



# 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 Police, Wellington, and the envelopes marked "For *Gazette*."

### Incendiarism.

BETWEEN 11 p.m. on the 14th and 7 a.m. on the 15th of January last, at Middle Kyeburn, Lake District, a woolshed, containing 32 bales of wool, a chaff-cutter, a water-wheel, 150 sheepskins, a wool-press, &c., value £630 5s., the property of David McCready, was, with contents, destroyed by fire. At an inquest held on the 2nd instant, by J. N. Wood, Esq., Coroner, a verdict was returned to the effect that there was no evidence as to the origin of the fire. The woolshed and wool were insured in the New Zealand Insurance Office for £392 12s. 6d.

### Offences Not Otherwise Described.

CHARLES ESCOTT is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with having, on the 8th December, and on the 6th and 20th January last, at Christchurch, embezzled the sums of £10 17s. 4d., £15, and £10 respectively, the moneys of the Lyttelton Times Company, by whom he was employed as clerk. Description: English, a clerk, twenty-seven years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, slight active build, fair fresh complexion, blue eyes, fair hair, clean-shaven except very fair moustache, good-looking; generally wears dark-tweed coat and vest and grey-tweed trousers. He is well-known to all theatricals who have visited Christchurch. He was seen in Dunedin on the 7th ultimo. He has a brother in Sydney, employed in the Equitable Insurance Company of the United States. His defalcations amount to about £100.

THOMAS WILLIAMSON is charged, on warrant issued by the Invercargill Bench, with a breach of the Bankruptcy Act in preparing to quit the colony with the sum of about £480, with intent to defraud his creditors. Description: A native of the County Tyrone, Ireland, lately in business as a draper, &c., at Gore, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 9in. or 10in. high, stout build, fair complexion, full face, fairish hair, clean-shaven except fair moustache, deep sly look. He is accompanied by his wife, who is also a native of the County Tyrone, about 5ft. 3in. high, small dark thin features, and

firm-set mouth. It is said he was at Queenstown on the 22nd of January last.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, pages 147 and 211, and 1886, page 71.)

THOMAS PEPPERILL, charged on warrant with uttering a forged cheque to Edward Holmes, has been arrested by Detective James W. Ede, Invercargill Police, remanded to Dunedin, and sentenced to three months' labour.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 9.)

UTTERING a forged cheque to Reuben Walters, Mary Street, Thames. David Joseph, who was suspected of this offence, was arrested by Constable Jonas Abrams, Auckland Police, and remanded to Thames, but was discharged, as complainant failed to identify him.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 42.)

GEORGE LOCKHURST, *alias* Luckhurst, charged on warrant with obtaining money and oysters from Sarah Sherlock by false pretences, has been arrested by Constable William Henry Higgins, Dunedin Police, and committed for trial.

BETWEEN 7 p.m. on the 25th and 9 a.m. on the 26th ultimo the door of the railway-ticket office at Porirua, the property of the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company, was maliciously broken and damaged to the extent of £1.

JOHN EVERETT is charged, on warrant issued by the Oamaru Bench, with having, between the 27th January last and the 9th ultimo, at Maheno, obtained goods, value £2 5s., from David M. Fea, by false pretences. Description: English, a cabdriver and labourer, about twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, blue eyes, light-brown hair, no hair on face, wild simple expression; dressed in brown-tweed paget coat, moleskin trousers, and soft black-felt hat; had two collie dogs with him. He is supposed to have gone to Ngapara. He is well known to Dunedin cabmen and carters. He falsely represented that he had obtained a contract from Messrs. Finlayson and Thomson, fellmongers, Maheno.

A WOMAN, name unknown, is charged with having, on the 1st instant, uttered a brass token for a half-sovereign to Ellen Jacob, an assistant in the shop of Henry C. Haselden, Cuba Street, Wellington, in payment for a novel entitled "Quentin Durward," receiving 7s. 6d. change. Description: About forty years of age, medium height and build, ruddy complexion, rather long thin features, dark hair, dark blood-shot eyes; husky voice; wore dark clothes. Identification doubtful.

BETWEEN 9 a.m. on the 15th and 4 p.m. on the 17th ultimo a calf, the property of Robert Cox, was maliciously killed at Eltham, Taranaki District.