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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*.

Arson.

DUNEDIN.—On the 9th ultimo an unoccupied building at Leith Valley, the property of Robert Rossbotham, and known as the Waterfalls Refreshment-rooms, was destroyed by fire; and at an inquest held on the 26th ultimo a verdict was returned to the effect that the place was wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown. The value placed on it by the owner was £100. No insurance.

Offences not otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 89.)

HAWERA.—Mathew McNelies, absconding bankrupt, has been arrested by Constable B. Sheehan, Whangarei police, and sent to Auckland.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 111.)

WAITOTARA.—Thomas Collard, charged on warrant of commitment, has been arrested by Constable L. Carroll, Brunner-ton police. Fine and costs paid.

WELLINGTON.—Frederick Bailey Muir is charged on warrant with obtaining by false pretences from W. F. Shortt, auctioneer, the sum of £80 on the 19th ultimo, and £30 on the 11th instant. Description: Colonial, a photographer, thirty years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, slight build, fair hair, clean-shaved except small fair moustache; usually dresses in light-coloured suit of clothes a well-known cyclist.

Offender may attempt to leave the colony. His wife is now residing with relatives (Calverts) in Dunedin.

WELLINGTON.—W. Haggarty (supposed to be a fictitious name) is charged on warrant with false pretences on the Customs Department on the 27th July, 1898. Description, Supposed English, thirty-six years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high medium build, dark hair and moustache curly; wore a dark sac-suit, and hard black felt hat. He obtained the sum of £2 14s. 9d. by falsely representing himself as a sailor named William Halligan, to whom the amount was due as wages. Offender is believed to be identical with Henry McMurray. (See *Police Gazette*, 1890, page 135.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 129.)

WELLINGTON.—H. Hall, charged with having forged and uttered to Charles Cress a cheque for £6, has been arrested by Chief Detective W. Campbell and committed for trial. Accused is identical with Frederick Parsloe, *alias* Pratt, *alias* Groves. (See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 205.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 130.)

DUNEDIN.—John (not James) Russell Morrison, charged with forging the signature of William Cole to a cheque for £4, has been arrested by Chief Detective T. O'Brien and committed for trial on the above and two other similar charges.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 130.)

DUNEDIN.—George Pope, charged on warrant of commitment for drunkenness, has been arrested by Constable T. J. McCormack, Lyttelton police. Fine paid.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—George Massey Harris, gentleman, reports stolen from him, on the 29th ultimo, a silver chronometer watch with gold works, maker Crouch, Edinburgh, Lord Ranfurly's coat of arms on inside of outer case, and G.M.H. on outside, number unknown, value £50; and an 18 carat single gold chain, long links, deer's head crest on one link, gold locket with cross on face attached, value £20.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 130.)

AUCKLAND.—Henry Rogers, *alias* George Rogers, *alias* Conyer, charged with the theft of Patrick Dwyer's books, &c., has been arrested by Constable J. P. Miller and Detective W. A. Bailey, and sentenced to three months' labour.