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Felonies and other Offences.

A warrant has been issued by the Riverton Bench for the arrest of Maori Bill, alias W. E. Thompson, alias Kelly, alias Healy, charged with obtaining £5 and a silver watch and chain by false pretences, from Thomas Price at Otautau, on the 23rd December last and 1st ultimo. Offender is an American, Irish decent, a railway labourer, about 42 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, thin dark features, thin black hair mixed with grey, bald on top of head, cheeks shaved, Yankee beard and moustache, dressed in blue cloth coat, grey tweed trousers, and black hat. This offender has committed several other offences of a similar nature.

A warrant has been issued by the Port Chalmers Bench for the arrest of Charles Johnson, charged with deserting his wife and family at Port Chalmers on the 4th ultimo. Offender is a Swede, a lumper, 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, stout firm build, fresh complexion, dark brown hair, clean shaved, generally lets his beard grow for about a week before shaving. He left Port Chalmers on the 4th ultimo, supposed for Lyttelton, or one of the northern ports, to seek employment as a lumper.

A warrant has been issued by the Lyttelton Bench

for the arrest of John Blackmore, charged with disobeying an order made by that Bench to provide for the support of his wife. Offender is a native of Tasmania, a blacksmith, 31 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, about 14 stone weight, fresh complexion, grey eyes, sandy beard whiskers and moustache, thick lips, pug nose, anchor on left hand. He worked about a year since at his trade in Dunedin, and went under the names of John Evans and Johnson. He will likely seek employment at an inland town.

Stolen on the 4th instant, from the person of Thomas Cassley, in the Railway Hotel, Tokomairiro, a large size hunting patent lever watch, No. 3228, capped and jewelled. T. Nutsford, Milton, maker. White dial, maker's name on dial, black figures, gold hands, value £10. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to William Mathew, a Scotchman, a carpenter, 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, stout build, large beard, whiskers, and moustache, wore dark tweed clothes, lace up boots, and drab felt hat.

Between 7 p.m. on the 27th and 7 a.m. on the 28th ultimo, the shop of Joseph Booth and Company at Oamaru, was burglariously entered, and four pairs of men's shoes, one piece of red and black tartan, about six pieces of Llama, blue, brown and