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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*.

Offences not otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 133 and 141.)

DARGAVILLE.—William Watkins, half-caste Maori, charged with rape on Martha Morgan: A reward of £10 is now offered by the Government for information leading to the arrest of this offender. He was hiding in the Kaihu Ranges, and is supposed to have gone to Hokiangā, where he has relatives named Hardyman, or he may be gum-digging with another half-caste named Robert Leaf. The latter is described as thirty-two years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, slender build, long features, dark moustache only.

AUCKLAND.—A man named McNeil or Long is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 30th September, 1896, of a silver lever hunting-watch, the property of James Kincaid Alexander, whose name and the words, "Frederick Street, Roslyn, Dunedin," are engraved inside, value £6. Accused is between twenty and twenty-five years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, ruddy complexion, fair hair, very slight fair moustache only; wore a blue-serge suit, with brass buttons on vest, and a light-tweed skull-cap. He obtained the loan of the watch from complainant, and has not been seen since.

AUCKLAND.—Hapeta is charged on warrant with having, on the 21st October, 1896, forged the signature of Hare Werohia to a telegraphic money-order for £3. Description: A Maori, thirty-five to forty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, stout build, black hair, small black moustache only, plump face, small eyes, scar under right one; dressed in a light sac-suit, and white-straw hat with black band.

STRATFORD.—Robert Henry Adam Whyte is charged on warrant with the theft as receiver, at Stratford, of £25, moneys of the Bank of New Zealand—viz.: £6 10s. on the 24th January, 1896; £5 on 1st June, 1896; £4 on 26th June, 1896; £3 on 13th August, 1896; and £7 on 7th September, 1896. Description: Scotch, a bank clerk, twenty-eight years of age, about

5ft. 8½in. high, stout build, dull sallow complexion, light-brown hair, small light-brown moustache, signs of baldness from forehead backwards, massive forehead, large head, strong, large, and rather irregular features; usually dresses in a heavy brown-tweed knicker suit, remarkable slouched white-straw hat with puggery, or ordinary round hard black hat. Accused received the above amounts from one William Smaller, carpenter, of Stratford, but failed to account for them. He was subsequently stationed at Patea, and left there on the 25th ultimo for Auckland, where he has relatives. It is expected that further defalcations will be discovered. Information laid by Henry Curnow, bank manager, of Stratford, under section 220 of "The Criminal Code, 1893." Not to be arrested out of the colony.

FOXTON.—Michael Welsh is charged on warrant with having assaulted John Rainbow Stansell, hotelkeeper, on the 21st ultimo. Description: Colonial labourer, about twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 2in. or 3in. high, light-brown hair, fair moustache, peculiar nose as if broken, stout build, broad shoulders; dressed in a dark-brown tweed suit. He went in the direction of Bull's.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 129; and 1896, page 25.)

GREYTOWN NORTH.—Fred Wright, charged with false pretences on Annie Pole, has been arrested by Constable J. Eccleton. Charge withdrawn.

LYTTELTON.—William Clarke, fisherman, reports that on the 24th or 25th ultimo his boat was wilfully and maliciously damaged to the extent of £4 10s. Suspicion attached to Arthur Wright and Alfred George Driscoll. (For description, see *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 124 and 154.)

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—William Cruickshank, ironmonger, Grafton Road, reports that during the night of the 27th ultimo his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A silver Waltham hunting-watch, well-worn, number unknown; an 18-carat gold chain, long and short links alternately; and a round gold medal, engraved "W. Cruickshank, Hardware Handicap": total value, £10.

AUCKLAND.—Joseph O'Connor, labourer, care of Mr. Helaby, slaughter-yards, Ponsonby, reports stolen from him at Auckland, or on the Ellerslie racecourse, on the 26th or 27th ultimo, an English silver lever hunting-watch, No. 52663, maker unknown, seconds-hand broken off; value, £6.

AUCKLAND.—Samuel McPherson, licensee, Anchor Hotel, reports stolen from him, on the 3rd instant, an English lever hunting-watch, maker and number unknown. "Presented to Samuel McPherson by Mr. L. Ehrenfried" engraved inside; and a gold chain, curb pattern: value, £17.

AUCKLAND.—Joseph Ball, secondhand dealer, Grey Street, reports that between the 2nd and 4th instant his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: Thirty-six £1