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NOTICE.—For instructions as to the manner in which reports are required to be furnished for the compilation of the *Police Gazette*, see *Gazette* No. 1 of this year.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with larceny, or suspected of larceny, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property, supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

Communications for this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Constabulary, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*."

Incendiarism.

£50 REWARD.

WHEREAS on the night of the 11th instant a 21-ton ketch, called the "XXX," the property of Mr. Alexander Munro, was destroyed by fire in Corsair Bay, Lyttelton Harbour: And whereas there is reason to believe the said fire was wilfully done: Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Government for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who caused the fire aforesaid.

H. E. READER,
Commissioner.

Wellington, 20th August, 1881.

At 8 p.m., on the 26th ultimo, an unoccupied five-roomed wooden house, in Forth Street, Dunedin, the property of Francis Garn Cairns, value £70 or £80, was maliciously destroyed by fire. The house was insured for £100 in the Royal Insurance Office.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

J. A. PONSONBY is charged, on warrant issued by the Turakina Bench, with obtaining £1 2s. 6d. from Garrett Wilson, at Turakina, on the 17th June last, by means of a valueless cheque. Description: Supposed to be a foreigner, about forty-five years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, sallow complexion, long thin features, small sandy beard, whiskers, and moustache; dressed in brown-tweed suit, rather shabby, and white helmet. Takes sketches, very communicative, and fond of drink. The cheque, which was for £2, was drawn on the Bank of Australasia, Waipawa.

HENRY MERCEZ is charged, on warrant issued by the Patea District Court, with evading the payment of his creditors, at Patea, about the 12th ultimo. Description: English, a carter, thirty years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, stout build, full features and eyes, fair hair, whiskers, and moustache, round-shouldered. He is supposed to have left Wellington on the 17th ultimo by the schooner "Josephine" for Sydney.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Annie Chambers, in Park Terrace, Christchurch, about 4 p.m. on the 1st instant. Description: About thirty years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, erect gait, rather broad shoulders, reddish whiskers; worn brown trousers, coat of a lighter colour, respectable appearance. Identifiable.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 142.)

MRS. F. VALENTINE, charged on warrant with stealing a sewing-machine, &c., the property of the Rev. Father Coleman, from a dwelling at Oamaru, has been arrested by Detective Terence O'Brien, Oamaru Police. Her correct name is Mary Jane McCluskey.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 131.)

JOHN SULLIVAN, charged on warrant with stealing an overcoat, the property of Maurice Drury, from the Shamrock Hotel, Timaru, has been arrested by Constable Maurice O'Connor, Christchurch Police, and remanded to Timaru.

STOLEN on the 17th or 18th ultimo, from the dwelling of Mrs. Mary Kenney, at Oamaru, a black-silk skirt, a black-silk jacket, three night-dresses, four or five pairs of stockings, three chemises, two pairs of ladies' drawers, an infants' night-dress, three cards of buttons, a skein of red worsted, a skein of blue worsted, a velvet pocketbook, and a number of cuffs and collars; value £3. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of Thomas Williams, at Napier, an 8-inch lever clock, figure 4 on dial rubbed out; value £1 5s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 13th ultimo, from the shop of James Wood, at Napier, two Hyde Park shawls, green-and-black-check pattern; value £1 15s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 142.)

THE watch, ring, and studs, stolen from the dwelling of Neil Bollersleve, at German Gully, have been recovered broken up, and Frederick Copley, a youth, arrested for the offence by Constable John D. Watson, Ross Police, and sentenced to twenty-four hours' imprisonment and twelve strokes with a rod.

STOLEN on the 14th ultimo, from the bar of the Oxford Hotel, corner of Chester and Colombo Streets, Christchurch, five shillings in silver, four bottles of whiskey, a bottle of brandy, three bottles of colonial wine, and twenty-four cigars; the property of Joseph Dann.

STOLEN on the 22nd ultimo, from the dwelling of William Wilson, George Street, Dunedin, a looking-glass, about 20 inches high by 14 inches wide, oval at top, mahogany stand, value £1 5s.; and an antimacassar; both since recovered. The looking-glass was pledged on the day it was stolen at Samuel