

Street, Invercargill, when she said she intended walking to Riverton, but no tidings of her can since be obtained.

INFORMATION is requested respecting Thomas Kerr Anderson, a native of Ireland, late a detective in the Queensland Police Force, forty-seven years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, grey hair worn short, bushy whiskers and moustache, remarkable thick curly black eyebrows. He left Brisbane during the first week of last month, and is supposed to be accompanied by a woman about forty years of age but looks younger, with fair hair and dark eyebrows. He is inquired for at the instance of his wife, whom he has left destitute at Brisbane.

### Inquest.

An inquest was held on the 23rd ultimo, at the Wyndham Hotel, Wyndham, by Henry McCulloch, Esq., Coroner, on the body of a man, name unknown, found on the 21st ultimo in the Mataura River, about seven miles from Wyndham, in an advanced state of decomposition, and supposed to have been in the water water about four months. Dr. Stockwell, who made a post-mortem examination of the body, gave evidence to the effect that he found what he took to be a gunshot wound, inflicted before death, of an oval shape, about 3in. by 2in. or 2½in., on the left axilla, carrying away the upper portion of the triceps muscle, and interfering with the arterial circulation of the left arm, and was of opinion that the wound was sufficient to cause death, and from its appearance thought it was caused by the explosion of a gun from below to the right quite close to the body, and from the position of the wound was of opinion that it was caused through the gun exploding accidentally. The chest and lungs were dark and congested, and contained no air. Description of deceased: Age uncertain, but apparently from thirty to thirty-five years, well nourished, about 5ft. 10in., stout build, broad shoulders, remarkably round head, full face, short chin and neck, small eyes, fair or grey hair whiskers and moustache, chin and lower part of cheeks shaved, good teeth but uneven, an old scar on left thumb, feet looked small, but had on a large pair of boots. The body was naked, except a pair of balmoral boots, nearly new, size 11, 12¼in. long and 4¼in. across the sole, nails in soles, tips on heels with a row of nails inside the tips, three hooks at top for lacing, an old pair of grey-ribbed allway stockings, darned on heels with red worsted, had been re-footed or about 3in. knitted on to the tops of them with different coloured woollen thread, and a thick leather strap, 3ft. 10in. long and ½in. broad, similar to the throat-strap on a breaking bridle, round waist. The river was in flood several times recently, and the body may have been washed down a considerable distance. The relatives of John Young Hall, missing from Glenham Station, near Wyndham, since the 23th October last (see *Police Gazette*, 1887, pages 4, 13, 14, and 33), have seen the body, and say it is not his. No other person answering the description has been reported missing in the Southland District.

### Miscellaneous Information.

#### Rewards.

THE sum of £3 has been awarded to Sergeant Henry Hallett, Christchurch Police, in recognition of his exertions

in connection with the prosecution of William John White, jun., fined £20 2s. on three charges of sly grog-selling.

THE sum of £8 has been awarded to Constable John Madden, Wellington Police, for the arrest of a deserter from Her Majesty's ship "Miranda;" and the sum of £1 for the arrest of a straggler from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson."

THE sum of £3 has been awarded to Detective William Campbell, Wellington Police, for the arrest of three stragglers from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson."

THE sum of £10 has been awarded to Detective William L. Chrystal, Wellington Police, for the arrest of two deserters from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson."

THE sum of £8 has been awarded to Sergeant F. H. Morice, Wellington Police, for the arrest of a deserter from Her Majesty's ship "Nelson."

THE sum of £3 has been awarded by three of the employés of the Hibernian Hotel, Invercargill, to Constable John Bridgman, Invercargill Police, in recognition of his prompt services in saving their effects at the fire in Sprey Street on the morning of the 19th ultimo.

### Extracts from New Zealand Gazette.

(From *Gazette*, 1887, pages 303 and 336.)

*Inspectors of Weights and Measures, Counties of Ashley and Selwyn, District of Timaru, and County of Ashburton, &c., appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 22nd February, 1887.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Constable JOHN KENNEDY

an Inspector of Weights and Measures, under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1868," and the Acts amending the same, for the Counties of Ashley and Selwyn, and for the Boroughs of Christchurch, Sydenham, St. Albans, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, and Rangiora; and also to appoint

Sergeant THOMAS LIVINGSTONE

an Inspector of Weights and Measures, under the said Acts, for the District of Timaru and for the County of Ashburton and Borough of Ashburton.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

*Inspector of Weights and Measures, Hawke's Bay, appointed.*

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 2nd March, 1887.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Sergeant JOHN CULLEN

to be an Inspector of Weights and Measures, under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1867," and the Acts amending the same, for the Counties of Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, Patangata, and Wairoa, and the Boroughs of Napier and Hastings, *vice* Sergeant O'Grady, transferred.

P. A. BUCKLEY.