



# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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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*.

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### Arson.

**MIDDLEMARCH.**—On the 19th ultimo an outhouse, the property of Patrick Spratt, farmer, Sutton, was wilfully set on fire. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who was seen near the place. Description: About fifty-four years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. or 7 in. high, medium build, grey beard, blood-shot eyes, very round shoulders; dressed in dark coat and vest and dark trousers. Is identical with man suspected of stealing jewellery from Ruth Elizabeth Naylor. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 106.)

### Offences not otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 83.)

**AUCKLAND.**—Rudolph Allen, charged with default of fine for negligent driving, has been arrested by Constable P. J. Fitzgerald, Surrey Hills police, and lodged in Mount Eden Gaol.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 103.)

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**—G. B. Micholl, charged with false pretences on William Henry Broome, has been arrested by Detectives P. Herbert and J. McIlveney, Auckland police. Offender is identical with George Benjamin Nicholl. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 85 and 106.)

**WANGANUI.**—**W. T. Shannon** is charged on warrant with false pretences on Lucy Honor, barmaid, in January last. Description: About thirty years of age, a canvasser, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, ruddy complexion, dark-brown moustache only, dark-brown curly hair turning grey; scar, apparently from burn, on side of face; dressed in brown-tweed suit and hard black hat. Offender represented he was travelling for the Wellington Art Studio, enlarging photographs, and obtained 2s. 6d. from complainant. Other charges pending. He was formerly canvassing for vapour-bath machines, and was in Feilding about the 15th ultimo.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**—Thomas Young, licensee Railway Hotel, reports that, on the 15th ultimo, *George Johnston* (name probably fictitious) obtained £1 from him by means of a valueless cheque drawn by offender on the Bank of New Zealand, Marton. It was returned, marked "No account." Description: About twenty-three years of age, looks like a station-hand, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, slight build, pale complexion, dark hair, moustache only; dressed in dark-tweed coat and vest, grey saddle-tweed trousers, and dark-felt hat. No warrant.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—**John Williams** is charged on warrant of commitment to Lyttelton Gaol for three days in default of paying £1 fine and costs for an indecent act. Description: A native of Scotland, a labourer, fifty-four years of age, 5 ft. 11 in. high, medium build, sallow complexion, grey hair and eyes. He was sentenced on the 11th January last, and has failed to pay amount due.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 104.)

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—Alfred Dineen, charged with default of fine and costs for drunkenness, has been arrested by Constable R. Crawford, Timaru police, and lodged in gaol.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 83.)

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—Martin Malone, charged with default of fine for breach of the peace, has been arrested by Constable H. McCrorie, Sydenham police. Fine and costs paid.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 104.)

**ADDINGTON.**—George Stephens and H. Richardson, charged with assaulting Constable Patrick Ryan: The first offender has the first finger of the right hand missing.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 104.)

**DUNEDIN.**—Samuel Michael, charged with default of fine and costs has been arrested by Constable A. Hammond, Mount Cook police, and amount paid.

### Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 104.)

**AUCKLAND.**—John P. Lawson's ring was handed to him by some person unknown. His name was not obtained, and no description can be given of him.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901 page 104.)

**AUCKLAND.**—Theft from W. J. Napier's dwelling, Takapuna: The stolen articles, except a white enamelled jug and the axe, have been found.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—George W. Shaw, billiard-marker, reports stolen from his bedroom, between the 25th March and 16th ultimo, a pair of cricketering trousers, a white-woollen sweater, a dark-woollen shirt, and two pairs of woollen drawers; value, £1 18s.