

Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Provincial Government of Otago to any person who will first give such information to the police as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons by whom the said fire was caused, and His Excellency the Governor will be advised to grant a free pardon to an accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the fire, who will give such information as will lead to a like result.

T. K. WELDON,
Commissioner of Police.

Police Office, Dunedin,
16th April, 1875.

Felonies and other Offences.

A warrant has been issued by the Invercargill Bench for the arrest of Joseph Barns and two men, names unknown, charged with obtaining £4 by means of a valueless cheque, from John Fishendon at Invercargill, on the 21st of March last. Barns is an Englishman, a labourer, 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, stout build, dark complexion, black hair, whiskers, and moustache, all worn short; wore light grey tweed clothes, watertight boots, and black billy-cock hat; trousers usually tied with straps at the knees. 2nd man is about 5 feet 11 inches high, stout and well-built, sandy hair, whiskers, and moustache, beard clipped to about 2 inches long, wore light tweed clothes. 3rd man is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, smart and active appearance; talkative.

A warrant has been issued by the Justices Court, Dunedin, for the arrest of William Ryan, charged with deserting his wife at Manuka Creek on the 14th of February last. Offender is a South of Ireland man, a laborer, 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, fair hair, whiskers, and moustache, shaved on chin, fair complexion, grey eyes; wore dark grey coat and vest, light tweed trousers, Wellington boots, and black felt hat.

A warrant has been issued by the Justices' Court, Dunedin, for the arrest of Thomas Henwood, charged with disobeying a summons to appear at that Court on the 29th ultimo to answer to a charge of sly-grog selling. Offender is believed to be an Englishman, a seaman, about 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, dark complexion, medium build. The case was heard in defendant's absence, when he was fined £50 and costs.

A warrant has been issued by the Justices Court, Dunedin, for the arrest of Joseph Hannan *alias* Hughes, charged with deserting his wife at Dunedin on the 17th of April last. Offender is a native of Victoria, a labourer, 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, medium build, fair hair and complexion, a little beard on chin; wore light brown shabby tweed clothes, low crown wide-awake hat, straw leaf, black velvet band, and strong watertight boots.

James Smith is charged with obtaining board, lodgings, and money to the value of £1 13s 10d by false pretences from William Garthwaite, at Invercargill, between the 16th and 23rd of March last. Offender is a Scotchman, a blacksmith, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, round shoulders, sandy whiskers and moustache. A warrant for the offender's arrest is about to issue.

A man named Walker is charged with stealing at Oamaru, between 9 p.m. on the 9th and 7 a.m. on

the 10th ultimo, from the person of Daniel M'Donald, a silver geneva watch, (since recovered) value £5. Offender is a Scotchman, a laborer or bullock driver, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, stout square build, round flat face, dark brown hair, whiskers, beard, and moustache, broad Scotch accent; wore black wide-awake hat, dark tweed coat, and light trousers.

A man of the following description is charged with indecently assaulting Alice Catherine Cameron, aged 5 years, in Leith-street, Dunedin, on the 17th ultimo; also with wilfully and obscenely exposing his person to a Mrs. Carrick, in Leith-street, on same date. Offender is believed to be a sailor, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, very black bushy whiskers, beard, and moustache, dark complexion and eyes, flat feet, small straight nose; wore black monkey jacket, dirty grey tweed trousers, and old black felt hat. Identifiable.

A man of the following description is charged with unlawfully taking a horse, saddle, and bridle, the property of Archibald M'Pherson, from a stable at Tinkers, on the 22nd ultimo, riding the horse a number of miles and then turning him loose with the saddle and bridle on. Offender is believed to be a North of England man, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, very stout build, about 14 stone weight, small scanty light-colored beard and moustache, little or no whiskers, criminal appearance; wore fine black cloth coat, dirty cord vest, black handkerchief round neck, light-colored trousers, heavy lace-up boots; had a silver ring on fore finger of right hand.

Stolen between the 5th and 10th instant, from a bedroom in the Carriers' Arms Hotel, Princes-street, Dunedin, a pair of colonial gold earrings, having three emerald stones in each, one of the earrings has been recently repaired near the hook, the property of Margaret McCarthy. Value £2. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Mary Ann Ford, Irish, a nurse-girl, about 18 years of age, high cheek-bones, brown hair usually worn loose.

Stolen on the 22nd ultimo, from the dwelling of James Sharp, at Caversham, about 3 ounces of rough nuggetty gold, two of the nuggets about $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce each, both have peculiar black spots in them; the other nuggets are about the size of small slit peas; a gold seal about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch high, wanting stone, the seat of stone is $\frac{2}{3}$ of an inch long, $\frac{2}{3}$ of an inch wide, and $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch deep, with ring on top; a half crown piece with a hole near the edge; several three and fourpenny pieces; a marriage certificate having the names James Sharp and Elizabeth Holmes written therein: a strong grey ribbed tweed vest lined with grey selesia, buttons nearly up to neck. Suspicion attached to Thomas Hewson, an Irishman, a laborer, 38 years of age, 5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, grey eyes, dark brown hair and whiskers, squints with left eye, left ankle has been dislocated.—(*Vide Otago Police Gazette 1873 page 72.*)

Stolen on the 8th ultimo from a till in the bar of the Railway Hotel at Milton, a £1 note. Suspicion attached to a cab driver named Cross, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, stout build, dark complexion, lame in right leg and walks very stiff.

Supposed stolen about the 1st ultimo from Fern Bush, near Winton, a chestnut filly, 3 years old, 15 hands high, well bred, branded 36 indistinct on shoulder, one of fore legs white half way to knee, white crooked stripe down face, reddish mane and