

7. PREVIOUS REFERENCES.—*It is requested that in all reports respecting cases already gazetted, Officers in charge of Police, or others concerned, will be good enough to quote the date and page of the POLICE GAZETTE in which the previous notice has appeared, and, in reporting arrests, to state by whom effected. Supplementary reports of cases already reported, but not gazetted, should*

contain such information as will clearly identify the case.

8. TELEGRAMS.—*In telegrams, the use of figures must be avoided, and words at full length substituted. In forwarding the brands of horses and cattle per telegraph, it should be stated of what kind of letters the brands consist, whether of Roman capitals, or in writing, &c.*

Stolen.

STOLEN from the shop of Arthur Postle, Papanui, on the 16th February, 1871, a small pasteboard box, with glass top, 12in. x 4in., the glass cracked, containing one oval-shaped gilt brooch, imitation white cornelian and green stones; one small button-shaped gold-washed brooch, with mulberry-coloured stone; one gilt brooch, smaller size than first, blue stones and imitation pearls in centre; one blue and white silk belt, steel clasp fastening; one violet and white ditto, steel clasp; two green satin belts, with gilt clasp in shape of a half-moon; two brown ditto, similar fastening; one violet-coloured ditto, slightly faded by the sun—all identifiable. A man of the following description suspected:—30 years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, slender build, fair hair, fair complexion, fair goatee beard; dressed in tight-fitting moleskin trousers, narrow striped shirt, with anchor worked on each breast, high-crowned light felt hat, light-coloured coat and light-coloured sash; the appearance of a labourer.

STOLEN, on the afternoon of the 23rd ult., from the waistcoat pocket of James Jamieson, of Windmill road, an open-faced silver lever watch; maker's name, John Forrest, No. 12507; identifiable. Jamieson was at work in a building, and hung up his waistcoat with the watch in it, and did not discover his loss till leaving his work.

REVERTING to "Criminal Offence," dated Christchurch, the Cow therein described has been recovered, and Joseph Abbott, arrested by Constable Thoreau, convicted at the Supreme Court of the theft, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour.

STOLEN, during the night of the 26th ult., from a securely-fenced paddock on Fendalltown road, a brown gelding, with roan hairs, aged, about 15 hands high, star on forehead, short silver tail, has a peculiar way of showing the white of near eye when the bridle is being put on; brands, if any, unknown; the property of John Ferguson, Fendalltown road.

Inquests.

AN Inquest was held at the Selwyn, on the 22nd ult., before W. B. C. Christy, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Richard Henry Nock, who was drowned in the Selwyn river on the 19th ult. Verdict—Accidentally drowned.

AN Inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 13th ult., before J. W. S. Coward, Esq.,

Coroner, on the body of Charles Henry Schumaker, who died from a fracture of the skull, caused by the bursting of the drum of a flax machine at which deceased was at work. Verdict—Accidental death.

AN Inquest was held at the Christchurch Hospital, on the 9th ult., before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of William Day, a farmer, aged 38 years, who died suddenly, on the 8th ult., from congestion of the brain. Verdict—Accidental causes.

AN Inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 3rd ult., before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Eliza Brown, a school girl, aged 11 years, who died, on the 3rd ult., from a fracture of the skull, caused by a kick from a horse tethered in the school ground. Verdict—Accidental death. The jury added a rider, that they were of opinion "that it was unwise to tether the horse in the children's playground, and that they hoped the practice would be discontinued."

RETURN OF APPOINTMENTS, &c., SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE LAST LIST.

APPOINTMENT.

Feb. 1, 1871—John Fowler to be a Third-Class Constable.

PROMOTION.

Feb. 21, 1871—Acting-Sergeant Greenwood to be Third-Class Sergeant.
 " Third-Class Sergeant Greenwood to be Second-Class Sergeant.
 " Second-Class Sergeant Greenwood to be First-Class Sergeant.
 " First-Class Sergeant Greenwood to be Clerk and Accountant.

DISCHARGE.

First-Class Sergeant Henry Walsh.

A WARRANT has been issued by the Christchurch Bench for the arrest of Robert Musson, for deserting his wife, Eliza Musson. Description—An Englishman, about 30 years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, medium build, fair complexion, light brown hair, sandy whiskers, beard and moustache, slightly pock-pitted, mark of a stab above right knee, dressed in a grey tweed and black billy-cock hat, water-tight boots; general appearance is that of a labourer. Warrant filed in this office.