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GAZETTE.

Containing—The substance of Informations received in cases of Felony and Misdemeanours, and against Receivers of stolen goods, reputed Thieves and Offenders escaped from custody, with the time, place, and circumstances of the offence; the Names of persons known, but not in custody, who are charged with Offences, and descriptions of those who are not known, their appearance, dress, and other marks of identity; the names of Accomplices and Accessories, with every particular which may lead to their apprehension; a description, as accurate as possible, of property that has been stolen, and a minute description of stolen horses, &c., for the purpose of tracing and recovering them.

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POLICE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1864.

1. Police Gazette.—Communications for this Gazette should be addressed to the "Commissioner of Police, Dunedin," prepaid; they must be of Police interest or no notice will be taken of them. Officers in charge of stations are requested to report to the Commissioner of Police every instance of the non-delivery of the Gazette, and to suggest from time to time such alterations in the addresses and in the mode of transmission as may be considered necessary.

2.—Warrants.—Whenever it is desired that any individual whose name is given, shall be apprehended, it should be stated in the advertisement for the Gazette whether or not a warrant has been issued for the apprehension of the offender. When a warrant has not been issued in the first instance, any subsequent report announcing the issue of a warrant should repeat the offender's description.

3. Names.— It is particularly requested that in all Informations the names of persons and places may be spelt correctly, and writtenlegibly, the Christian name being given with the surname whenever possible, and written in full to

prevent mistakes.
4. Stray Cattle.—No advertisements of lost horres or cattle will be published in this Gazette unless they be Government property, but notices of horses and cattle believed to be

stolen will be inserted gratuitously.

5. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—In forwarding the brands of stolen horses and cattle, it should be stated of what hind of letters the brand consist, whether of Roman capitals, or in writing, &c., and the exact position of the brands should be given, and be imitated as nearly as possible. In giving descriptions of watches, it should be stated whether they are open-faced, hunting, double-cased, or half hunting,—the term "double-cased" being reserved for those watches whose outer case is removed in order to wind; "half-hunting" implying a very small glass in the metal cover of the dial.

6. Rewards.—No notice of reward offered by any private party or parties will, for the

future, be inserted in the Police Gazette, unless there be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police the guarantee of some responsible person that the reward shall be payable according to law, on the irrest or conviction of the offender, and not mercly for the recovery of property.

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7 Previous Police Gazette References.—It is requested that on the arrest of any offender Gazetted, or on information being obtained for which a reward has been publicly offered, or respecting notices published in this Gazette, officers in charge of Police, or others concerned, will be good enough to forward intimation thereof to this office, quoting the date and page of the Gazette in which such notice has appeared.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Police Department are requested to present them for payment without delay, and members of the force are required to use every means in their power to facilitate the settlement of the above accounts.

The Government does not hold itself responsible for private debts incurred by members of the Police Force.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY UNDER ARMS.

On the 10th of February, 1864, as Julius Heyne, a hawker, was proceeding on the road from Schlater's Accommodation-house towards the Waikato River, and when about two miles from the former, he was stopped by two young men, armed with pistols, which they presented at him and demanded his money. He being unable to defend himself, they took from his person two sovereigns, an order for £20, and a silver hunting watch, and from his packs several articles of jewellery. They then tied his hands with flax, put one of the packs under his head, then tied his feet, and secured the second pack to them to prevent his pursuing them. He was, however, enabled after

some time to extricate himself, and give information to the Police, who shortly afterwards succeeded in apprehending both men, who proved to be *Thomas Langham* and *Thomas Robson*. They stand committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions, Dunedin. These men were tried for horse stealing at the Supreme Court, Dunedin Criminal Sittings, in June, 1863, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, and to be flogged.

HORSE AND CATTLE STEALING.

Stolen on the 11th December, 1863, from Tuapeka, a dark brown horse, heavy draught breed, 8 years old, branded I near shoulder; the property of Mr. Thomas Bowes of Tuapeka.

Stolen on the 27th December, 1863, from a mob of horses at the Kawarau Junction, a chestnut mare, silver mane and tail, branded P near shoulder, M near neck; and a mouse coloured filly, scar on off shoulder, no brand; the property of Hector McDonald of Clifton House, Dunstan.

Stolen on the 8th January, 1864, from Tokomairiro, a light grey draught mare, branded \widehat{H} near shoulder, saddle marked, with blotch like figure 4 under saddle. Supposed taken towards Tuapeka and Dunstan. The property of Mr. George B. Wood, Tokomairiro.

Stolen sometime within the last 7 months, from the Reserve at the Dunstau, a dark bay horse, nearly thoroughbred, black points, one foot white, branded XXX on near shoulder; the property of Mr. Watson Shennan, Manuherikia.

Stolen about the 26th December, 1863, from the Teviot, a cream colored cab horse, about 15 hands high, \(\times\) near shoulder, the property of Richard Doolan, of the Teviot, who offers a reward of £3 on recovery if strayed, and £5 on conviction if stolen.

Stolen between the hours of 9 p.m. the 11th, and 5 a.m the 12th of Feb., 1864, from an enclosed paddock off King Street, North Dunedin, a grey flea-bitten cob horse, branded North Park Street, some wither, the property of Mr. Andrew Simpson, of King Street, North Dunedin.

Strayed from Tuapeka, on the morning of the 6th of February, 1864, Police troop horse, "Trooper," light brown, 6 years old, branded crown, No. 46, J near shoulder, lame of the near hind leg.

A warrant has been issued by the Hamilton Bench for the apprehension of *Michael Abrahams*, charged with having, on or about the 8th day of January, 1864, at Hamilton's, Rush, feloniously stolen one grey mare (since recovered), the property of William Smith of Waikouaiti.

Abrahams is 22 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, dark complexion, long black hair turned under at back, no whiskers or beard; a flashy Jew.

FELONIES AND OFFENCES NOT OTHERWISE DESCRIBED.

Stolen about 10½ p.m. the 21st January 1864, from the person of Joseph Sharland, while asleep at the Junction Hotel, West Taieri, two purses, one containing five or six £10 notes, a bill of exchange on Melbourne from the Union Bank, Dunedin, payable to Benj. Howes, (amount not known), and an open face silver lever watch, No. 1069.

The two men, Langham and Robson, committed for trial for the highway robbery on Julius Heyne, (see this Gazette,) are suspected for this robbery.

Stolen between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. the 23rd January, 1864, from the pocket of a coat of Mr. Robert Andrews, livery stable keeper, Hamilton, which was hanging up in a room at Hamilton, a black leather pocket book, containing one £5 note, five or six £1 notes, one of the £1 notes No. 2477, Bank of New Zealand; a cheque for £2 8s. 6d., drawn by E. Hardcastle, Esq., in favour of Malloch and Andrews, on the Bank of New South Wales; and a small clasp note book.

Stolen sometime during the night of the 6th of February, 1864, from the shop of Messrs. Scanlan Brothers, Painters, Princes Street, Dunedin, 3 glazier's diamonds, 2 of them for cutting crown glass, the third for plate glass. A cross cut on the top of one of the handles.

Stolen between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock on the morning of the 8th of February, 1864, from the bed room of Mr. Henry Jackson, at Tamora House, High Street, Dunedin, a double case silver gilt watch, with ladies' gold link chain attached, a scratch on side of outer case, maker's name and number unknown, some white pocket handkerchiefs, neckties and collars, his property.

Stolen on the 2nd February, 1864, from the tent of John Griffin, in Moray Place, Danedin, no person being in charge at the time, a suit of clothes, light stripe, I fancy shirt, 1 pair of elastic side boots, and 1 light felt hat, his property.

Stolen on the night of the 12th of February, 1864, from some crates in a yard at the rear of the City Coffee Works, Princes Street, South Duncdin, a quantity of common cups and saucers, the property of Messrs. Cargill and Co.

Stolen about the 6th of February, 1864, from a lighter lying along side the New Jetty, Dunedin, a case containing 8 boxes nectar leaf tobacco, ½ lbs., Customsmark Z 665 the property of Messrs J. & R. Baird, Jetty-st.

Stolen during the night of the 7th February, 1864, at Hamilton's, 2 heavy draught collars, the property of Mr. Grace, one collar and hames, belonging to Mr. Divine. One collar and hames belonging to Mr. Spray. Two pairs winkers, 1 set of leading harness, and one cart saddle and breeching, belonging to Mr. Douglas. Suspicion attaches to two men of whom no description can be given, except that one was a short dark man who were seen on the morning of the 8th February, 1864,

with 2 pack horses with articles packed in sacks, having the appearance of harness. Supposed to have gone in the direction of the Dunstan.

APPREHENSIONS.

James Boyle, assault, arrested by the Wakatipu Police, has been sentenced to 6 weeks imprisonment with hard labour.

Thomas Race, malicious damage to a racehorse, arrested by the Wakatipu Police,

has been committed for trial.

Robert Kirkwood, vagrancy, arrested by the Wakatipu Detective Police, has been sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment with hard labour.

John Burhe, perjury, arrested by the Wakatipu Police, has been committed for trial.

John Ferguson, has been arrested by the Tokomairiro Police, and sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment with hard labour, for larceny.

Patrick Condon, for a violent assault, arrested by the Tokomairiro Police, has been sentenced to 2 months imprisonment with hard

labour.

Charles Howard, larceny, stealing beef, ar-rested by the Tokomairiro Police, has been sentenced to 2 months imprisonment with hard labour.

George W. Currier, uttering a valueless check, arrested by Dunedin Detective Police, has been sentenced to 3 months imprison-

ment with hard labour.

John Willenen, larceny, stealing porter, ar-rested by Dunedin Detective Police, has been sentenced to 3 months imprisonment with hard labour.

John Watson, larceny, stealing tea, arrested by Dunedin Police, has been sentenced to 21 days imprisonment with hard labour.

John Tudor, larceny, stealing a ham, arrested by Dunedin Police, has been sentenced to 3 months imprisonment with hard labour.

Mary Bowie and Patrick Lawler, larceny, stealing bacon, arrested by the Dunedin Police, has been sentenced to 7 days imprisonment with hard labour.

Samuel Jackson, larceny, stealing tea, arrested by the Dunedin Police, has been sentenced to 6 weeks imprisonment with hard labour.

William Rendle, vagrancy, exposing obscene prints, arrested by the Dunedin Police, has been sentenced to 4 months imprisonment with hard labour.

John Attis, larceny, arrested by the Port Chalmers Water Police, has been sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.

W. Sullivan, vagrancy, arrested by the Port Chalmers Water Police, has been sentenced to 3 months imprisonment with hard labour. William Senior, felony, stealing a quantity of fat, arrested by the Port Chalmers Police,

has been committed for trial.

Archibald Cameron, rogue and vagabond, having in his possession skeleton keys and other housebreaking implements, arrested by Dunedin Detective Police, has been sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour.

Thomas Langham and Thomas Robson, ar-rested by the Oamaru Police, for highway robbery under arms, have been committed

for trial.

Henry Stansfield and Henry S. Jones, stealing a firkin of butter, arrested by the Dunedin Police, have been committed for trial.

William Tunbridge, embezzlement, arrested by the Dunedin Detective Police, has been committed for trial.

George Baxter alias William Hall, a prisoner of the Crown of the Colony of Victoria, illegally at large in the Province of Otago, (see Victoria Police Gazette, 26th of June, 1862, page 225, and 17th July, 1862, page 252), arrested by the Danedin Police, has been remanded to Victoria to be dealt with

Charles Fife, a prisoner of the Crown of the Colony of Victoria, illegally at large in the Province of Otago, (see *Victoria Police* Gazette, 21st March, 1861, page 116), has been arrested by the Dunedin Detective Police, and remanded to Victoria to be dealt

INQUESTS.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 15th January, 1864, at the Thistle Inn, East Taieri, by T. M. Hocken, Esq., coroner, on the body of Patrick Quinlivian, aged 34 years, a drayman, who was accidentally killed by his dray up-setting and falling on him at the East Taieri, on the 14th of January, 1864. Verdict, accidental death.

A magisterial inquiry was held on the 23rd January, 1864, at Queenstown, by Richmond Beetham, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of Cornelius Reardon, aged 21 years, a miner, who was accidentally drowned while rafting some timber across the Shotover River, on the 22nd of January, 1864. Verdict accordingly. Deceased was a native of the Parish of Glynn, County Limerick, Ireland.

A magisterial inquiry was held on the 30th of January, 1864, at the Court House, Clyde, Dunstan, by H. W. Robinson, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of James Merrilees, aged 42 years, a miner, who was accidentally killed whilst working in his claim by the land Verdict accordingly. falling in upon him. Deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 3rd February, 1864, at the Bellamy Station, Tua-peka, by W. R. Samuels, Esq., Coroner, on the body of John Durren, aged 40 years, a farmer, who was accidentally killed by a fall from his horse on the night of the 1st February, 1864. Verdict accordingly.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 3rd February, 1864, at the Camp Hotel, Lawrence, Tuapeka, by W. R. S. Samuels, Esq., Coroner, on the body of John Horrop, who died at Lawrence, on the 2nd February, 1864. Verdict natural causes, pulmonary apoplexy.

A magisterial inquiry was held on the 25th January, 1864, at the Union Hotel, Teviot Junction, by William Lawrence Simpson, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of a man, name unknown, about 50 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, large features, flat nose, small at point, grey hair, bald in front of head, small grey whiskers and short beard, a star

shaped scar on left eyebrow, dressed in moleskin trousers, flaunel drawers, boot on right foot, a long boot of grained leather, and woollen socks, leather belt round the waist, and a black silk neckerchief, which was found floating down the river on the 22nd January, 1864. Verdict that the deceased came by his death by drowning, but when and in what manner he came into the water there was no evidence to show.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 9th February, 1864, at the Octagon Hotel, Dunedin, by Thomas M. Hocken, Esq., Coroner, on the body of George Hutchison, who was accidentally killed, a quantity of earth falling upon him while working at an excavation in Moray Place, Dunedin, on the 9th of February, 1864. Verdict accordingly. Deceased was an Englishman, and arrived in this Province per ship Alfred Lemont, in September, 1863.

A magisterial inquiry was held on the 16th of January, 1864, at Portuguese Flat, by W. L. Simpson, Esq., Resident Magistrate, on the body of Bernard Trainer, aged 30 years, a sawyer, who was found drowned in the Clutha River, on the 13th of January, 1864. Verdict accidental death by drowning.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 8th February, 1864, at the Robin Hood Hotel, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esq., Coroner, on the body of John Brown, aged 25 years, a labourer, who committed suicide by hanging himself at the Half-way Bush, on the 5th February, 1864. Verdict, deceased committed suicide while labouring under temporary insanity. Deceased was a native of Northallerton, Yorkshire, England, where his father resides, and a brother, Richard Brown, is reported to be living with a Mr. George Coulton, at Tamworth, New South Wales.

MISSING FRIENDS.

Missing from his tent at Hamilton, since the 14th January, 1864, John Bruce, 30 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, dark complexion, dark whiskers and moustache worn full; dressed in brown woollen shirt, moleskin trousers, plush hat, and new watertight boots.

Inquiry is made for Mr. Hamilton Vachell, late of Horseleydown, Southwark, in the county of Surrey, England, who will, on communication with Mr. T. C. Soulsby, Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand, hear of something much to his advantage.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 18th January, 1864, page 8.

The dark brown horse, the property of Mr. Thomas Bowes, Tuapeka, has been recovered, strayed.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 18th January, 1864, page 8.

The open-faced Geneva watch, the property of Mr. George Findlay, has been recovered, not having been stolen.

Extract from Provincial Government Gazette, 13th June, 1864, page 7.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.—BAY GELDING LOST.

Lost from Mount Stuart, since the 13th
December last, a bay gelding, about 14½ hands

high, branded HF on near shoulder, F on off shoulder, F on near hip, has one fore and one hind foot white, and a star on forehead.

Information or delivery received at the Survey Office, Dunedin, or by Mr-Polson, at Mr. Murray's Station, Glenore.

THOMAS DICK,
Provincial Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTE.

Extract from Victoria Police Gazette, 3rd

December, 1863.

Stolen from the store of William Armstrong, Almeida Reef, Dunolly, about the 26th Nov., five £5 notes, viz.: London Chartered Bank, No. 79179; Bank of Australasia, Nos. 4847, 5216, 353 and 5287; also twenty-five £1 notes. Suspicion, but no warrant, against two men only known respectively as Harry and Tom. Harry is a Londoner, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slight build, about 10 stone weight, dark brown hair and whiskers, the latter worn all round, one or two front teeth wanting, and slovenly gait; wore grey jumper, moleskin trousers, and dirty felt hat. Tom is 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, 11 stone weight black hair, bushy whiskers, swarthy complexion, and one front tooth wanting; wore grey shirt, moleskin trousers, and wideawake. They are supposed to have gone either to Gipps Land or to Castlemaine, or to Melbourne for New Zealand.—1st December, 1863.

EXTRACTS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE GAZETTE.

From Police Gazette, 16th September, 1863.

Escaped Prisoner.—Escaped on the 11th instant, from the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island, Frederick Brittain and Frederick Ward—the former convicted of mail robbery the latter of cattle stealing. Brittain is a native of Hobart Town, a laborer, 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair ruddy complexion, light brown hair and hazel eyes. Ward is a native of Windsor, New South Wales, a laborer, 27 years of age, 5 feet 8¼ inches high, pale sallow complexion, light brown curly hair, hazel grey eyes, mole on wrist, and two warts on back of middle finger on left hand.

See Government Gazette, 13th October, 1863, page 2175.

Whereas on the night of the 15th September last, three convicts named John Jobson, alias Weeks, Joseph Marshall, and John Reilly, effected their escape from Her Majesty's Gaol, Berrima: Notice is hereby given that a reward of Twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as shall lead to the re-apprehension of each of the offenders named.

Colonial Secretary's Office. Sydney, 12th October, 1863. DESCRIPTION OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS.

Jobson, alias Weeks, native of Bungonia, farmer, 29 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, stout build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, burn on left arm.

Marshall is a native of Albury, shoemaker, 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, slight build, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion.

Reilly is a shoemaker, 35 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, lame in right leg, halts in his walk.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

Whereas on the 11th September last, two convicts, named Frederick Brittain and Frederick Ward, effected their escape from the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island: Notice is hereby given that a reward of twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as shall lead to the re-apprehension of each of the offenders.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 12th October, 1863.

DESCRIPTION OF ESCAPED PRISONERS.

Brittain is a native of Hobart Town, a laborer, 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair ruddy complexion, light brown hair, and hazel eyes.

Ward is a native of Windsor, New South Wales, a laborer, 27 years of age, 5 feet $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, pale sallow complexion, light brown curly hair, hazel grey eyes, mole on right wrist, and two warts back of middle finger of left hand.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Whereas on the 3rd instant, a prisoner named William Mackie escaped from the custody of the Police, whilst under escort, by jumping from a railway train in motion, between Fairfield and Parramatta Junction: Notice is hereby given, that a reward of Twenty-five pounds will be paid by the Government to any person who may first give such information as will lead to the re-apprehension of the offender.

CHARLES COWPER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 12th October, 1863.

DESCRIPTION.

Mackie is about 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, sallow complexion, light brown hair, grey eyes, nose inclining to left side, arms slightly freckled, small dark hole outside lower part of right arm, scar on ball of left thumb, another on back of top joint of little finger of same hand, breast hairy; native of Sydney.

Extract from New South Wales Police Gazette, 9th December, 1863, page 372.

About 10 a.m. the 2nd instant, James Coffee, Farmer, near Burrowa, was stopped at Coffee's Creek, near Burrowa, by two armed men, John Gilbert, and Ben Hall, and robbed of £37. These offenders are said to have stopped and scarched several other persons about the same time and place.

About 3 p.m. on the 5th instart, the mail from Burrowa to Binalong, was stopped about 2 miles from Smelly's Creek, and about 6 miles from Burrowa, by two armed men, John Gilbert, and Ben Hall, and robbed of the mail bags, which the offenders cut open and rifled of their contents; there was one man on the mail whom the offenders did not attempt to rob. They gave the mailman a large-sized gold watch to give to Mr. Scott, Burrowa.

DESCRIPTION.

John Gilbert, about 21 years' of age, 5 feet 8½ inches high, slight active figure, brown hair not very long, no hair nor any particular marks on face, light greylaughing eyes, round nostrils, thick lips, care-worn in appearance.

Ben Hall, about 28 years' of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout build, (would weigh about 13 stone 7 lbs.), figure erect, respectable appearance, light brown wavy hair, short light beard, thick, but darker near his throat, and very pleasing expression of countenance, soft grey eyes, handsome nose inclined to be hooked, and thin compressed lips.

Extracts from N.S.W. Police Gazette, 20th January, 1864, p. 15.

See Government Gazette, 5th January, 1864, p. 3.

£500 REWARD FOR THE APPREHENSION OF DANIEL MORGAN.

Whereas the above named person is charged with the commission of several serious offences, and has hitherto evaded apprehension: It is hereby notified, that the Government will pay a reward of £500 for such information as will lead to the apprehension of the offender.

All such information communicated by any person will in all cases be regarded by the Police authorities as strictly confidential, and in the event of payment of the reward above offered, the name of the recipient will not be disclosed.

The above reward is offered in lieu of all others previously payable by Government for the apprehension or conviction of the offender above named.

WILLIAM FORSTER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 5th January, 1864.

Escaped Prisoner.—Fifty Pounds Reward.

Alph Bird, alias Thompson, alias Falkenberg, alias Linden, &c., &c., arrested at Brisbane on a charge of forgery, and remanded to Sydney, escaped from the Brisbane lockup on the night of the 12th instant. Description:—He is about 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, light brown hair, lightish red moustache, small whiskers on side of face, round featured, right-eye tooth supposed to be artificial, the plate slightly discernible, pigeon-toed, cheeks supposed to be rouged, of gentlemanly appearance; a native of North Prussia, well educated, speaks English well; supposed to be a draughtsman, and formerly an officer in the Prussian service. £50 reward for re-apprehension.

This man is identical with Oscar Bird alias Vogel, who left Dunedin, per "Susannah Booth," in the name of H. Williams, some five months since.

DESERTERS FROM H.M. SERVICE,

Report of Deserters from H.M. Service in New Zealand, from Wanganui, on 17th January, 1864:-

57th Regiment of Foot, 3270—Private Richard Long, 34 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, dark complexion, black hair cut short, grey eyes, scar on left side of abdomen. Dressed in summer blue serge trousers; a shoemaker; has a short, shuffling walk; an Irishman.

57th Regiment of Foot, 605—Private Denis Myers, 23 years old, 5 f et 6½ inches high, fresh complexion, dark brown hair cut short; dressed in summer | lue serge trouser, and forage cap; an Irishman.

1st Waikato Regiment-Private Richard Nicholls, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout built, light brown hair, grey eyes, no hair on face; by trade a butcher; is also a fighting man, known by the name of the Ballaarat Chicken.

DESERTERS FROM MERCHANT VESSELS.

Deserted, on the 26th January, 1864, from the ship "Brechin Castle," at Port Chalmers:-

William Baxter, able seaman, from 27 to 30 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, fair complexion, full whiskers, dressed in canvass jumper and trousers.

Alexander M. Loughlin, able seaman, 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, fair complexion, light whiskers; dressed in blue trousers, blue flannel shirt and vest.

Robert Gourlay, an apprentice, 19 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, downy whiskers; dressed in blue cloth trousers, shirt, and vest.

All three natives of Scotland.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

RETURN OF APPOINTMENTS, &c., SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE LAST LIST :-PROMOTION.

Sergeant 2nd class-Lynch, John W., 239, to be sergeant 1st class on probation.

REDUCTION

Sergeant 2nd class-Nagle, John, 330, to be constable.

DISMISSALS. 323 Constable—Sproule, Henry Joseph " Nagle, John 330

SUPREME COURT. DUNEDIN .- CRIMINAL SITTINGS.

The next sittings of the above Court is fixed to be holden at Dunedin on 1st March, 1864.

INCURRING EXPENDITURE TO END OF FINAN-CIAL YEAR.

Offices of the Police Department, Dunedin, 4th January, 1864.

Officers in charge of Districts and Escorts are reminded that the present "Financial" year terminates on the 31st March next, and that it behaves them to use the utmost caution in incurring (consistently with the efficiency of the Department) any expenditure that may exceed the sums voted by the Provincial Council "for the contingent expenses" of the force.

Care must also be taken that there be no outstanding accounts whatsoever, after the 31st March, as none will be recognized after that date, unless it can be most satisfactorily proved that the delay in submitting them for payment was unavoidable.

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN,

Commissioner.

RETURN OF PRISONERS DISCHARGED FROM THE DUNEDIN GAOL, DURING THE FORTNIGHT ENDING FEBRUARY 13TH, 1864.

NAME.	SENTENCE.	OFFENCE.	WHEN TRIED.	WHERE TRIED.
es	4 months' labour	Stealing from a dwelling	Oct. 13, 1863	Dunedin

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN, Commissioner of Police.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, DUNEDIN, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1864.