

GERALDINE.—Between 15th November, 1914, and 15th ultimo, from GRIFFITHS BROS.' farm, Beautiful Valley, 130 crossbred mixed unshorn lambs, branded 1G on left side and earmarked \cap , ewes marked on left ear and wethers on right ear; and ten shorn ewes, similarly branded and earmarked: total value, £114. Identifiable.

KUROW.—Between 26th December, 1914, and 1st ultimo, from the Boys' Special School, Otekaike, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Public Works Department), an emery grindstone, 8 in. in diameter, with 2 in. face; value, £1 10s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—7th ultimo, from ANNIE MARTIN'S dwelling, a thick round gold bangle, and a pair of black cashmere stockings; total value, £6 2s. 6d. Bangle only identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—12th ultimo, from the Railway-station, the property of WILLIAM HARRIS, a gentleman's black-enamelled free-wheel Phillips Special bicycle, 22 in. frame, Governor Coaster hub, straight handles, front-rim and back-pedalling brakes; value, £8. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

ONEHUNGA.—JOSEPH LOCKIE'S plough has been found: not stolen. (See *Police Gazette*, 1915, page 91.)

DUNEDIN.—WILLIAM MCLEOD'S bicycle has been found: not stolen. (See *Police Gazette*, 1915, page 61.)

MISSING.

STRATFORD.—Since 26th ultimo, **Daniel Lowry**, age thirty, height about 5 ft. 7 in., farm hand, native of New Zealand, medium build, long curly red hair and beard, fresh complexion; dressed in a dark-tweed suit and grey cap; slovenly appearance. He is mentally defective, and fears are entertained for his safety. Inquiry by Thomas Lowry, farmer, Lowgarth.

DESERTER FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*From the New Zealand Government Training-ship
"Amokura."*

WELLINGTON.—12th ultimo, **Frederick Edward Pietro Shortland**, age about fourteen, height 4 ft. 10 in., dark-brown hair, brown eyes, good teeth, slightly asthmatical. Clothing numbered "35."

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

BROKEN HILL (NEW SOUTH WALES).—6th November, 1914, on warrant for deserting his wife, **Denis Evitts**, age thirty-seven, height 5 ft. 8 in., hairdresser and labourer, native of Victoria, strong build, brown hair (curly in front and grey at sides), blue eyes, ruddy complexion, good teeth; good-looking. He may be accompanied by *Victoria Maud Edgcombe*, age thirty-four, height about 5 ft. 5 in., slight build, light-brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, thin features; smart pleasant appearance. His **arrest is desired**. Inquiry by Johanna Evitts, Heberd Street, South Broken Hill. (P. 15/167.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Retirement under Section 35, Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908 (on Pension).

No. 316. Detective-Sergeant Campbell, William. 31st January, 1915.

Retirement under Section 36, Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908 (medically unfit).

No. 577. Constable Black, James. 31st January, 1915.

Resignations.

No. 1211. Constable Langmuir, William. 31st January, 1915.

No. 1779. Constable Lang, James. 31st January, 1915.

No. 1847. Constable Geddes, George Sinclair. 31st January, 1915.

Long-service Medals awarded.

Long-service Medals have been awarded, in terms of Regulation No. 333, to the following members of the Force:—

No. 981. Detective Scott, Edward William.

No. 894. Constable Hammond, Frederick.

No. 977. Constable Murray, Adam Beattie.

No. 982. Constable Wales, George William.

No. 983. Constable O'Hara, Patrick James.

District Constable Finnerty, Michael.

LAW REPORTS.

("Times Law Reports," Vol. xxxi, page 80.)

[K.B. DIV.—(RIDLEY, AVORY, AND LUSH, JJ.)—24TH NOVEMBER, 1914.]

BRISTOW v. PIPER.

Licensing—Purchase of Liquor—Arrangement to leave in Yard—Liquor fetched away in Prohibited Hours—Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910 (10 Edw. VII and 1 Geo. V, c. 24), s. 61 (1).

The respondent was a licensed publican, and on a certain evening, at an hour when the respondent's premises were lawfully open, one B left with him a bottle, asking him to fill it with beer and to place it in the yard where B could get it the next morning before the house was opened. At the same time B paid for the beer. The respondent filled the bottle with beer and left it in the yard, and B took it away in the morning during prohibited hours. The yard was within the curtilage of the licensed premises. The respondent was summoned under section 61 (1) of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, for opening his premises for the sale of liquor during prohibited hours, and the Justices dismissed the summons.

Held (Avory, J., dissenting), That as it was an express term of the contract that the bottle was to be put in the yard overnight at the buyer's risk, delivery was made overnight and no part of the transaction was left to be completed later, and therefore the Justices' decision must be affirmed.

THIS was a special case stated by Magistrates of Sussex.

Mr. George Elliott, K.C., and Mr. Flowers appeared for the appellant, and Mr. du Parc appeared for the respondent.

The respondent was the licensee of a publichouse at Midhurst. On the evening of 24th May, 1914, at a time when the premises were lawfully open, a man named Brider called at the publichouse with a quart bottle, which he left with the respondent, asking him to fill it with beer and to place it in the stable-yard in a position where he, Brider, could call for it on his way to work early in the morning before the house was opened. The respondent accordingly filled the bottle with beer and left it in the stable-yard as requested, and Brider took it away in the morning.

The stable-yard was within the curtilage of the licensed premises.

Mr. George Elliott said that the appellant was the chief constable of the district, and had summoned the respondent under section 61 (1) of the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, 1910, for opening his premises for the sale of beer during prohibited hours. The Justices were of opinion that it was doubtful whether the sale and delivery was not complete on the night of 24th May, and they dismissed the information.