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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.

On the morning of the 16th ultimo, at Winton Plains, Southland, a two-story barn, containing a large quantity of chaff, 700 bushels of oats, 120 bushels of rye-grass seed, ten bags of wheat, fifty sheepskins, &c., the property of John Thomson, jun., value about £220, were maliciously destroyed by fire. The barn was insured in the Colonial Office for £100, but the contents were not insured.

On the morning of the 21st ultimo the general store of Alexander Gilmour, at Waitara, value about £1,850, was destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was maliciously caused. The back door of the store was found open, and a bag, containing tobacco, tins of preserved fish, salmon, lobsters, milk, and cocoa, was found by the police about 15 yards from the back of the store. The building was insured in the Union Office for £200 and the stock for £750 in the Northern Office, and for £500 in the Victoria Office.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1882, page 91.)

SETTING fire to the house of George Philips, at Kaikoura: James Campbell was arrested for this offence by Constable William Wilson Smart, Kaikoura Police, but discharged for want of sufficient evidence.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1882, page 81.)

FREDERICK VENTRY, charged with embezzling money, the property of the Tasmanian Government, has been arrested by the George Town Territorial Police.

RODERICK HARRY McLENNAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with having, on the 12th June last, at Waiatu, Amuri, Nelson District, obtained £5 from Edward Herbert King, by means of a valueless cheque. Description: A native of Rothshire, Scotland, a shepherd and road-contractor, thirty-one years of age, 5 feet 10½ inches high, medium build, pale complexion, very dark-brown hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, dark-grey eyes, large mouth, long thin pointed nose, slight impediment in speech, inclines slightly forward when

walking; dressed in grey-tweed suit and hat, and watertight boots; may represent himself as a man of property. He issued several other valueless cheques. He is identical with Roderick Harry McLennan, referred to in the *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 22, and 1881, page 138. He left the colony by the steamer "Manipouri," which arrived in Melbourne on the 9th ultimo.

ROWLAND PAUL MAHONEY, *alias* Davis, is charged, on warrant issued by the Lyttelton Bench, with obtaining board and lodging, value £3 12s., from Patrick O'Brien on the 22nd June last, at Lyttelton, by false representations. Description: Irish, about thirty-six years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, sandy beard whiskers and moustache worn long, lame in right leg, carries a walking-stick; dressed in light-tweed suit and light-tweed hat; respectable appearance; well educated. He falsely represented himself as a brother of the Rev. Father Mahoney, of Nelson.

A TALL fair young man, name unknown, dressed in a black overcoat and a black soft-felt hat pulled over his eyes, is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Isabella Duncan, in Worcester Street, Christchurch, about 9.30 p.m. on the 22nd ultimo.

RICHARD PORTER is wanted on warrant for embezzling £4,000, the money of the Clitheroe Building Society, of which he was secretary. Description: A native of Clitheroe, Lancashire, fifty-three years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, complexion dark (sallow), hair whiskers and moustache dark (grey), small eyes, long features, cut-mark on back of right hand, proportionate build, square shoulders; wears a grey-tweed suit and billycock hat. A reward of £20 is offered for his apprehension by the society. Information to the Chief Constable of the Lancashire Constabulary, Preston, England. Photograph in Commissioner's office.

CHARLES WILLIAM RINTOUL, a rate-collector, absconded from Peterborough, England, on the 17th April last, charged on warrant with embezzling £2,300 from the Corporation. Description: Thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, complexion dark, inclined to be sallow, hair and eyes black; when last seen had a black moustache and beard, square but rather slender build, has a springy step, and looks on the ground when walking; is a great smoker; dresses well, and had with him a light-coloured suit; is about 10 stone in weight. It is suspected he will endeavour to leave the country. £100 reward. Information to James Hurst, Head Constable, Police Station, Peterborough, England, who holds the warrant. Photograph in Commissioner's office.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1882, pages 108 and 115.)

WILLIAM JONES, *alias* White Horse Bill, charged on warrant with breaking into and stealing money from the *Otago Daily Times* Office, has been arrested by Detective John Mitchell Walker, Dunedin Police, and committed for trial. His accomplices, James Williamson and William Ahern, have also been committed for trial.