

An inquest was held on the 12th ultimo at the Ballarat Hotel, Arrowtown, by H. A. Stratford, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of Ah Look, a miner, aged 33 years, who, when crossing the Matatapu Creek on the 8th ultimo, fell into the creek and was drowned. Verdict: Accidentally drowned.

An inquest was held on the 18th ultimo at the Waitaiki Bridge Hotel, Waitaiki, by T. W. Parker, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of Jennie Verten, a theatrical performer, aged 20 years, who was drowned in the Waitaiki river on the day previous by the upsetting of an express in which she was crossing the river. Verdict: Accidentally drowned.

An inquest was held on the 15th ultimo at the Kent Hotel, Greytown, by James Fulton, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of William Smith, a labourer, aged 26 years, who was killed by a fall of earth while at work in a ballast pit at Greytown on the day previous. Verdict: Accidentally killed.

An inquest was held on the 25th ultimo at the Hospital, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of Catherine Ryder, a prostitute, aged 40 years, who died there on the day previous from the effects of injuries sustained by being thrown down an embankment in Clark street, Dunedin, on the 14th ultimo by a man, name unknown. Verdict: Manslaughter against a man, name unknown.

An inquest was held on the 26th ultimo at the Hospital, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of James Amos Holmes, a pig-dealer, aged 25 years, who was stabbed by John Walter in the left side with a knife at North East Valley, Dunedin, on the 24th ultimo, from the effects of which he died on the following day. Verdict: Manslaughter against John Walter. Walter has been arrested and committed for trial.

An inquest was held on the 1st instant at the Hospital, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of Charles L. Adams, a cordial manufacturer, aged 38 years, who died suddenly on the previous day in the Shamrock Hotel, Rattray street, Dunedin. Verdict: Died of fits appertaining to apoplexy.

An inquest was held on the 1st instant at Eichardt's Hotel, Queenstown, by R. Beetham, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of Charles Murray, a miner, aged 53 years, who died on the previous day on Lake Wakatipu, while being conveyed from Moke Creek to Frankton Hospital. Verdict: Died from acute inflammation of the bowels.

Missing Friends.

Information is requested respecting the whereabouts of Harry Larkins, a witness in the case of Regina v. Walmer, charged with sodomy, committed in the Canterbury province. Larkins is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, light hair, slight fair whiskers, beard and moustache, wore light tweed paget coat, moleskin trousers, light tweed cap or felt hat, carried a heavy swag—a new arrival. He crossed the Waitaiki river from Canterbury into this province on

the 5th December last, at Gunnion's station, and will likely seek employment at a station or on a road party.

Information is requested respecting the whereabouts of John Quin, the principal witness and informant in the case of Regina v. Harry Pearce, committed for trial for stealing from the person at Dunedin. Quin is a native of Cork, Ireland, a laborer and shearer, 36 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, sandy hair, sandy whiskers, beard and moustache worn rather short, thin features, florid complexion, light blue eyes, large front teeth, described in the *Otago Police Gazette*, 1871, page 71, as John Roland, *alias* Quin, *alias* Kelly. He was employed at Merrie Creek Station, Balclutha division, for about three months, previous to the 30th November last. He left the Station after the shearing, and was heard of at Clinton on the 1st of December.

Information is requested respecting the whereabouts of Charles Hovenn, a carpenter's assistant, 15 years of age, not tall for his age, stout build, dark complexion, brown hair, dark blue eyes, wore dark tweed clothes, all of same material, lace-up boots, and cheese-cutter cap. He left his home at Dunedin on the 10th ultimo, and has not been heard of since.

Vide Police Gazette, 1874, page 92.

Re missing friend Patrick Small.—It has been ascertained that in May, 1860, a soldier of this name belonging to the 40th Regiment left Hobart Town with the detachment stationed there for New Plymouth. He was discharged about April, 1866, and in January, 1874, was residing in Barrack street, Auckland, near the Police Station.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, January 5, 1875.

Inquiries have been made through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting a person named Jean Duvalousky, a native of Teplitz, in the district of Zips, in Hungary, who left that town with his wife and four young children in April last, with the intention of proceeding to America; but wrote from London on the 7th April to his relatives to inform them that he had altered his destination to New Zealand, and has not been heard of since. Any person possessing information respecting the person above named is requested to communicate the same to this office.

G. S. COOPER, Under Secretary.

Property Lost.

Lost on the 29th ultimo between the Princess Theatre and the European Hotel, George-street, Dunedin, by Miss M'Intosh, a gold bracelet with carbuncle stone. Value, £5.

Lost on the 27th ultimo, between the Customhouse and Esther and Low's store, George-street, Dunedin, by Alexander Low, a £20 note, on the Bank of New South Wales.

Lost on the 11th ultimo, between Messrs Herbert, Haynes & Co's shop, Princes-street, and Maclaggan-street, Dunedin, by J. Allan, a cheque No. 560, on the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin, for £10, drawn by Herbert, Haynes, and Co.