

CHRISTCHURCH.—14/7/44, No. 171628, a gentlemen's black B.S.A., the property of Walter Robert Sykes; value, £12.

CHRISTCHURCH.—15/7/44, No. 230 A./95281, a gentlemen's black B.S.A., Butler transfers, the property of Selwyn Leonard Armstrong; value, £8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—15/7/44, Nos. 15500 and 6353 A., a gentlemen's black, Butler transfers, the property of Francis Ivan Renwick; value, £10.

CHRISTCHURCH.—16/7/44, No. 56303, a gentlemen's black B.S.A., Gamage transfers, the property of Joseph Leslie Haley; value, £10.

CHRISTCHURCH.—19/7/44, No. A.E. 1391, a gentlemen's black Raleigh, the property of Joseph Gilbert Ilton; value, £15.

CHRISTCHURCH.—31/7/44, Nos. 864 A. and 5825, a ladies' black, Butler transfers, the property of Ethel McMullan; value, £8.

DUNEDIN.—15/9/44, No. 2A2479, a gentlemen's dark-blue C.C.M. Massey, the property of James Arthur Duckworth; value, £9.

DUNEDIN.—16/9/44, No. A.G. 12116, a gentlemen's black Raleigh, the property of Martin Patrick Prendergast; value, £11 15s.

### PROPERTY RECOVERED

HUNTLY.—Motor registration-plate No. R. 3,561, has been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 180.)

WANGANUI.—OWEN PONTING'S bicycle has been recovered by the Wanganui police. (See Police Gazette, 1942, page 572.)

WANGANUI.—THORA LETT'S bicycle has been recovered by the Wanganui police. (See Police Gazette, 1943, page 112.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—RONA SCOTT'S bicycle has been recovered by the Palmerston North police. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 597.)

WELLINGTON.—FRITZ HENRY LARSEN'S watch and case have been recovered by the Wellington police. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 395.)

WELLINGTON.—NANCY MARSHALL HAGEN'S watch has been recovered by the Wellington police, and the offender oated. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 597.)

### UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

TAURANGA.—The bicycle described hereunder was found at Judea on 25th September last, but the owner has not been located: A ladies' black with green lines, No. J. 4072, Hercules transfers, free-wheel back-peddalling brake, Brooks saddle, Miller dynamo and lamp, upturned handle-bars with red-rubber grips, rubber pedals, Clipper and Cruiser tires.

### MOTOR REGISTRATION-PLATES, ETC., LOST

Motor registration-plates, Nos. R. 19,513 (Auckland), H. 23,034 (Petone), R. 16,023 (Taranaki Street (Wellington)); and motor-cycle registration-plates, Nos. 17,591 (Christchurch).

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

#### Farewell Message from Commissioner

On the eve of my relinquishing office I desire to convey to all ranks my sincere appreciation of the loyal support accorded me during the time I have had control of the Force. We have faced difficult days during the past five years, difficulties created by the war—difficulties which I trust will soon disappear through a speedy and complete Allied victory. Much extra work has been cast upon the police. Extra duties have been cheerfully undertaken, and in consequence the task of the administration has been lightened. For this and the ready co-operation always given by all I thank you and wish you all the best of good fortune.

D. J. CUMMINGS, Commissioner of Police.  
30th October, 1944.

### Retired on Pension under Section 26, Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927

No. 1215. Constable Dark, William Temple. 21st October, 1944.

#### Resigned

No. 3744. Constable Graham, Ronald Stanley. 22nd October, 1944.

No. T. 1460. Temporary Constable Coleman, Howard Bailey. 22nd October, 1944.

#### Deceased

No. 3641. Constable Curtis, Charles Thomas. 28th October, 1944.

Memorandum.]

### Collection of Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics.

The collection of agricultural and pastoral statistics for the coming year will be wholly undertaken by the Police. For this purpose Constables in charge of stations will be appointed sub-enumerators for their respective sub-districts. In no case should a non-commissioned officer collect the statistics. At stations where a non-commissioned officer is in charge the collection must be undertaken by the Inquiry Constable. Each sub-enumerator shall be responsible for the collection of returns for all holdings that come within the scope of the inquiry in his sub-district.

The collection will commence in February or March according to locality, and will be completed as early as circumstances permit without undue interference with police duties.

Lists of occupiers of holdings as returned previously will be supplied by the Government Statistician to sub-enumerators for their guidance in tracing holdings. Sub-enumerators are, however, to ascertain locally any changes of occupancy of holdings.

Sub-enumerators shall collect returns personally from occupiers within easy reach without incurring any expenditure on account of meals or locomotion. In other cases the schedules are to be posted or otherwise distributed by sub-enumerators to occupiers for completion and return.

Particulars on schedules shall be scrutinized by sub-enumerators and transcribed into collection-books for despatch to the Government Statistician.

For their services in checking lists, distributing and collecting schedules, and posting the details into the collection-books, sub-enumerators will be paid 8d. per schedule collected, less Social Security and National Security charges. Payment will be made by the Government Statistician to the sub-enumerator on completion of the collection in his sub-district.

No payment for meals or locomotion expenses will be made, and it is expected that all returns that cannot be obtained during the ordinary course of police duty will be collected by post. It is desirable, however, that sub-enumerators should get in touch with as many occupiers as possible and personally collect particulars from them to ensure accuracy of the returns.

Stamps required for outwards postage of schedules or for any necessary toll calls are to be requisitioned for on the local Postmaster, the Police Officer to sign as Sub-enumerator of Agricultural and Pastoral Statistics, and to make the claim chargeable to the Census and Statistics Department.

The Postal Department has undertaken to charge the Census and Statistics Department a fixed sum per annum to cover all short-paid and unpaid inwards postage, and accordingly no payment for inwards postage will need to be made by sub-enumerators.

Correspondence on ordinary routine matters in connection with the collection shall be direct between the Government Statistician and the sub-enumerators. Communications regarding special points which may affect the Police Department shall be made through the usual police channels.

A supply of books, schedules, and envelopes, together with full instructions as to the method of collecting and posting the returns, will be issued to sub-enumerators by the Government Statistician.

Sub-enumerators will understand that all individual particulars are strictly confidential and must not be divulged under any circumstances. Inquiries for individual particulars, from any source whatsoever, must be referred to the Government Statistician.

This Department has in the interests of economy agreed to the work being undertaken entirely by the police without the engagement of civilians in any district, and the co-operation of the members of the Force concerned is requested to make the returns as complete and accurate as possible.

D. J. CUMMINGS, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 26th October, 1944.

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### EXTRACT FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

#### Declaring Areas to be Sanctuaries under the Animals Protection and Game Act

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1944, pages 1281 and 1282.)