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A "POLICE GAZETTE" for the colony is published at Wellington.

Communications for this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Constabulary, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." They must be of police interest, or no notice will be taken of them. Officers in charge of districts are requested to report to the Commissioner the non-delivery of the *Gazette*, and to suggest from time to time such alterations in the addresses and in the mode of transmission as may be considered necessary.

CRIME REPORTS.—A copy of each crime report should be immediately forwarded to the Commissioner's office for *Gazette* purposes.

WARRANTS.—All reports of crime must state whether a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the offender, and by whom and where. Should a warrant not have been issued in the first instance, but one be subsequently obtained, a supplementary report announcing the issue must be immediately forwarded to all places where the original report has been sent. The supplementary report should give the date of the original crime report, or quote the date and page of the *Police Gazette* in which the previous notice has appeared. Persons reporting crimes should be requested to obtain warrants whenever practicable.

Offenders should be accurately described: their native country, usual occupation, and every particular likely to lead to their arrest and identification minutely given.

NAMES.—It is particularly requested that in all crime reports the names of persons and places may be spelt correctly and written legibly, the Christian name being given with the surname whenever possible, and written in full to prevent mistakes.

STRAY CATTLE.—No advertisement of lost horses or cattle will be published in this *Gazette* unless they be Government property; but notices of horses or cattle believed to be stolen will be inserted.

PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The age, height, breed, colour, particular marks, value, &c., of horses should be given, and the brands imitated as nearly as possible, and their exact position stated. Cattle should also be carefully described. In forwarding the brands of horses and cattle per telegram it should be stated of what kind of letters the brands consist, whether of Roman capitals or in writing. In describing watches it should be stated whether they are open-faced, hunting, double-cased, or half-hunting, the term "double-cased" being reserved for those watches whose outer case is removed in order to wind, "half-hunting" implying a very small glass in the metal cover of the dial. All property should be described as minutely as possible.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.—It is requested that, in all reports respecting cases gazetted, members of the Force 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, where arrests are

made or stolen property recovered, should at once be forwarded to the Commissioner's office, and should contain such information as will clearly identify the case.

CIRCULATION OF CRIME REPORTS.—The officers in charge of districts will be held responsible for the proper circulation of reports relating to crime committed in their respective districts. Where there is reason to believe that the offender is proceeding towards any particular part of the colony, the police of the district in which the crime was committed should report the fact to the police of that place with the least possible delay. They should also communicate without delay with the police of any part of the colony from which it is thought probable that important information regarding any offender can be obtained.

When the member of the Force in charge of a station considers it necessary, so as to insure the speedy arrest of offenders or the recovery of stolen property, &c., to forward crime reports or supplementary crime reports direct to the Commissioner's office, it should be distinctly stated on the one forwarded to the officer in charge of the district that a copy has been supplied to the Commissioner's office; otherwise duplicates may be received, and, being mistaken for originals, may cause confusion.

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*.

REWARDS.—No notice of reward offered by any private person or persons will be inserted in the *Police Gazette* unless there be forwarded to the Commissioner's office the guarantee of some responsible person that the reward shall be payable to the person who performs the service for which it is offered. If such notice be communicated by telegraph, the addition of the words "Guarantee received" will be sufficient; in such case, however, the guarantee must be forwarded to the Commissioner's office without delay.

In reporting the arrest of offenders, the recovery of property, or otherwise referring to anything notified in the Otago or Canterbury *Police Gazette*, the date and page in which the previous notice appeared should be given.

Murder.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 217.)

GERALD FITZGERALD, charged on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench with the murder of William Meldrum, has been arrested by Constables John Campbell Mackenzie and John Power, Outram and Green Island Police.

Incendiarism.

BETWEEN 5 and 5.30 a.m. on the 19th ultimo a house on