, on 11th May last. Supposed to have gone to Eltham, in company with a jockey named McMillan, about the end of July last. Arrest desired.

LINCOLN.—Thomas Henry Apps, age fourteen, height 5 ft., fair hair and complexion, full round chubby face, broad nose, blue eyes. He absconded from Burnham Industrial School on the 24th September, 1906, and was seen in Wellington about July last. His parents reside at Petone. (See *Police Gazette*, 1906, page 392.)

LINCOLN.—13th ultimo, from licensed service with H. McLenaghan, farmer, Killinchy, Raymond Valentine Morris, age eighteen, height 5 ft. 4 in., farm labourer, good build, brown hair, fresh ruddy complexion, bright blue eyes, rather large ears. His mother resides in Queen's Drive, Port Chalmers. Thomas Knight Archibald, age sixteen, height 5 ft. 4 in., farm labourer, good build, fair complexion, slightly curly brown hair, blue eyes, turned-up nose, rather large ears, weak chin, speaks with a hoarse rasping voice, mentally deficient. Absconded 3rd instant. Angus McPherson, age fifteen, height 5 ft. 4 in., farm labourer, fair freckled complexion, light-brown hair, full round face, blue-grey eyes (wide apart), broad forehead. His mother resides at Ardgowan, Oamaru. Absconded 3rd instant. Arthur Reid, age eighteen, height 5 ft. 8 in., hotel porter and warehouseman, native of New Zealand, very sturdy build, fair hair, hazel eyes, large head, erect walk; soldierly appearance. Absconded 9th ultimo.

MISSING.

NAPIER.—Since 12th ultimo, John Black, age thirty-nine, height 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in., pork butcher, native of New Zealand, strong build, dark moustache only, scar on forehead; dressed when last seen in dark suit and blue coat. Inquiry by his mother, Mrs. Noble, who came to Napier to see him concerning some financial difficulty, but when she arrived he had disappeared.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

SYDNEY.—Inquiry requested by the State Labour Bureau, Sydney, for Thomas Hanlon, that he may be induced to refund £4 advanced him on 20th April last, as steamer fare to Auckland. Description: Age forty-six, height about 6 ft., labourer, thin build, long thin features, dark complexion, dark hair turning grey, dark moustache, may be clean-shaved; poorly dressed in dark clothes, and wears a black hard hat. He was engaged by Messrs. J. J. Craig at their sheds on the Railway Wharf. On the 5th May last he was injured, and sent to the hospital, and was discharged on the 8th May, and was seen in Auckland on the 10th ultimo. He is now said to have shipped for England. (09/1687.)

SYDNEY.—A warrant has been issued by the Central Police Bench for the arrest of John Henry Richards, charged with wife-desertion (indictable offence). He is thirty-five years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, rather stout build, dark complexion, black hair, grey eyes, heavy dark moustache (may now be clean-shaved), large nose, good teeth (one in side of upper jaw gold-capped); a chemist; dresses well. He left Sydney in March, 1907, supposed for New Zealand. Complainant, Lily May Richards, 11 Abercrombie Street, Sydney. (See *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 1909, page 319.)

NEWTOWN (NEW SOUTH WALES).—A warrant has been issued by the Newtown Bench for the arrest of Arthur Walton Cummings, charged with wife-desertion. He is twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in. high, stout build, fair complexion, clean-shaved; dressed in a green or grey suit and green cap; a boot-clicker. Complainant, Kate F. Cummings, 5 Fitzroy Street, Newtown. (See *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 1909, page 211.) Offender is supposed to have come to New Zealand. His brother-in-law, Herbert Victor Fraser, resides in John's Road, Wools-ton. Inquiry through the Christchurch police.