



# 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*.

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.

**INVERCARGILL.**—On the 30th August last a fellmongery, the property of Alexander Darling, was destroyed by fire, and at an inquest held on the 21st ultimo a verdict was returned "That the property was wilfully set on fire, but there is no evidence to show by whom." There was no insurance on the plant, and the stock was underinsured about £600.

### Offences not otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 181.)

**NORMANBY.**—Thomas Doherty, charged with default of fine and costs for drunkenness and assaulting the police, has been arrested by Constable A. G. Heather, Pungarehu police. Fine and costs paid.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 191.)

**WANGANUI.**—Pinjar, charged with default of fine and costs for a breach of the by-laws, has been arrested by Constable A. A. Mitchell, Christchurch police, and amount paid.

**WELLINGTON.**—**Archibald John McNeill**, *alias Crombie*, is charged on warrant with false pretences on Hettie Hatton, barmaid, Central Hotel, on the 23rd ultimo. Description: A native of Scotland, labourer, thirty-one years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, fresh complexion, dark-auburn hair, hazel eyes, long sharp nose, discoloured teeth, scar on corner of right eye. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 190.) He obtained £1 from the complainant by falsely representing he had arrived by the s.s. "Gothic," and had brought ostrich feathers and silk for her. He also showed her a cheque for £75. His parents reside at Woodhaugh, Dunedin. He sometimes wears marine engineer's uniform, and represents himself as being employed on one of the large steamers. Other charges pending.

**WELLINGTON.**—Mrs. Francis, Manchester Street, Christchurch, reports that on the 12th ultimo she received a telegram purporting to be from her son, asking for £3. The amount was forwarded on the following day, and paid by the Wellington postal authorities to a man falsely representing himself to be her son Robert Francis. Suspicion attached to Leonard Pocock, who recently resided in Christchurch, and is well acquainted with the complainant and her son. He was arrested at Wellington on another charge, but the postal officials were unable to identify him as having sent the telegram or received the reply. (For description of suspect see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 224.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 221.)

**WELLINGTON.**—George Thomas Ross, charged with false pretences on Adele Hadfield, has been arrested by Constable J. Fitzpatrick, Taihape police, on information supplied by Constable W. D. Thompson, Upper Hutt police, and remanded.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—**John McKay** is charged on warrant of commitment to Lyttelton Gaol for one month, in default of paying £4 17s., for assault on Charles Mumford, on the 13th August last, at Christchurch. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-one years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, clean-shaved except small fair moustache; dressed in brown-tweed sac suit and cap. (See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 219.)

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

**GISBORNE.**—Elizabeth Stevenson, boardinghouse-keeper, Gladstone Road, reports stolen from a trunk in her sitting-room, on the 23rd ultimo, a ladies' brown morocco-leather handbag, and a blue-leather purse with nickel clasp, containing about £50 in notes, gold, silver, and coppers. One £5 note was amongst the money stolen. Bag and purse only identifiable.

**FOXTON.**—Fred. Robinson and Frank Rennell, labourers, report that on the 27th or 28th ultimo their dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A silver lever hunting-watch, a silver chain and a round glass pendant, a pair of dark-tweed trousers with red and white stripe running through the material, a double-breasted blue-velvet vest, and an 18-carat gold keeper, worn sharp at edge, the property of F. Robinson; value, £11 15s. Also a dark-blue coat and trousers, the property of Frank Rennell; value, £5. Identifiable. The watch, chain, and pendant have been recovered by Constable J. Foster; they were pledged in Abraham's pawn-office, Palmerston North, by a man who gave the name of *Robertson*. No description can be given of him.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, pages 48 and 95.)

**UPPER HUTT.**—John C. Gaffey's watch has been recovered, and traced to the possession of Frederick Crabbe, *alias*