

About the 19th of December last, 13 two-year old apple trees, value £5, were pulled out of the ground in the garden of John Murphy and Ching Chee, at the Beach Road, Anderson's Bay.

Stolen about the 28th ultimo, from the box of Mary Ann Smith, in the Immigration Barracks, at Caversham, a light colored, small spotted, plain calico, print dress, a little frilling of same material on body. Value, 10s. Identifiable.

Stolen about the 1st instant, from the Scandinavian Hotel, Maclaggan street, Dunedin, three black felt hats: very little worn, low-crowned shape; size, two, 6½, one, 6½, the property of John Leidman and Charles Johnson. Identifiable.

Suspicion attached to a man named Whitie, an engine-fitter, about 26 years of age, stout build, clean shaved except moustache, light hair, wore grey tweed clothes.

Stolen on the 4th instant, from a building in course of erection off Hanover street, Dunedin, an empty hoghead, branded on bottom B.B. and S.D. 90, a carpenter's 9-inch square, and some timber, the property of Benjamin Wildy. Value, 13s. Hoghead. Identifiable.

Stolen about the 31st ultimo from the Melbourne Hotel, Invercargill, a pair of half Wellington boots, the property of William Thornton. Value, 10s. Identifiable.

Suspicion attached to Frederick Boardman, a painter, about 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, grey hair, beard and moustache, wore black or blue frock coat, Bedford cord trousers, light vest, French cap with peak; deaf. Supposed to have come to Dunedin.

Stolen on the 12th ultimo, from the mining claim of John Shannon, at Surface Hill, Naseby, about half a dish of auriferous earth, supposed to contain about one ounce of gold dust. Value, £4.

Stolen on the 28th ultimo, from the tent of Joseph Day, at North Clutha, a large old-fashioned, open face silver verge watch, No. 4517; maker, A. Cameron, Liverpool; had steel guard attached. Value, £2. Identifiable.

Stolen on the 26th ultimo, from a stable at the Bush Inn, Blueskin road, a stable fork, an iron bucket, a stable broom, a curry comb, a body brush, and a dandiff brush, the property of James Duncan. Identifiable.

Suspicion attached to James M'Pherson, a Scotchman, a wood carter, 50 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches high, stout build, grey hair, whiskers and moustache, dark complexion, rough face.

Stolen on the 1st ultimo, from the person of John M'Lean, in the Moeraki Hotel, Moeraki, an open-face English lever watch, No. 12,268; no maker's name, case worn smooth. Value, £5. Identifiable.

Suspicion attached to a man named Mitchell, English, 30 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, fair complexion, sandy whiskers and moustache, strong and bristly, hook nose, wore faded grey coat and glazed cap with peak.

Stolen between 10 p.m. on the 2nd and 5 a.m. on the 3rd instant, from the cabin of the ship May Queen, at the Railway Pier, Port Chalmers, a tin box for holding subscriptions to the Royal Alfred

Institution, London; a wooden box for holding subscriptions to the Merchant Seamen's Asylum, London. Both boxes contained about £5 in coin, amongst which there were two sovereigns. Boxes identifiable.

Stolen on the 31st ultimo, on board the schooner Wanganui, at Jetty street wharf, Dunedin, two £5 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, the property of Alfred Slibon.

Stolen on the 27th ultimo, from the Caledonian Hotel, Walker street, Dunedin, a long blue pilot overcoat, velvet collar, rough brown lining, wants a button at neck, the property of Charles Saphra. Value, £4. Identifiable.

Suspicion attached to Peter Ponsonby, a Frenchman, a carpenter, 34 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, fair complexion, slender build, fair hair, small fair beard and moustache, heavy on chin, wore blue coat, no vest or collar, old black felt hat; can speak several languages.

Stolen on the 18th ultimo, from the dwelling of Constance Preen, Moray Place, Dunedin, a black leather purse with spring clasp, containing 13s. 9d. in silver. Purse identifiable.

Suspicion attached to a Miss Keison and a Mrs. Heiley, who reside at Kensington.

Keison is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, stout build, full round face, fair complexion and hair, wore blue and green Grenadine dress, black velvet jacket, and white bonnet.

Heiley is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 1 inch high, medium build, fair complexion, fair hair turning grey, wore brown rib dress, black lace scarf, white hat and feather.

Lost or stolen between the 2nd and 4th ultimo, in the store of Skene Haast and Co., at Switzers, a dark green leather purse, about 5 inches long and 3 inches broad, with broad elastic band, containing about 20 £1 notes, supposed on the National Bank of New Zealand. Purse only identifiable.

Stolen or strayed on the 22nd ultimo, from a paddock at St. Kilda, near Dunedin, a black mare, 4 years old, blaze down face, white feet; a bay mare, 4 years old, slightly lame; and a bay gelding, aged, the property of John Power and — Frazer. Identifiable.

Stolen between the 1st and 6th instant, from Walker street, Dunedin, nine red pine boards, 16 feet long, 12 inches wide, and ¾ of an inch thick, the property of Patrick O'Brien. Value, 20s.

Inquests.

An inquest was held on the 2nd ultimo at the West Taieri Hotel, Outram, by James Fulton, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of Henry Sutherland, a seaman and labourer, aged 20 years, who was drowned while bathing in the Taieri river at East Taieri on the 29th of December last. Verdict: Accidentally drowned.

An inquest was held on the 7th ultimo at Greenfield station, Tuapeka district, by E. H. Carew, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of Daniel Campbell, a carpenter, aged 40 years, who was found dead in a hut there on that morning. Verdict: Died from natural causes.