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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.

On the night of the 25th ultimo, at Junction Road, Inglewood, Taranaki, a haystack, value about £20, the property of George Haslett, was destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was maliciously caused.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

MICHAEL FRENCH is charged, on warrant issued by the Lawrence Bench, with having, on the 22nd November last, at Rae's Junction, near Lawrence, uttered a forged cheque for £4 15s. to Isabella Rae. Description: Irish, a labourer, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair, dark beard whiskers and moustache worn short; dressed in old dark-tweed coat, vest, and trousers, and tweed hat; carried a swag in a sack. The cheque is drawn on the Colonial Bank, Lawrence, in favour of Michael French, and purports to be signed by John Carr. He said that he had been employed at Beaumont Station, and that he got the cheque from the manager. Mr. Kerr is the manager's name at Beaumont. He went towards Teviot Station, Roxburgh, on the day he uttered the cheque. This offender is identical with James Mitchell, *alias* Hogan, who was sentenced at Timaru on the 9th December, 1884, to five years' penal servitude for breaking and entering. He was discharged from gaol at Wellington in October last, and was sent to Timaru. (For his description, &c., see *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 206.)

GEORGE ROGERS is charged with forging and uttering an order for £26 11s. to J. H. Stone, at Methven, on the 2nd ultimo. Description: English, a station-cook and baker, about forty-two years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, medium build, dark complexion, black hair beard whiskers and moustache worn short, dressed as a labourer, slovenly gait, dirty appearance, frequents publichouses, and is well known to the station-cooks and station-hands throughout Canterbury. He is also known at the Railway Boarding-house, Timaru. The order is drawn on the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile

Agency Company, Christchurch, and purports to be signed by John Williams, of Upton Downs. He is supposed to have gone to Ashburton or Rakaia. There is a similar charge pending against him.

DANIEL STACEY is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with forging and uttering an order for the payment of 10s. to Stephen Edward Crooke, in Colombo Street, Christchurch, on the 15th ultimo. Description: A Cornishman, about thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 11in. high, medium build, dark hair, clean-shaved except heavy brown moustache; dressed in light-tweed coat, coloured-moleskin trousers with two patches on hips, black soft-felt hat or white-straw hat; fond of drink; carried a blue-blanket swag. He forged the name of G. Stevens to an order on Mrs. Fisher, of Sydenham, by whom he falsely represented he was employed, for the payment of 10s., which he uttered to Mr. Crooke in payment for a pair of boots. He is supposed to have gone to Little River or Okain's Bay.

On the 23rd or 24th ultimo, at Seadown, near Temuka, a cow, the property of Alexander Beck, was maliciously wounded on the head.

EUGENE McLEAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Timaru Bench, with obtaining, between the 27th December last and the 28th ultimo, at Timaru, board and lodging, value £5 16s., from Digby Andrews, by false representations. Description: Scotch, said he was an engineer or engine-driver, forty years of age, about 5ft. 8in. high, medium build, thin features, fair complexion and hair, clean-shaved except fair moustache and goatee; wore light-grey-tweed suit and tweed hat with flat brim. He falsely represented that he was employed in the Railway Department at Timaru, and by that means obtained the board and lodgings. It is thought that he may endeavour to obtain board and lodgings similarly elsewhere.

GEORGE W. BOILEAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Central Police Bench, Sydney, with having, on or about the 16th December last, at Sydney, embezzled the sum of £5 15s., the money of Messrs. Lyons and McEwen, by whom he was employed. Description: A clerk, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 4in. or 5ft. 5in. high, medium build, slightly bow-legged, fair complexion, brown hair moustache and side whiskers, chin shaved; generally wears light-tweed suit and hard black-felt hat. He left Sydney on the 20th December last by the steamer "Rotomahana" for Auckland.

ROBERT McMILLAN, *alias* Miller, is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with having, on the 16th ultimo, in Manchester Street, Christchurch, obtained a jockey's riding-colours and a pair of boots, value £5 10s., since recovered, from Peter Cairns by false pretences. Description: Supposed a native of the colony, Scotch parentage, a butcher and jockey, twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, medium build, clean-shaved except small fair moustache; when last seen wore dark-tweed coat and vest; respectable appearance. He recently