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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*.

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Murder.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1878, pages 139 and 147, and 1879, page 72.)

WIREMU HIROKI, charged on warrant with the murder of John McLean, at the survey camp, Moumahaki Creek, on the 19th September, 1878, has been arrested at Parihaka by a party of Armed Constabulary, conveyed to New Plymouth, and committed for trial.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with having indecently assaulted Mary Jane Batten and Elizabeth Goss, both under seven years old, on the Town Belt, near Mornington, Dunedin, at 4 p.m. on the 14th instant. Description: Small size, young-looking, full round pale features, sandy whiskers; dressed in navy-blue serge suit and black-felt hat. Identifiable. He went towards High Street, Dunedin.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, pages 159, 167, and 175.)

JOHN BRATTIE, charged on warrant with assaulting and stabbing John Wilson, at Ettrick.—A man answering the offender's description was seen on the 27th ultimo at Excelsior Creek, near Waiau River, going in the direction of the Nightcaps or River-ton. He carried a blue-blanket swag.

JOHN RATTRAY is charged, on warrant issued by the District Court, Invercargill, with having committed a breach of "The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876," at Invercargill, on the 25th ultimo. Description: Scotch, a plumber, about thirty-four years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, stout square build, fair hair and complexion, light sandy beard, whiskers, and moustache; generally dressed in dark-tweed suit and soft black-felt hat. He left Invercargill by train about the 16th ultimo for Dunedin, accompanied by his daughter, aged five years. He formerly worked for Mr. Couston, tinsmith, Dunedin.

ROBERT GEORGE WARNES is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with having committed a breach of "The Fraudulent Debtors Act, 1876," at Oamaru, on the 9th instant.

Description: English, about twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, slight build, dark eyes, pale complexion, thin features, brown hair, slight fair moustache, a few straggling hairs on face, small mouth, round-shouldered, bow-legged, turns his toes out when walking; wore dark-tweed suit, dark-tweed hat, and lace-up boots. He was formerly a draper and hawker, and recently a storekeeper. He purchased a quantity of goods from Messrs. Hogg, Howison, Nicol, and Co., of Dunedin, on credit, which he immediately afterwards sold for less than their value, and absconded, with a view of evading his creditors. He left the Bluff on the 19th instant by the steamer "Arawata" for Melbourne.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 191.)

WILLIAM MYBRAE is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with stealing, on the 4th instant, from the dwelling of James Longbottom, Albert Street, Auckland, a pair of opera-glasses, since recovered; value £1 10s. Description: English, a tailor, fifty years of age, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, medium build, grey beard, whiskers, and moustache; fond of drink. He is supposed to have gone to Hamilton, Otahuhu, Onehunga, or Papakura.

BURGLARIOUSLY entering the Golden Age Hotel, Cromwell, the property of Charles McKenna.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of James Hogan for this offence. Description: Irish, a labourer, thirty-three years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, sallow complexion, black hair, hazel eyes, scar on right temple. He was sentenced at Clyde on the 17th December, 1880, to twelve months' labour for being illegally on premises. (See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 181.) He has been traced towards Black's.

STOLEN on the 27th ultimo, from the dwelling of Thomas Bain, Kawarau Flat, Cromwell, a box containing £1 and several games; value over £5. The box has since been found, broken open, on the Nevis Road. James Hogan, referred to in the preceding paragraph, suspected.

On the morning of the 29th ultimo the Nevis Hotel, Nevis, the property of Thomas O'Connell, was burglariously entered, and two bottles of raspberry vinegar and some bottles of whiskey stolen. James Hogan suspected.

STOLEN during the night of the 28th ultimo, from a bedroom in the Railway Hotel, Pleasant Point, Canterbury, an American silver lever hunting-watch, maker's name and number not known, pin of bow missing; the property of Henry Powell; value £10. Identification doubtful.

BETWEEN the 12th and 19th instant a hut at Left Hand Branch, Inangahua River, was broken into, and a very old double-barrel gun, left hammer new, stock broken at trigger-guard, and tied with a piece of wire, value £4, and an old Terry's single-barrel breech-loading rifle, screw of breech miss-