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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 theft or suspected of theft, 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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PERSONS WANTED.

AUCKLAND.—23rd March last, on warrant of commitment to Mount Eden Gaol for twenty-four hours in default of paying 8s. fine and costs for drunkenness, **William Hugh Murray**, age thirty-six, height 5 ft. 9 in., labourer, native of New Zealand, medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, heavy brown moustache; was recently working on the Main Trunk line.

AUCKLAND.—6th ultimo, on warrant for theft of a gold watch, chain, and locket, property of William Meldrum, tailor, value £10, **John Ross**, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 4½ in., farmer, groom, &c., native of New Zealand, medium build, sallow complexion, light-brown hair, blue eyes; right ring-finger has been injured. (See *Police Gazette*, 1907, pages 15, 41, 141, and 410.) On the above date offender and a man named Reid sold the above articles to a cab-driver, who handed them to the police. The owner, W. Meldrum, was subsequently found in a drunken state in the street. Reid has been arrested and remanded.

HAMILTON.—On or about the 11th October last, on warrant for forging and uttering a cheque for £2 13s. 9d., **William Haddon**, age about twenty-eight, height about 5 ft. 11 in., painter and labourer, native of Scotland, dark hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, clean-shaved, square shoulders, well built, walks erect, very talkative; fond of drink; is musical, and plays the accordion well; was in active service at the Boer War. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 2.) Offender forged the name of John Cook Gerrard to a cheque on the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, for above amount, and uttered it to Eustace de Bambil, in payment for a half-yearly subscription of a life-insurance policy in the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Society.

ROTORUA.—25th April last, for escaping from Waitapu Prison Camp, **John Francis Usher**, age thirty-one,
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height 5 ft. 9½ in., labourer, native of England, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes, two scars on forehead, British and American flags, shield, eagle, emblem of Faith Hope and Charity, two vases of flowers, female bust, rose shamrock and thistle, and alligator on left forearm; profusely tattooed on right arm and legs. Was sentenced at Auckland on 6th February, 1906, to five years on five charges of breaking and entering, and three of theft. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, pages 207 and 217.) Offender is now suspected of breaking into a hut at Mamaku, Thames, and stealing therefrom about 20 lb. corn-beef and some bacon; a dark-grey saddle-tweed coat and vest, made by Hutton, American Tailoring Company, Auckland; a pair of light lace-up boots, newly half-sole, size 9, spur-marks on heels; a dark-red check rug, value £4 15s., property of ALFRED TINDALL; a silver lever hunting-watch, rough edge on front case near the spring; a 15 ct. gold medal, "G. Ford, Mamaku Sports Club," engraved thereon; a pair of black-cloth trousers, value £7, property of GEORGE FORD; a new compass; a hollow-ground razor; a rolled-gold watch-chain, long twisted links, property of WILLIAM BATES, value £1 5s.

TAUMARUNUI.—14th February last, on warrant of commitment to Mount Eden Gaol for seven days in default of paying 12s. fine and costs for a breach of the by-laws, **Stanley Atkins**, age twenty-eight, height 5 ft. 9 in., labourer and sawmill hand, medium build, fair complexion hair and moustache; dressed in dark or blue suit; smart active appearance.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—18th ultimo, on warrant for false pretences on Benjamin Howard Nicholls, manager Moa Farmers' Union Store, Inglewood, **Harry Willis**, age about twenty-six, height 5 ft. 5 in., native of England, slight build, clean-shaved, dark-brown hair, fresh complexion, represents that he is a hairdresser, dressed in dark sac suit, dark-grey overcoat, hard black hat, black-ribbon watch-guard, respectable appearance, good address. He obtained goods from the complainant to the value of £2 1s., and gave in payment a valueless cheque for £8 on the Bank of Australasia, Wellington. The cheque was signed "H. Willis." Other charges pending. The photograph of a well-known criminal named **John Henry Withers**, alias **Walker**, has been identified as identical with offender. (See *Police Gazette*, 1907, page 418.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—8th July last, on warrant for deserting his wife, Emily England, at Palmerston North, **William Earl England**, age thirty, height 5 ft. 10 in., will probably be found working in a store, native of New Zealand, very fair hair and moustache, fair complexion, hazel eyes, thin build. Was last heard of at Hastings, where his father resides. He has also relatives about Inglewood.

MASTERTON.—21st April last, on warrant for failing to provide for the maintenance of his two illegitimate children, **Garioch Davidson**, age thirty-six, height 5 ft. 10 in., labourer and horse-driver, native of Scotland, ruddy complexion, dark hair and moustache turning grey, thick-set build, about 14 st. weight; generally dressed in dark suit; fond of drink. Is well known at Hastings, and has a brother living at the Lower Hutt.