

Detective Burnett, who has been attached for the last three years to the Wellington Detective Office, has been appointed officer in charge of the Rarotongan police.

Among the 67 motor cars offered for sale at auction on behalf of the Government by Messrs. Beauforts, at their yard in London recently, was the official car used by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig. In the catalogue it was described as a Rolls-Royce Pullman limousine, painted dark green, upholstered brown leather, luxuriously fitted, with table, etc., frameless windows, two spare wheels, lamps, and tools. In bringing the car to the notice of the company, Mr. R. J. Geering, who conducted the sale, said he was permitted to tell them that this car was formerly the official car of Sir Douglas Haig. Special interest was therefore attached to it. "We will take that as the price of the sentiment," commented Mr. Geering on a first bid of 2000gns, immediately adding, "However, I accept it as a bid for both the car and the sentiment connected with it." A sum of 2500gns was the next bid, and in quick succession 2600gns, 2700gns, 2800gns, 2900gns, 3000gns, and 3100gns, were offered. "At 3100gns," remarked Mr. Geering, "the sentiment attached to the car is cheap. Just consider who has used the car." Bids of 3150 gns, 3200gns, 3250gns, 3300gns, 3350 gns, 3400gns, 3450gns, 3500gns, 3550 gns, and 3600gns were then made. In spite of Mr. Geering's declaration, "We have not yet reached the price of sentiment," no advance on 3600gns was forthcoming, and at that figure the car was knocked down to Messrs. Lutons, chocolate and confectionery specialists. Their representative explained that his firm proposed hiring the car out to different stores throughout the country for exhibition purposes.

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