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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.

WELLINGTON.—About 12.45 a.m., 25th ultimo, an unoccupied house in Wright Street, the property of Thomas Adamson, and an adjoining house occupied by William James Adamson, were totally destroyed by fire. A house occupied by Henry James Coombs was also damaged to the extent of £70. Suspicion attached to *Thomas Iremonger*. Description: English, painter, thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, slight build, dark hair, fresh complexion, thin features, and small dark moustache. Some scrim and paper in the cellar of his house was discovered on fire when the other houses were burning, and his stock was over-insured. At an inquest held on the 2nd instant a verdict "That the fires were wilfully caused by some person or persons unknown" was returned.

Escaped Lunatics.

THOMAS HOLLOWAY escaped from the Seacliff Asylum on the 23rd ultimo. Description: About forty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 6½ in. high, medium build, dark complexion, hair, beard, and moustache; dressed in faded brown mole-skin suit, dark tweed hat, blucher boots, cross branded on clothing. He was committed from Dunedin on the 20th June, 1889.

FRANK PARKER HODGKINS escaped from the Seacliff Asylum on the 1st instant. Description: A native of New Zealand, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, slight build, dark complexion and hair, very slight moustache; dressed in light tweed sac suit and grey tweed cap; clothes not branded. He was committed from Dunedin on the 19th ultimo.

Offences not otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—**John Edmonds** is charged on warrant with having, on the 20th ultimo, on the Epsom Road, assaulted Peter McElwain, Inspector for the Tramway Company, Auckland. Description: About 5 ft. 5 in. high, medium build, clean-shaved, thin features, round bullet-head, fresh complexion, has his hands always in his pockets, smokes cigarettes and frequents racecourses; dressed in dirty dark suit, light skull-cap, and blue-and-black football-scarf. When asked for his ticket he violently assaulted the Inspector. Other charges pending.

AUCKLAND.—**John McCrae** is charged on warrant with having on the 29th ultimo, at Auckland, indecently assaulted Alice Seunah. Description: A native of New Zealand, a cooper, thirty-three years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, reddish hair, full whiskers and moustache, blue eyes; dressed in dark tweed suit and hard-felt hat and lace-up boots. On the 29th ultimo he was discharged at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court for assault, and is supposed to have left the district. His father lives at Mangere.

WANGANUI.—**Pinjar** is charged on warrant of commitment to Wanganui Gaol for twenty-four hours, in default of paying 11s. fine and costs for a breach of the borough by-laws. Description: Italian, organ-grinder, about forty years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, stout build, very dark hair and eyes, large mouth, wide nostrils, small darkish moustache; generally dressed in dark sac suit, black hard hat, and soft grey shirt; travels about with an organ and monkey, and is generally to be found where races are being held. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 181.) He was summoned to the Wanganui Court on the 19th April last, but failed to appear.

DUNEDIN.—**Frederick Hall** is charged on warrant of commitment to Dunedin Gaol for forty-eight hours in default of paying £1 3s. fine and costs for a breach of the Dunedin City by-laws. Description: About thirty years of age, dark complexion, clean-shaved except dark moustache; dressed in dark suit. He carries a small leather bag, and travels about selling razor-strops and paste-boxes, &c. He was summoned to the Dunedin Court on the 24th June last, but failed to appear.

OREPUKI.—**James Murphy** is charged on warrant of commitment to Invercargill Gaol for two months in default of paying £5 14s. fine and costs for a breach of the peace and damage to a window at Orepuki on the 15th September, 1900. Description: A native of Ireland, a labourer, about twenty-nine years of age, 6 ft. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, very small ginger moustache only, grey restless eyes, large nose, small chin, slouchy gait, dirty appearance; usually dressed in blue serge suit and cap. Is fond of drink. Was at Waikaia and Gore, but may have left the colony for Melbourne.