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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 by the member of the Force effecting the arrest.

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*.

All communications concerning this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." Members of the Force in charge of out-stations will forward them direct.

Murder.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 173, 181, 191, and 199.)

MAN found murdered at Ohoka, North Canterbury, on the 14th September, 1896. There is now reason to believe that the deceased was identical with John Laurence Edward Olsen referred to in the "Special Inquiry" notices on the above-named pages, and concerning whom the following particulars have been furnished by his brother, C. Morton Olsen, chemist, of Newtown, New South Wales: John Laurence Edward Olsen was born in 1866; his description, when last seen in 1890-91, being as follows: About 5ft. 7in. high, thickset build, fair skin, face tanned by exposure, large light bluish-grey eyes, prominent ears, straight well-shaped nose, front teeth good and well cared for, back teeth decayed; wore full beard, whiskers, and moustache of a dark-brown or black colour, growing irregularly and cross-grained; dark-brown hair, large hands and feet, the bones of the big toes of each foot largely developed and abnormally raised; the toes next to the big toe of left foot overlapped; the big toe of the left foot may have been longer than that of the right; wore hat, size 6½. In his youth he met with an accident, causing concussion of the brain, subsequently showing peculiarities of disposition—viz., avoidance of society, careful habits in money matters, obstinate and headstrong temper, and a strong inclination to religious literature, tracts, &c. He went to New Zealand in 1886, was employed in a rabbit-canning factory in Otago, and wrote saying he had a hard struggle for existence. He returned to New South Wales in 1890 or 1891, worked as a labourer near Parramatta for a few weeks. He expressed an intention of returning to New Zealand, and it is supposed that he did so, as he has not been seen or heard of in New South Wales since. When last in the latter colony, his aunt (Mrs. L. J. Olsen), of Granville, near Sydney, saw in his possession a sovereign-case made of yellowish metal, which had apparently at one time been coated with silver. He also told his aunt that a lady in New Zealand had given him a Testament. His brother believes he would have gradually dropped down to

the level of an ordinary swagger. Dr. W. H. Symes, who examined the remains, states that the bones agree in many respects with the above description of Olsen. It is requested that every effort may be made to trace his movements in this colony.

Offences not Otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—John Bancroft is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 28th November, 1896, of £1,132 6s. 4d., moneys of the Industrial and Provident Permanent Land and Investment Society of Auckland. Description: English, about forty years of age, 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, stout build, full face, very fair complexion, fair hair, sandy moustache and side-boards; usually wears a light-grey tweed suit, and hard brown hat. Offender, who was manager of the society, obtained three cheques amounting to the above sum and cashed them at the National Bank of New Zealand. He is supposed to have left by the s.s. "Mariposa" for San Francisco on the same day.

AUCKLAND.—Henry Cuthbertson is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 5th, 13th, and 29th August last respectively, of £5 3s. 11d., £1 16s. 10d., and £3 1s. 9d., moneys of John Lawson, Official Assignee in bankruptcy. Description: Scotch, about forty-one years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, medium build, dark hair and complexion, full dark whiskers neatly trimmed, stoops slightly; usually wears a walking-coat, hard-felt hat, and dark-tweed trousers. Offender, who carried on the business of a grain merchant in Durham Street, was adjudged a bankrupt on the 4th August, 1896, and received the above-mentioned sums, but failed to account for them to the Assignee. His defalcations amount to about £70, and he is further charged with falsifying his books.

PUKEKOHE.—Arthur Samuel Crawford is charged on warrant with having assaulted Ethel Wright, a schoolgirl, on the 23rd ultimo. Description: Supposed Irish, thirty-five to forty years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, stout build, sallow complexion, light-sandy or reddish beard whiskers and moustache, peculiar manner, talks to himself; wore a grey-tweed suit and straw hat with large leaf. Has been in a lunatic asylum.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

PAEROA.—James Patrick McGuire, blacksmith, reports stolen from him, on the 28th ultimo, a silver Geneva hunting-watch, No. 29479, "J. P. McGuire" scratched inside case, value £2 10s.; a twisted-silver chain, value 15s.; and about 10s. in silver.

THAMES.—William Taylor Davies, commercial traveller, Auckland, reports stolen from the Royal Hotel, Thames, on the 5th instant, a long grey-and-black check mackintosh fawn colour inside, no cape, marked where sleeves have been turned up, several mud-stains in front; value, £4 10s.