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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 envelope marked "For *Gazette*."

Incendiarism.

HERBERT MAXWELL BRADBURY is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with having, on the 3rd February last, at Karangahape Road, Newton, Auckland, maliciously set his premises on fire, with intent to defraud the South British Insurance Company. Description: A native of the colony, a draper, twenty-six years of age, 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, slight build, small dark peculiar eyes, aquiline nose, dark hair and small dark moustache only, very reserved and silent manner; dressed in a greyish-tweed sac-suit and hard-felt hat. He lived for several years in the Port Albert District, and is well known there. He was in business as a draper at Karangahape Road, and about the 12th January last insured his stock of drapery in the South British Office for £600, and a few days after sent a large portion of the drapery to Tauranga to be sold there. About 7 p.m. on the 3rd February he left the premises, and in about five minutes after his bedroom, which was on the ground-floor, was discovered on fire, and the kitchen, which is upstairs, was also found on fire. He failed to attend at an inquest held on the 25th February to inquire as to the origin of the fire.

ABOUT 8 p.m. on the 1st ultimo, at Arrow Junction, Lake District, a stack containing 256 bags of wheat, the property of Robert Pritchard, was discovered on fire and damaged to the extent of £100. About 145 bags of the wheat were saved from the fire. At an inquest held on the 24th ultimo to inquire as to the cause of the origin of the fire the following verdict was returned: "That some person, to the jury unknown, did wilfully and maliciously set fire to the stack of wheat with intent to injure the said Robert Pritchard." The wheat was not insured.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

THOMAS JOSEPH MORROW is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with having, on the 30th March last, at Arch Hill, Auckland, embezzled the sums of £1 and 5s., the moneys of the Arch Hill Road Board, by whom he was em-

ployed as clerk and rate-collector. Description: A colonial, about twenty-six years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, dark complexion, thick black hair, small side whiskers and short dark moustache, high cheek-bones, and rather heavy eyebrows for a young man, coarse strong voice; usually wears dark-tweed sac-suit and hard black hat. His parents live at Arch Hill. Several other charges will be preferred against him. His defalcations amount to about £126. He is supposed to have left Auckland on the 31st March by the steamer "Wainui" for Fiji.

THOMAS ROONEY is charged, on warrant issued by the Oamaru Bench, with forging and uttering an order to William Smyth, at Oamaru, on the 2nd ultimo. Description: A native of the County Kerry, a labourer, thirty-one years of age, 5ft. 7½in. high, medium build, dark complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, darkish shaggy beard whiskers and moustache, scar on left temple, mark of cut on nose and near right eye; dressed in old grey-tweed paget-coat, darkish-tweed trousers, and black soft-felt hat. He was sentenced at Timaru, on the 29th October last, to three months' labour for larceny. (See *Police Gazette*, 1889, page 35.) He obtained goods from Mr. Smyth by means of the forged order.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1889, page 12.)

ERNEST RALPH WOODWARD, charged on warrant with embezzling money, the property of his employers, Cleverdon and Westley, Melbourne, has been arrested by the Brisbane Police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1889, pages 63 and 73.)

JOHN MCAULEY, *alias* Hugh Brown, *alias* John McCulloch, charged on warrant with obtaining money, &c., from Charles Johnston, by means of a valueless cheque, has been arrested by Constable Charles L. Daubney, Lawrence Police, remanded to Arrowtown, and sentenced to six months' labour. He is identical with Hugh Borland, *alias* Baldwin, sentenced at Invercargill, on the 4th September, 1883, to two years' labour for false pretences, and on the 28th March, 1887, to two months' labour for false pretences. (See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 70, and 1887, page 121.)

JOHN JOHNSTONE is charged on warrant (Bench by whom issued not stated) with having, on the 8th November last, at Kaikohe, Bay of Islands, obtained a bank cheque for £4 from George W. S. Patterson by false pretences. Description: Supposed a native of the colony, a gum-digger, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, medium build, darkish sallow complexion, thin and rather long features, light-brown or sandy hair, and small sandy moustache only; when last seen wore dark suit and soft-black hat; larrikin appearance. He was seen on the 23rd February last riding a horse from his parents' residence at Helensville, in the direction of Kaukapakapa. He obtained the cheque by falsely representing that he had about a ton of kauri gum for sale.

On the 8th or 9th ultimo, at Omaha, Te Aroha, a mare, the property of Charles John, Dearle, value about £20, was