

SYDENHAM.—Since about 5th April last, **Erick Thomson**, age eleven, height 5 ft., strong thick-set build, fresh complexion, full round freckled face, full brown eyes, fair hair; dressed in old brown knicker suit and cap, lace-up boots. Inquiry by his father.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Inquiry requested for **Charles Arthur Winnacott**, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 11 in., thin build, dark hair and complexion, grey eyes, has a scar on top of head about 2 in. long and $\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide, not much hair on face, may go under the name of Bluey Winnacott, slightly addicted to drink. He left his home in Kyneton, Victoria, about six years ago for Christchurch, and was last heard of at Temuka about four years ago, but no trace can be obtained of him there. Inquiry by his brother, Thomas E. Winnacott, constable, Police-station, Condobolin, New South Wales. (10/883.)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A warrant has been issued at Adelaide for **Arthur John Davies Linford**, for disobeying an order of the Court, made on the 12th February, 1908, to pay £1 10s. a week for the maintenance of Sarah Ann Linford and her children. Description: Age forty-three, height about 5 ft. 5 in., insurance agent, dark complexion and hair, dark moustache only, brown eyes, rather large nose. Arrears now due £36 5s. For inquiry only, and report to the Commissioner's Office, Wellington, if located. (See *South Australian Police Gazette*, 1910, page 94.) (F.P.B. 227/10.) *Annulled 10/274.*

ENGLAND.—Inquiry requested for **William Crowder**, age about thirty, height about 5 ft. 6 in., labourer, native of Birmingham, thick-set build, broad shoulders, full face, clean-shaved, fair hair, blue eyes, tattoo-marks on backs of hands and on arms. In November last he visited his cousin, Henry Crowhen, at Christchurch, but has not been heard of since. Inquiry by his wife, No. 2 Colville Place, Birmingham, England. If traced, information to be forwarded to the Inspector of Police, Christchurch.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Resignation.

No. 962.—Constable Brown, Thomas James. 8th June, 1910.

Rewards.

AUCKLAND.—Constable F. Claydon, No. 1555, has been awarded £8 for the arrest of George H. Tobin, a deserter from H.M.S. "Challenger." (10/2.)

AUCKLAND.—District Constable R. H. Moss has been awarded £2 for services in connection with the conviction of J. W. Katavich for sly-grog selling at Mangawai. (10/1205.)

THAMES.—Constable J. Henry, No. 753, has been awarded £1 for services in connection with the conviction of Charles Gosper for illegally taking liquor into a no-license district. (10/1223.)

THAMES.—Constable J. Henry, No. 753, has been awarded £1 for services in connection with the conviction of Daniel Dwyer for illegally taking liquor into a no-license district. (10/1224.)

NAPIER.—District Constable W. Torr has been awarded £1 for services in connection with the conviction of Hami Hape for supplying Maori women with liquor. (10/1209.)

WELLINGTON.—Sergeant N. Miller, No. 335, and Constables C. Grey, No. 518, and J. Tanner, No. 901, have been awarded £1 each for services in connection with the conviction of Maggie Johnston for ordering liquor for a no-license district without supplying the name of the person it was for. (10/241.)

Stations closed.

Waikaremoana, Napier District, 12th May, 1910. (P. 10/627.)

Ngapara, Christchurch District, 31st May, 1910. (P. 10/692.)

Stations opened.

Mohaka, Napier District, 12th May, 1910. (P. 10/627.)

Blackwater, Greymouth District, 9th June, 1910. (P. 10/475.)

Duntroon, Christchurch District, 1st June, 1910. (P. 10/692.)

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Police Department

The attention of members of the Force stationed in forest districts is drawn to the wanton and indiscriminate shooting of native pigeons that is stated to be going on, and they are directed to take active steps to bring about the detection and punishment of those who are guilty of breaches of the law in this direction.

F. WALDEGRAVE,

Commissioner.

Wellington, 9th June, 1910.

(P. 10/1218.)

FINGER-PRINTS.

Extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 20th May, 1910, reporting a further application to the High Court in the case *Rex v. Blacker*, published in the *New Zealand Police Gazette* of the 1st June, 1910.

THE HIGH COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice O'Connor, and Mr. Justice Isaacs.)

Leave to Appeal refused.

Application was made by Mr. Betts (instructed by Messrs. Gale and Paine, Moss Vale) for special leave to appeal in the case of the King *versus* Robert Stephen Blacker, from the judgment of the Full Court of 13th May, confirming Blacker's conviction on a charge of wounding with intent to murder one Ah Fung, a Chinaman.

Mr. Betts based his application on the grounds that the presiding Judge, Mr. Justice Pring, was in error in admitting certain evidence in the shape of a photographic enlargement of finger-prints appearing upon a box. The ordinary finger-print was just perceptible to the eye, and it was impossible to distinguish between one finger-print and another. His second ground for objection was that in submitting an enlarged photograph of the print the expert showed only a portion of the thumb.

The Chief Justice: Then it might be contended that a photograph of a particular window in a house would be inadmissible because it was not accompanied by a picture of the remainder of the house.

Mr. Betts submitted that it would be very dangerous to allow an expert to take a photograph of a portion of a print, and to point out to a jury that portion of the thumb which exhibited characteristics identical with those in a print taken from the prisoner when in custody, without showing the whole thumb-print, to enable the jury to decide whether there were other characteristics which might or might not correspond.

Leave to appeal was refused.