



NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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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 envelopes marked "For *Gazette*."

£50 Reward.—Supposed Murder.

Constabulary Office,
Wellington, 4th March, 1886.

WHEREAS on the 21st December last the dead body of a man of the under-mentioned description was found floating in the Waikato River: And whereas on the 23rd of the same month an inquest was held on the said body, and the following verdict returned: "That the deceased was found dead in the Waikato River, 21st December, 1885, near Churchill, with mortal wounds appearing on his head, but how the deceased got into the water, or how or when he received the wounds, there is no evidence to show, but the jury do say that in their opinion the deceased came to his death by foul-play:"

Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Government to any person who will give such information as shall lead to the arrest of the offender or offenders in case deceased came by his death through foul-play.

Description: From forty-five to fifty years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, eyes appeared to be blue or light grey, hair on head black, slightly turning grey; cheeks shaven, sandy-coloured Yankee beard and moustache; two joints of third finger of the left hand missing, the finger having been amputated a long time ago. In the upper jaw the right-central and left-lateral incisor teeth had been extracted, and the first and second molars have their crowns broken. In the lower jaw the first and second molars on both sides had been extracted. The clothing found on deceased consisted of white-flannel undershirt, dark-coloured crimean shirt, and dark-grey or brown tweed vest, with one row of small horn buttons. Pieces of each article in possession of Waikato Police.

J. BALLANCE,
Defence Minister.

Incendiarism.

BETWEEN 5 and 7 p.m. on the 1st instant, at Ica Station, Lower Whareama, one and a half stacks of wheat, and a stack of oats, the property of J. C. Andrew, were maliciously set on fire, by which they were destroyed. The fire extended to a threshing-machine, which was also destroyed. The property was value for about £150, and was not insured.

BETWEEN 9.30 p.m. on the 4th and 5 a.m. on the 5th instant a shed at Pakuratahi, Wellington District, containing a quantity of furniture, farm-implements, and engineers' tools, the property of George Jones, value £100, was, with contents, destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was maliciously caused. The shed and contents were insured in the Imperial Office for £75.

BETWEEN 6 and 7 p.m. on the 1st instant, at Te Oreore, near Masterton, a stack of straw, value £30, the property of Benjamin Budden, was destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was maliciously caused. The straw was not insured.

Supposed Arson.—£25 Reward.

Constabulary Office,
Wellington, 5th April, 1886.

WHEREAS on the night of the 19th or morning of the 20th January last a bridge, commonly called the Black Bridge, over the Waiaruru Stream, in charge of the Bay of Islands County Council, was destroyed by fire: And whereas at an inquest held as to the origin of the said fire the following verdict was returned: "That the said bridge at Waiaruru was wilfully and maliciously set on fire and burned by some person or persons unknown:"

Notice is hereby given that a reward of £25 will be paid by the Government for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the offender or offenders.

EDWARD RICHARDSON,
(For the Defence Minister.)

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

FRANK NICHOLSON is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with having, on the 17th February last, at Auckland, obtained 18s. from William Henry Cranswick by means of a valueless cheque. Description: English, a commission agent, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, fair complexion, fair hair inclined to be sandy, clean-shaved except large reddish moustache, which is generally kept well waxed; when last seen wore grey-tweed frock-coat and vest, light check or plaid trousers, and elastic-side boots with blue-cloth or tweed tops. He is supposed to have gone to Helensville or Waikato. He issued fifteen other valueless cheques.

GEORGE INGLIS is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with having, about four months ago, at Mitcheltown, near Wellington, committed a breach of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883," section 171, subsection (6). Description: English, a butcher, about thirty years of age, about 5ft. 5in. high, stout-build, light-brown hair, fair moustache, fair fresh complexion, very red cheeks, blue eyes; bow-legged, walks with his toes very much turned in, and with a quick, rolling gait. Supposed gone to Nelson or Feilding.

On the 13th or 14th ultimo, at Awanui, Auckland District, four gates, value £4, the property of John Anton Subritzky, were maliciously broken.