

DUNEDIN.—17th ultimo, from a motor-car in Dowling Street, the property of CHARLES HENRY BRADY, Roxburgh, an Eiseman's magneto, number about 633945, type G. 4 Edite 4; a small ball-race for end of gear-box of Dodge motor-car, No. 27A, with fourteen balls in keepers in it; and a dark-tweed cap: value, £19 18s. 6d. Identifiable.

LAWRENCE.—Between the 17th and 24th ultimo, from sluicing-boxes at Evans Flat, the property of TRACEY BROS., 7 oz. or 8 oz. of raw gold; value, about £40. Not identifiable.

GORE.—23rd ultimo, from Mersey Street, the property of CHARLES WILKINSON, a gentlemen's black-enamelled 24 in. bicycle, wide handles with black grips, plate on front with "Henry Fox" on it, rat-trap pedals, coaster hub, three-speed gear, Dunlop tires, celluloid mud-guards, ladies' Dunlop saddle; value, £10. Identifiable.

WINTON.—15th ultimo, from the roadside at Limehills, the property of GEORGE HARVEY, Kauana, a gentlemen's green-painted 24 in. B.S.A. bicycle, upturned outrigger handles, rat-trap pedals, hollow jointless rims, one spoke missing from front wheel, ladies' Brooks saddle; value, £10. Identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—On or about the 28th November last, from Mrs. Findlay's dwelling in Eye Street, the property of ALEXANDER LESTER WALKER, draper, Gore, a Bank of New Zealand £10 note, No. 062661, 040533, or 021799; three £5 notes; and three £1 notes: total value, £28. Not identifiable.

BLUFF.—Between the 23rd and 27th October last, from the s.s. "Iceland," the property of the UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMPANY, 41 lb. of Edgeworth tobacco in 2 oz. tins, sixty-seven pairs of white cotton bloomers, and thirty pairs of black cotton socks; total value, £31. Not identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

AUCKLAND.—ERNEST DE TOURET'S camera-lens has been recovered by the Auckland police, and Arthur Ernest Coham charged with the offence. (See Police Gazette, 1920, page 571.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Dr. COLIN CAMPBELL'S trunk and most of the contents have been recovered by the Ashburton police. (See Police Gazette, 1920, page 740.)

MISSING.

MASTERTON.—Since about 15th May, 1920, Noel Francis Stanley, age nineteen, height about 5 ft. 9 in., farm labourer, native of New Zealand, strong build, fresh complexion, dark hair, full face, heavy eyebrows, clean-shaved; usually dressed in riding-breeches, leggings, and dark coat. His photograph is filed in the Superintendent's Office, Wellington. Inquiry by Paul Alfred Stanley, Kuripuni.

SYDENHAM.—Since the 22nd November last, Mary Eagle, age forty-eight, height 5 ft. 6 in., book-keeper, native of New Zealand, slight build, ruddy complexion, brown hair turning grey, blue eyes; dressed in a blue costume with black facing on collar, blue scarf, small blue hat, and black patent shoes, and wears gold spectacles. Fears are entertained for her safety. Inquiry by Elizabeth Eagle, 158 Waltham Road.

ABSCONDERS FROM AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

LEVIN.—29th December last, from Weraroa Industrial School, Adolphus Ernest Reid, age thirteen, height about 4 ft. 8 in., schoolboy, native of New Zealand, strong build, fresh freckled complexion, brown hair and eyes, pug nose; dressed in navy-blue knickerbockers, dark-brown tweed coat, and dark-grey jersey. (See Police Gazette, 1919, page 468.)

LEVIN.—29th December last, from Weraroa Industrial School, Tutre Joseph Collins, age thirteen, height about 5 ft., schoolboy, native of New Zealand, medium build, dark hair and complexion, dark-brown eyes, cast in one eye, protruding teeth; dressed in navy-blue knickerbockers, dark-brown tweed coat, and dark-grey jersey. (See Police Gazette, 1920, page 98.)

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.



SYDNEY (NEW SOUTH WALES).—The above is a photograph of Wilfred Ernest Coley, for whose arrest a warrant has now been issued for the murder of Gertie McGrath (vide Police Gazette, 1921, page 7, and New South Wales Police Gazette, 1921, page 7). He is further described as having shifty sunken eyes, slightly pigeon-toed, leans forward from hips when walking, cannot look any one in the face, speaks quickly, and has a habit of saying "Yes, yes" in answer to questions.

SYDNEY (NEW SOUTH WALES).—Inquiries are requested for John or George Mepham, alias John McPherson, with a view to inducing him to maintain his children, on whose behalf the mother, Miss Augusta Bettina Winneke, 48 Hopewell Street, Paddington, is applying to the State Children Relief Board for assistance. Description: Age about thirty, height about 5 ft. 7 in., motor mechanic, slight build, dark hair and complexion, blue-grey eyes, slightly decayed teeth in front with gold fillings in some, small scars on one cheek; dressed in a grey suit and grey-felt hat; wears a small octagon-shaped tie-pin, set with a diamond, and wears a gold long and short link muff-chain across top pockets of vest. He deserted from the sailing-ship "E. R. Sterling" at Auckland about the 7th August, 1920. His photograph is filed in the Commissioner's Office, Wellington. (P. 20/1457.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Circular No. 1/21.

Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

The collection of these statistics will henceforth be considered to be the duty of the police at all places where it is considered by the officer in charge of the district that the work can be so done without neglect or serious disarrangement of police duties.

I desire to impress upon each collector the importance of absolute accuracy and prompt attention in furnishing the returns. The statistics are of great value provided they are furnished in proper time so as to enable the Government to take such action as the returns indicate to be expedient, and the accurate and expeditious collection of them cannot fail to reflect favourably upon the efficiency of the Force.

Detailed instructions, which have my approval, are being supplied by the Government Statistician direct to each collector, and the terms of remuneration are stated.

Any collector who finds as time goes on that he is unlikely to be able to complete his returns within the time agreed upon should inform the officer in charge of the district.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 14th January, 1921.

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