

Memorandum.]

Motor Collision Cases : Statements made to the Police by Witnesses.

In view of recurring requests by interested parties that statements made by witnesses to the Police be made available for use in Court, usually in civil proceedings, it appears desirable to set out the Department's point of view, which is that while there is no objection to the continuance of the existing practice of supplying names and addresses of witnesses to any interested persons, thus enabling them to pursue any further inquiries they may deem necessary, the statements themselves should not be made available to the public.

However, where a person has been so injured in a collision as to have been deprived of reasonable opportunity to obtain evidence to assist him in obtaining legal redress, it would be proper for the Police to afford him assistance and all reasonable facility to obtain redress as can be given without prejudicing the interests of the Service; but the statements obtained by the Police are not to be supplied to the injured party unless those making them are agreeable.

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 13th October, 1930.

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EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

Deer to cease to be Imported Game in Wellington, Feilding, and Southland Acclimatization Districts.

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1930, page 3140.)

Appointment of Issuing Officer for the Purpose of issuing Licenses to fish for Trout under the Taupo Trout-fishing Regulations.

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1930, page 3147.)

Appointment of Honorary Child Welfare Officer.

Nurse Isabel Banks, Wairoa. (See New Zealand Gazette, 1930, page 3148.)

Prohibition of Money-order and Postal Correspondence.

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(See New Zealand Gazette, 1930, page 3149.)