

NOTICE.

THE following Rules and Regulations for the better management of the Detective branch of this Force having been approved by his Honor the Superintendent, on the 7th March, 1874, are published for the information and guidance of the Members of the Canterbury Constabulary Force.

DETECTIVES.

1. The Detectives, although subject to the same discipline, are in most other respects a distinct body of the Force, their duties being to detect, rather than prevent, crime.

2. They are under the control of the Chief Detective, whose office is in Christchurch, and who receives his orders direct from the Commissioner.

3. Detectives when stationed in out districts will correspond direct with the Chief Detective in Christchurch; but, although they look to him for orders, they will be under the control of the Officer in charge of the District in which they may be stationed, so far as his orders do not clash with those they receive from the Detective Office at Christchurch.

4. If this system is properly carried out with the view to the interests of the public, there should be no difficulty in detecting crime, and tracing out offenders, who to escape detection have fled from town to country, or from one district to another; and it is expected that the Preventive Police will consider it imperative upon them to afford every information in their power to the Detective Police, and to facilitate in every possible way the proper discharge of their particular duties.

5. The Detective Force is formed by selecting from the Preventive Police such persons as may be considered suitable for detective duty; they are employed on trial as supernumeraries, during which time they receive the pay of ordinary constables, and if reported favorably of by the Chief Detective, they are promoted to the rank of Third-class Detective. Although this is a general rule, candidates who from previous habits, experience, or other reasons may appear to be particularly adapted for Detective duties, may be taken on as supernumeraries without having served in the Preventive Police, and if after due trial they are approved of, are promoted in the usual manner.

6. In reporting crime, the Rules which appear at page 73, under the head "Criminal Offence," will apply to the office of the Chief Detective as well as to the Commissioner's, and the head quarters of each of the Districts.

7. No further detail of Detective duty is here given, as the members of that branch of the service will from time to time receive such instructions as are necessary for their guidance from the Chief Detective.

8. The foregoing Regulations shall be read and construed with and as part of the regulations which appear in the "Manual of Police Regulations," for the guidance of the Canterbury Constabulary Force, framed under the third clause of an "Ordinance to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Constabulary Force, Session VII., No. 2."

R C. SHEARMAN,

Commissioner of Police.

Stolen.

STOLEN, from the person of William Hyndman, at Southbridge, on the 23rd February, 1874, a yellow leather purse, with elastic band, containing colonial gold ring, heart in hand device, marked W. H. inside, and weighing 7 dwts., about 7 dwts. of alluvial gold, of which two small nuggets weigh about 5 dwts., a £1 note, and about 15s. in silver, total value £5. Ring, nugget, and purse identifiable. A man named Fairfax, about 50 years, 6ft., stout build, florid complexion, brown hair turning grey, brown moustache, shaved chin, and long grey Dundreary whiskers, who had been drinking with Hyndman during the day, is suspected. Still in Southbridge.

STOLEN, from the Rising Sun public house, Caledonian Road, between 12 and 1 p.m. on the 1st inst., an opened-face silver lever watch, silver dial, with snake pattern chain attached. Identifiable. Thomas Collins, English, about 48 years, 5ft 7in., stout build, fresh complexion, bald on top of head, grey whiskers, no moustache, dressed in old tweed suit and billycock hat, is suspected. Still in Christchurch.

STOLEN, from the person of William Miller, of Mein's Meat Preserving Factory, during the night of the 4th inst., a brown leather pocket-book containing a cheque for £5 8s. 9d., drawn by E. G. Wright, upon the Union Bank of Australia, Christchurch, and about thirty single notes, bank or number unknown. The cheque has been paid into the bank over the counter. A man about 28 years of age, 5ft. 11in., thin face, sallow complexion, shaved on cheeks, dark moustache, and goatee, dressed in a tweed suit, and black hat, supposed to have gone to Auckland, is suspected.

STOLEN, from the Railway Reserve at Timaru, between 5.30 and 9.30 p.m. on the 6th inst., a double blue blanket swag, with a stripe of the red edge about 5in. long by 1in. broad torn out of the end, containing one volume