

NOTICE.

THE Members of the Force in command of districts will forward to this office an accurate description of any of the criminal class changing their haunts in this Province, or leaving for any of the other settlements or colonies, that communications may be conveyed, intimating such facts, to those in charge of the former, or in other places to the heads of the several Police Departments.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the Police Department are requested to present them for payment. Should any unnecessary delay arise, a difficulty will be found in obtaining the amount, and all Members of the Force are required to use every means in their power to facilitate the settlement of accounts.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE provisions of the Dog Nuisance Ordinance, after this date will be strictly enforced, and any dog or dogs, three months old or upwards, not found to be duly registered, will be destroyed.

Dogs found wearing badges not issued during the current year will be killed, and the owners prosecuted.

NOTICE.

WHEN Warrants are issued for the arrest of offenders who may be in other Colonies, they should be signed by Magistrates whose signatures can be identified by some person resident therein. Certified copies of the original charge and information must accompany each Warrant, which must be forwarded to the Commissioner's office.

NOTICE.

THE Members of the Force throughout the Province will in every instance file the Police Gazette for future reference. The responsible persons neglecting to comply with this order will be supplied with the numbers deficient, and charged with the cost.

NOTICE.

REWARDS FOR THE DISCOVERY OF ILLICIT DISTILLATION.

It is hereby notified that rewards varying in amount from Five Pounds to Fifty Pounds will be given for such information as may lead to the detection and conviction of Persons engaged in Illicit Distillation.

The Rewards will vary in amount, in proportion to the importance of the Seizure, will be payable immediately upon conviction being obtained, and will be in addition to the portion of the fine or of the proceeds of the Seizure which by law is to be paid to the Person affording the information.

Information may be given to any Collector of Customs or Officer of Police throughout the colony.

The name of the person giving the information will not be divulged except with his own consent.

J. C. RICHMOND.

Office of Commissioner of Customs,
Wellington, 18th Jan., 1867.

MURDER.

ON the 13th February the body of a man was found buried near an old unoccupied hut at Buckanui Creek, between Enys' station, Castle Hill, and Cragieburn. From the evidence adduced at an inquest held on the 26th February, and adjourned until the 12th March next, there is no doubt but the man was murdered on or about the 6th February. Eight distinct wounds were found on the head, evidently inflicted by a sharp instrument. A small sized axe—blood-stained—a pair of old moleskin trousers, with a patch on the outside of right knee, and another on inside of left knee; a pair of new moleskin trousers, a shepherd plaid crimean shirt, and a tin billy, supposed to be a portion of a gentleman's portable cooking apparatus, containing a tea bag, an old towel, a piece of flannel, a piece of soap, and half a comb, were found buried near the body, and further off, a reddish coloured sac coat, a brown billycock hat, and a plain cotton checked shirt, blood-stained—were found rolled up and concealed. About half-a-mile from where the body was found and where some fifteen Chinamen camped about the 6th February on the way from Hokitika to Otago, a pair of brown colored Chinese trousers, stained with what appears to be marks of blood were found; also an old 50lb. flour bag.

The deceased appeared to be from 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; high open forehead, medium build, well made, small feet and hands; fair complexion, brown hair, whiskers and moustache, inclined to red, beard worn under chin, hair short on back of head; teeth rather large, but even, first double tooth on right side of jaw wanting; an inside flannel shirt, and a shepherd plaid crimean shirt, similar to the one discovered buried, was found on the body.

It is supposed the remains are those of a man known as "Jim," and who was seen travelling in company with the Chinese who camped near the scene of the murder, on or about the 6th instant. Jim had articles of clothing in his possession similar to those found concealed, and also the following articles, which have not as yet been recovered:— a pair of double grey blankets with two holes worn about the centre; a single blue blanket, a fine blue cloth frock or sac coat and waistcoat, nearly new; a tin billy with one of the "lugs" broken, and a piece of telegraph wire for a handle. The Chinese crossed the Waitaki on the 16th Feb. into the Otago Province. Two of them spoke English fluently and wore European clothing.

Stolen.

STOLEN, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. of the 16th ult. from the shop door of John Casgrave, draper, Revell-street, Hokitika, a piece of calico, about 25 yards in length, double width. Suspicion is attached to a woman named Mary Ward, an Englishwoman, 29 years old, 5 feet 1 inch high, slight build; brown hair; thin features. Still in Hokitika.

STOLEN, between 7 and 8 p.m. on the 22nd ult. from the person of John Barrass, miner, Ross, while in a state of intoxication, the sum of ten pounds, in £1 notes. A man named Charles Madden, who was in company with Barrass during the day, is suspected of having stolen the money. He is an Englishman, about 25 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build; fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes; small tuft of light coloured hair on chin; has the appear-