

respectively, by Mr. D. S. Melville, in recognition of their services in preventing the spread of the fire at his premises on the morning of the 7th instant.

A RECORD of merit has been entered on the conduct-sheet of Constable Charles Slight, for the firmness and decision of character shown by him on the occasion of the arrest of James White, who was armed with a loaded double-barelled gun which he pointed at the constable on the 4th September, 1888, at Kapakapanui. White has since been sentenced to four years' penal servitude for horse-stealing.

Appeals under "The Employment of Females Act, 1881."

In a case of appeal from the decision of the Justices in Auckland, wherein George McBride, tailor, was convicted of allowing a female to remain in a workshop in his factory during part of the time allowed for meals, contrary to the provisions of "The Employment of Females Act, 1881," His Honour Judge Gillies held that to justify a conviction for this offence there must be some evidence that the employer actively consented to her being in the room at the time; that it was necessary to prove that he knew she was there and had consented to her being there; and, as there was no evidence on this point, quashed the conviction.

In a second case of appeal under the same Act and by the same person, the conviction was quashed on the ground that the information did not specifically charge the defendant with the employment of a female "within the meaning of the Act," and with respect to this case the Crown Solicitor, Auckland, advises that to meet this objection in future the information should be framed in this way: "did allow [or employ, as the case may be] a certain female, to wit, J.N., being of the age of _____ years or thereabouts, and being a female within the meaning of 'The Employment of Females and Others Act, 1881,'" &c. Similarly, if the information should be in respect of a "child" or "young person," the information should say, "being a child [or young person, as the case may be] of the age of _____ years or thereabouts, and being a child [or young person] within the meaning of 'The Employment of Females and Others Act, 1881.'"

Extracts from New Zealand Gazette.

(From Gazette, 1889, page 152.)

Fixing Shooting Season for Deer, License Fee, &c., Nelson District.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS,
Governor.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Animals Protection Act, 1880," and "The Animals Protection Act Amendment Act, 1881," I, William Francis Drummond Jervois, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby notify that deer (bucks or stags only) may be taken or killed within the Nelson District, consisting of the Counties of Waimea, Buller, and Collingwood, from the sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, both inclusive (subject, nevertheless, to the restrictions in the said Acts mentioned); and I do further notify that licenses to take or kill such game within the said district shall be issued on payment of the sum of twenty shillings each, and that licenses to sell such game shall be issued on payment of five pounds each; and the Chief Postmaster at Nelson is hereby appointed to issue the said licenses.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

THOS. FERGUS,
(In the absence of the Colonial Secretary.)

Inspector of Weights and Measures, Waitaki and Waihemo appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 31st January, 1889.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

Sergeant THOMAS O'GRADY

to be an Inspector of Weights and Measures, under "The Weights and Measures Act, 1868," for the Counties of Waitaki and Waihemo, and the Boroughs of Oamaru, Hampden, and Palmerston, *vice* Constable Bethel.

T. W. HISLOP.