

drunkenness. Verdict—Serous apoplexy, caused by habits of intemperance. His wife and family are reported to be living on the Navarre Diggings, Victoria.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 7th December, 1863, at the Café de Paris, Jetty-street, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esq., coroner, on the body of John Thompson, aged 45 years, a sailor, which was found in the Dunedin harbor on the morning of the 6th December, 1863. Verdict, Found Drowned.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 17th December, 1863, at the residence of Vincent Pyke, Esq., Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esq., on the body of Margaret Lynch, aged 22 years, house servant, who was accidentally killed, on the 16th December, 1863, by a tree falling on her. Verdict accordingly. Deceased had relatives residing in Dunedin.

MISSING FRIENDS.

Information requested by the friends of Peter Johnson, of Richmond, Victoria, of his present address, he having left Richmond for Otago some time since, and was last heard of from the Dunstan.

Information is requested of the present whereabouts of John Thomas Lister, 14 years old, tall, very upright, brown hair, blue eyes. He left Newcastle, New South Wales, in the barque Cincinnati, in September, 1862, and was last heard of at Queenstown, Otago, about 4 months since, when he was discharged from the service of Mr. Thatcher, the vocalist. Was supposed to be with some carriers working on the Dunedin or Invercargill Roads.

Information is requested of the present whereabouts of David Green, aged 21 years, 5 feet 4½ inches high, fair complexion, brown hair, slight whiskers, full face. He was last heard of by his brother in the month of July last, at which time he was living with Mr. Joseph Rendall, Manuherikia bakery. He left that in company with James Gardiner and James Drew, for the purpose of digging in the direction of Campbell's.

Vide Police Gazette, No. 20, page 103. James Spencer, Peter Merrifield, and Charles Higgins, have returned to Dunedin.

Vide Police Gazette, No. 22, page 111. John Kennedy has been found.

Vide Otago Police Gazette, 7th December, 1863, page 2. 126.

The brown mare, the property of Mr. Yend, has been recovered strayed.

EXTRACTS FROM VICTORIA POLICE GAZETTE.

Extract from Victoria Police Gazette, 14th October, 1863, page 312.

Colin McKenzie is charged, on warrant, with assault with intent to ravish Barbara McLeod, at Melbourne, on the 6th January, 1860. He is a Scotchman, aged 24, 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, medium build, 12 stone weight, fresh complexion, grey eyes, light

brown hair, small fair whiskers and moustache, and smart active appearance; usually dresses as a stockrider. He is supposed to be in New Zealand.

Extract from *Victoria Police Gazette*, 3rd December, 1863.

WILFUL MURDERS.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.—FREE PARDON TO AN ACCOMPLISHER.

WHEREAS William Selby and John Bennett, hawkers, having left Stawell on Friday, the 16th of October last, with a large amount of jewellery and other goods for sale, were discovered on Friday, the 6th of November inst., near Mr. Dennis's station on the Richardson River, tied up to a tree and murdered: Notice is hereby given that there will be paid by the Government for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the offender or offenders guilty of murdering the persons above mentioned, One hundred pounds, or Fifty pounds for each offender if it should be proved that there were more than two offenders.

His Excellency the Governor will also extend Her Majesty's Free Pardon to any person implicated in the murders above mentioned [not being one of the actual murderers] who will give the required information.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. McCulloch.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1863.

PARTICULARS TO AID DETECTION.

The first of these men is supposed to be English, aged 35 or 40, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, stoutish built, 12 or 13 stone weight, fair and fresh complexion, light hair, large and bushy sandy whiskers worn all round the face, moustache, unshaved, rather full features, large head, straight nose, somewhat prominent chin, long arms, large hands, clumsy and slovenly appearance, flash manner, and ordinary bush costume. He carried a revolver and sheath-knife, and wore two much-worn gold rings, one of them engraved with J. W. on shield. He seemed to be a very indifferent horseman.

The second man looked like a "native," but may be English-born, and had the appearance of a "loafer" and horsestealer, aged 30 or 35, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, about 11 stone weight, sallow or dark complexion, brown hair, darkish thin and straggling whiskers and beard, unshaved, straight nose, repulsive countenance, active gait, and ordinary bush costume. He also carried a revolver and sheath-knife.

One of the revolvers is an old six-barrelled one, the trigger-guard fastened on with a nail instead of a screw.

One of the men signed himself James Martin.

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