

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.*From H.M.S. "Encounter."*

On 2nd January, 1911.

SYDNEY.—**John Parker**, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 4 in., seaman, native of England, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, fresh complexion, dot on left forearm.

Herbert Joseph Wheeler, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 7½ in., A.B., native of Ceylon, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, scar on chin, mole on shoulder.

From H.M.S. "Pyramus."

On 4th January, 1911.

HOBART.—**James Patrick Lyons**, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 5½ in., native of Ireland, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, scar on right knee, cross on left forearm, heart on right forearm.

Charles Henry Watkins, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 9 in., stoker, native of South Australia, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, dark complexion.

A reward not exceeding £3 each will be paid for their apprehension.

From H.M.S. Psyche.

MELBOURNE.—**Frederick Arnesen**, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 5½ in., stoker, native of Port Chalmers, New Zealand, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, burn-scar on left forearm. Deserted 27th December last. A reward not exceeding £3 will be paid for his apprehension.

ABSCONDING FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

WANGANUI.—29th ultimo, from licensed service with H. J. Ritchie, farmer, Wangaehu, **Hugh Wilson**, age eighteen, height 5 ft. 8 in. or 9 in., farm labourer, medium build, dark complexion, brown hair; dressed in dirty grey coat and vest, blue pants; very dirty appearance. He was licensed out from the Weraroa Training Farm, and if arrested to be returned there.

MISSING.

GISBORNE.—Since 28th ultimo, **Robert Hastie**, age fifty-seven, height 5 ft. 8 in., labourer and seaman, native of England, medium build, fair complexion, fair hair and beard turning grey, blue eyes; usually wears grey-tweed suit. On the above date he was the worse of liquor and intended going aboard the dredge, but has not been seen since.

DUNEDIN.—Since 11th instant, **Daniel Scarfe**, age sixty-one, height 6 ft., weight about 14 st., native of England, fresh complexion, dark hair turning grey, dark beard and moustache out short (turning grey); dressed in dark trousers and vest and an old coat of different colours, heavy boots, and hard black hat. He was sexton in charge of the Church of England Cemetery. Fears are entertained for his safety, as he was recently very despondent.

DUNEDIN.—Since 10th instant, **Walter Broad**, age fourteen, small for age, red hair, blue eyes, pale complexion; wears striped brown coat and knickers, navy-blue cap, soft blue shirt with stripe running through it. He was employed at Sargood's Boot factory, and left suddenly. Inquiry by his father.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

ENGLAND.—Inquiry requested for **Herbert A. Potvine**, alias **Temple**, age about fifty, height about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in., architect and surveyor, fresh complexion, thin build, wears Imperial and moustache (may be clean-shaved), hair curly at neck, quiet pleasant manner, well educated, and an accomplished artist in crayons. He left Maidstone, England, on 23rd March, 1906, and arrived in Auckland on 13th May same year by the s.s. "Manuka." He is said to have a woman with him, passing as his wife, named Geneva Bolwell, age about thirty-five, height about 5 ft. 5 in., auburn hair, small build, Roman nose, a good pianist. Potvine's son is now in Auckland, inquiring as to his father's whereabouts. (See *Police Gazette*, 1906, page 319.) (11/20)

SYDNEY.—The New South Wales police advise that forged notes on the Commercial Banking Company, Sydney (Limited), are in circulation in Sydney, and an attempt may be made to utter them in New Zealand. Those uttered are £5 notes No. C367002, dated 1st July, 1908, purporting to be signed by F. C. McCutcheon and countersigned — Thomas n. The following descriptions have been given by people on whom the notes have been passed: First, a **Man** about twenty-seven years or age, 5 ft. 5 in. or 6 in. high, thin build, fair hair and complexion, clean-shaved, thin face; dressed in grey-tweed suit and grey soft-felt hat; respectable appearance. Second, **Man**, age about thirty-five, height 5 ft. 5 in., slight build, light ginger moustache only, florid complexion, ginger hair, red nose, sharp features; dressed in light striped coat and vest, blue-serge trousers, black Romeo boots, and large brown Baden Powell hat. Third, **Man**, age about forty, short stoutish build; well dressed in brown-tweed suit, lace-up boots. The notes were passed on (Edward Conrich and Michael O'Haieher, hotel-keepers. (F.P.B. 16/11.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.*Death.*

No. 187.—Sergeant Mackenzie, John Campbell. 15th January, 1911.

Rewards.

AUCKLAND.—Constable J. Maher, No. 857, has been awarded £1 for services in connection with the conviction of Albert Durran for introducing liquor into a Maori kainga. (10/2540.)

AUCKLAND.—Constable J. H. Armstrong, No. 1175, has been awarded £8 for the arrest of Arthur Fisher, a deserter from H.M.S. "Pegasus." (10/2.)

WELLINGTON.—Sergeant N. Miller, No. 335, and Constable H. Anderson, No. 1139, have been awarded 10s. each for services in connection with the conviction of Thomas Jackson for failing to give the address of the person for whom he ordered liquor for delivery in a no-license district. (10/2605.)

WELLINGTON.—Constable H. Anderson, No. 1139, has been awarded 10s. for services in connection with the conviction of Albert Marsh for illegally bringing liquor into a no-license district. (10/2604.)

WELLINGTON.—Constable W. Tonkin, No. 692, has been awarded £1 for the arrest of Frank Meagher, an absconder from the Stoke Industrial School. (10/846.)

Public Service Superannuation Board: Election of Members.*(From New Zealand Gazette, 1911, page 139.)*

Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, and Amendment Act, 1909.—Election of Members of the Board.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held for the purpose of electing, as members of the Public Service Superannuation Board, two persons from among the number of contributors to the Public Service Superannuation Fund who belong to the Post and Telegraph Department; one person from among the number of contributors to the said fund who belong to the Police Department; and three persons from among the number of contributors to the said fund who belong to other Departments of the public service. And notice is further given that—

(1.) The said election will be held on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1911, at the Public Service Superannuation Office, Government Buildings, Wellington.

(2.) The poll will be closed at 5 o'clock p.m.

(3.) A separate ballot will be taken of the contributors who belong to the Post and Telegraph Department, also a separate ballot of the contributors who belong to the Police Department, and also a separate ballot of the contributors who belong to other Departments of the public service.

(4.) Nominations will be closed on Tuesday, 14th February, 1911, at 5 o'clock p.m., and voting-lists will therefore be closed on that day (see Regulation 41).

Dated at Wellington, this 19th day of January, 1911.

AMELIUS M. SMITH,
Returning Officer.