



# 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*.

### Offences not otherwise Described.

**AUCKLAND.**—**P. Fulton** is charged on warrant with false pretences on John McMaster, draper, Queen Street, on the 30th September last. Description: Supposed colonial, about thirty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, dark-brown hair, moustache only; dressed in grey-tweed suit and light skull-cap. He gave complainant a cheque for £5 on the Bank of New South Wales, New Plymouth, and represented he was carrying on business there as P. Fulton and Co. The cheque was returned marked "No. a/c." Offender left Auckland on the above date by the s.s. "Elingamite," for Sydney, under the name of Campbell. Other charges pending. Complainant will not pay cost of extradition.

**AUCKLAND.**—**James Thompson** is charged on warrant with threatening behaviour to Constable Hugh Cox, at Auckland, on the 20th August last. Description: A native of Ireland, shoemaker, thirty-five years of age, 5 ft. 8½ in. high, medium build, fair complexion, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, bald on front of head (see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 77). He may be found about the gumfields.

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

**WAIHI.**—Thomas Radford, charged with false pretences on J. E. Taylor, has been arrested by Constable W. H. Ryan, Stratford police.

**WHANGAREI.**—Thomas Johnston, contractor, reports that on the night of the 3rd instant an attempt was made to poison him by putting strychnine into a flask of whisky. About 5.30 a.m. on the 4th instant he found a sugar-bag cut in two tied to his door-handle. It contained a flask of "Best Old Blended Scotch Whisky," bottled by Campbell and Ehrenfried, and on a piece of brown paper was written in pencil, "T. Johnsen was up; call again.—T.S." He took

some of the whisky, and was shortly afterwards ill, and the contents of the flask, on being examined by Dr. Sweet, were found to contain strychnine. Complainant has no suspicion of any one, and was living alone, his wife being in Auckland.

**HUNTERVILLE.**—Alfred Barnes, manager, Bank of New Zealand, reports that about 5.45 p.m. on the 8th instant, when driving from Mangaweka to Hunterville with about £1,700 in notes, gold, and cheques, an attempt was made to rob him. When about half a mile from Mangaonoho a shot was fired from the side of the road from a double-barrelled gun, which was pointed over a log, and the horse struck with a bullet. The man, after the shot was fired, ran towards the Rangitikei River, and was indistinctly seen by complainant, who describes him as about 5 ft. 10 in. high, strong active build; dressed in dark-grey coat, light-coloured pants, and soft-felt hat. The bullet penetrated the flank of the horse, and is supposed to be for a Winchester rifle; on top of the log were two U.M.C. New Club cartridges, No. 4 shot. Identification of offender doubtful.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 231.)

**WELLINGTON.**—Mrs. Marie Francis—sending money on a bogus telegram: The suspect, Leonard Pocock, has been arrested for this offence by Detective T. Boddam and Acting-Detective J. J. Cassells, Wellington police, and committed for trial.

**KUROW.**—William Dalgleish, in charge of the Government fish-hatchery at Hakataramea, reports that on the 3rd or 4th instant some person or persons unknown shut down the water-slucice of No. 1 pond, causing the destruction of about twelve thousand young salmon.

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

**ST. BATHAN'S.**—Andrew Grant, charged with refusing to quit licensed premises, has paid the fine and costs to Constable Ferguson, Orepuki police.

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

**AUCKLAND.**—William Frost reports that on the 5th August last his dwelling in Cook Street was broken into, and the following stolen: A keyless open-faced plated watch, part of the metal worn off, showing brass underneath; a gold chain, about 12 in. long, the ends fastened together with a split ring; a half-sovereign, and about £1 in mixed silver. Watch and chain only identifiable. Suspicion attached to *Harriet Baker*, a native of New Zealand, a prostitute, thirty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. high, slim build, sallow complexion, dark-brown hair, and dark-blue eyes.

**AVONDALE.**—Edward Philip Turner, surveyor, reports stolen from a surveyor's tent in New Lynn an Abney surveyors' level, about 4 in. long, D and E scratched on arc; value, £2 10s.