

hair, clean-shaved, nose has been broken, high forehead, hair off temples; wore a dark-blue serge suit, black boxer hat, and a leather watch-chain. Offender was a member of the Stock Exchange, Melbourne, a sub-lieutenant in the Navals, Melbourne, and has been an officer in merchant ships. About the 29th March last he was a passenger by the "Loongana" to Lannceston, and may endeavour to reach New Zealand and work his passage as a seaman to another country. (See *New South Wales Police Gazette*, 1908, page 157.) (08/1217.)

SYDNEY.—Robbery of opal from mail-coach between Lightning Ridge and Borah Tank, near Walgett, between 10 p.m., 11th, and 4 a.m., 12th May, 1908. Particulars of contents of two boxes of opal branded "K. No. 1," and "K. No. 2," posted at Lightning Ridge, 11th May, 1908, addressed "T. C. Wollaston, Glenelg, South Australia." K. No. 1 contained boulder opal (large pieces of flinty brown rock with veins of red, green, and blue opal in the rock and on the exposed faces) securely packed in sawdust in a tin (probably a 5 lb. tea-tin), tied around with strong twine, and sewn up in new white calico with black thread, and "T. C. Wollaston, Glenelg, South Australia," in large letters printed on the outside. K. No. 2 contained eighteen cut and faced stones packed in a small round tobacco-tin, packed with sawdust—amongst them the following were remarkable: A nicely shaped oval cut, black green with good red in the green, about 7 ct., the back of the stone is flat, and has a brown spot in centre of back; a large oval-shaped stone, cut, the flat side is dark red with tinge of purple some ways, the back is oval and all dark-brown patch; a fairly large partly cut stone, the faced part is nicely oval and full of good bright combination of red, green, orange, &c., the back is black patch, partly hollow in the centre, the sides had the rouge-powder left from the cutting still on them (a reddish-brown colour); a faced stone, real black opal, with good strong red in the black, rather large pattern, rather flat, not quite down to the colour on one corner, about 2 dwt. There was also a smaller oval-cut black-green stone, something like the first one in this list, but of much poorer quality, and it lacked the red; a round-faced stone, size of a shilling, perfectly round, surface slightly oval, the back had a thin natural coating of white on it, but was transparent, the stone was quite true, and of a brilliant red, with slight tinge of orange through the red, was not of the black or dark variety, but clear with good red and body, the oval face was ground but not polished. The balance of these cut and faced stones would be hard to recognise by a detailed description; they are all fairly good red stones faced on one side only. In K. No. 2 there was also another small tin tobacco-box containing 2 oz. 13 dwt. of rough opal of extra-good quality packed in saw-dust; amongst them are a large junky stone in two pieces, the smaller piece being about one-third of the whole, black opal on top, bottom with about $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thickness of bright-red opal right through centre of stone, rather large check-pattern, (*i.e.*, the pattern being up and down, instead of horizontal), there is a sand-crevice in the good opal that has been cleaned out; a nice junky clear opal stone with very thin white coating on top and bottom, about 6 dwt., the larger portion of the top being good bright green, good pattern, about a third of the bottom being brilliant red, the whole stone is very transparent when held up to the light; a thick junk of rough opal, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. to 1 in. long, and $\frac{3}{8}$ in. wide, with exceptionally brilliant red all over the top, and showing on the sides for $\frac{3}{8}$ in., then some jet-black opal is exposed in two places by chipping, but only lines of black, from the underneath of the stone a boney back has been taken off with the snips until the red colour is showing through in one or two places, but not as brilliant red as that on the top, about 8 dwt. The balance of the 2 oz. 13 dwt. is mostly clear red stones, principally round, with a little boney patch on one side or the other; only one or two of the smaller ones absolutely true, none of them of the black or dark variety, mostly transparent to look through, or parts of them. Also, there was in a calico-bag packet in sawdust 15 oz. of fair opal, a lot of it similar to last lot described (mostly New Chum), with some of the black or dark variety mixed through it. Also, there was in a calico bag packed in sawdust 18 oz. 5 dwt. of opal, medium quality; most of this was the black and green class, one large stone amongst it weighing about 2 oz., the larger portion purple-blue with a small pattern, on the other side, broken and exposed, showed good green, and the green bar went across one end of the stone. Also, a calico bag containing 8 oz. 2 dwt. of opal packed in sawdust, mostly low quality, grey-reds or dull-reds; a large-faced stone amongst it, dirty-red with some orange and green through it; a true stone, faced and polished on one side showing a large surface of colour, got on Sims's Hill, known as Sims's Seam opal, and finally rolled up in paper and put in amongst the other bags by itself after the box was packed; a black opal, large red pattern, faced and polished one side, a flat stone, about 2 dwt. There are lots of other stones, nothing special about them. K. No. 2, as above described, was packed in a square cardboard box, metal fastenings at corners, sewn up in new white calico with black thread, and addressed to "T. C. Wallaston, Glenelg, South Australia," in large capital letters. Value, £410 10s. Identifiable. (08/1162.)

ENGLAND.—Inquiry requested for **Henry William Sherwill**, or **Martin**, for some time said to have been working at the Railway Goods Depot, Christchurch. He would now be about sixty-seven years of age. It is about twenty years since his relatives heard from him. Inquiry by D. M. Sherwill, Hove, Sussex, England. (08/905.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Resignation.

District Constable Bennett, James Philip, 31st May, 1908. (08/1147.)

Transferred to Justice Department.

No. 1144.—Constable Raynes, Joseph Audus, 31st May, 1908. (08/1191.)

Rewards.

Constables J. Collogan, No. 1427, and W. Macdermott, No. 1430, have been awarded £1 each for services in connection with the conviction of Herman S. Pearson, for sly-grog selling at Wellington. (08/1200.)

EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

(From Gazette, 1908, pages 1527 and 1537.)

Special Regulations and Restrictions as to killing Native Game on Lake Ellesmere, Canterbury.

PLUNKET, Governor.

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection Act, 1907, I, William Lee, Baron Plunket, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby make the following regulations respecting the killing of native game in the Canterbury Acclimatisation District.

REGULATIONS.

1. No device or structure shall be used from or out of which native game may be taken or killed on or near Lake Ellesmere, in the Canterbury Acclimatisation District, except a cylinder not exceeding 2 ft. 6 in. in length and open at both ends, or a hut made of scrub or rushes, or a mud-hole, or a mimi. No such device or structure shall be placed, put, set out, erected, planted, or used in any part of the said lake in which the water is more than 24 in. in depth: Provided that boats concealed or hidden in the vegetation growing along the margin of the said lake may be used, but such boats shall not be dressed or covered in any way: Provided also that boats not dressed or covered in any way may be used to recover native game previously shot.
2. No live birds of any species shall be used as decoys on or near the said lake.
3. No person or persons shall put or place more than twenty-five decoys on any area of less than 100 square yards in or upon the said lake.
4. No person shall take or kill more than 150 head of native game in any one season within the Canterbury Acclimatisation District.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this fifteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

JOHN G. FINDLAY,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Gaoler appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 21st May, 1908.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

JEREMIAH CHARLES SCANLON

to be Gaoler of H.M. Prison at Wanganui, *vice* R. T. N. Beasley, retired. The appointment to take effect as from the 11th instant.

JAMES MCGOWAN,
Minister of Justice.

Matron appointed.

Department of Justice (Prisons Branch),
Wellington, 21st May, 1908.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

ANNIE SCANLON

to be Matron of H.M. Prison at Wanganui, *vice* Kate Beasley, retired. The appointment to take effect as from the 11th instant.

JAMES MCGOWAN,
Minister of Justice.