

SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA).—Money stolen from train between Sydney and Canberra (see Police Gazette, 1931, pages 285 and 315): Three men have been arrested for the offence and all the stolen money except the following recovered: Four hundred and nineteen £5 notes, Nos. Q over 20, 852101–852111; Q over 20, 852119–852125; Q over 20, 852139; Q over 20, 852601–852800; and Q over 20, 776501–776700. (P. 31/606.)

SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA).—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of—(1) **John Hogan**, alias **Mickey Hogan**, alias **James Taylor**, and (2) **Alphonsus Roy Clune**, charging them that on the 9th May, 1931, at Redfern they did feloniously kill George Alfred Cooper. Descriptions: (1) Age about thirty-three, height about 5 ft. 8 in., native of Australia, medium build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, round shoulders; dressed in a dark suit, light-brown felt hat, and long dark gabardine overcoat; active appearance; frequents brothels and sly-grog shops, and associates with bookmakers. His photograph (N.S.W. Photo-book, 110/12) is filed in the Commissioner's Office, Wellington. (2) Age about twenty-eight, height about 5 ft. 7 in., native of Australia, medium build, florid complexion, dark-brown hair, grey eyes, thin features, scar over one eyelid; dressed in a brown or fawn suit, tan shoes, and sometimes wears a black hard hat or cap, and horn-rimmed glasses; smart appearance; frequents brothels and sly-grog shops. Arrest desired. (P. 31/714.)

BRISBANE (AUSTRALIA).—During the night of the 15th ultimo the shop of Wallace Bishop and Son, jewellers, was broken into and the following stolen: A jade-green oblong ring set with stones; a jade-green oval ring, fancy silver leaf setting; a dark-green stone ring, oblong fine filigree setting, shank has also a fancy setting; a navy sapphire ring with silver fancy setting; a three sapphire ring, 18 ct. gold octagonal platinum setting, diamond shoulder, "565" scratched inside; a three sapphire 18 ct. gold ring, octagonal platinum setting, diamond shoulders, "566" scratched inside; an 18 ct. gold three sapphire ring, hexagonal platinum setting, diamond shoulders, "572" scratched inside; a 9 ct. gold watch, engraved bezel and loops, No. 78527; a 9 ct. gold watch, plain bezel, moire band; a 9 ct. gold watch, plain bezel, moire band, with gold fancy fittings; a 9 ct. gold watch, No. 50947, engraved bezel and loops, milanese band; a 9 ct. gold watch, engraved bezel, on fancy band; a 9 ct. gold watch, engraved bezel, on fancy band; thirty 9 ct. gold wedding-rings; ninety-four 18 ct. gold plain wedding-rings; five 18 ct. gold faceted wedding-rings; two gold plain centre wedding-rings with engraved sides (some stamped "Bishop" inside); six 18 ct. gold white sapphire rings, silver settings: total value, £245 5s. Some of the jewellery may reach this Dominion. (P. 31/885.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Appointment as Detective.

No. 2794. Constable Murray, James Jeremiah. 1st July, 1931.

Circular No. 4/1931.]

Uniform Clothing, Wearing of: Police Regulations 499 and 506.

Although there are occasions which render it necessary for members of the Force on some special duty to wear plain clothes, the rule of the Service that all members of the Force who are required by departmental directions to wear uniform while they are on duty shall be consistently and strictly observed.

Officers in Charge of districts must see that uniform is not discarded except for good and sufficient reason, and treat as defaulters those who disregard these instructions. This is particularly applicable to members of the Force at country stations.

When mental patients, children of either sex under sixteen years of age, persons committed to an inebriates institution (whether voluntarily or otherwise), and all females are being escorted, plain clothes should be worn unless there are special reasons to the contrary in any particular case; but the fact, together with the class and number of the railway pass used by the escorting official, must be recorded on the route of the escort and the entry signed by the responsible officer who issued the pass.

Within the Dominion uniform shall be worn when on escort duty with all other classes of prisoner and on the return journey to the station from which the escort was sent. Railway passes are not to be issued to or used by escorting officials on such occasions.

Occasions justifying members of the Force being in plain clothes are when making inquiries into the circumstances of old-age pensioners, interviewing children at public schools, and inquiries at or interviewing inmates in borstal institutions.

Failure to observe or insist upon this instruction will render the members of the Force concerned liable for breach of Regulation 353 (1), apart from liability for the breach of any other regulation applicable to the default.

Circulars 16/1895, 8/1904, 5/1917, and 14/1926 are hereby cancelled.

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 6th July, 1931.

(P. 26/686.)

Memorandum.]

Uniform Trousers.—Provision for Baton.

The uniform trousers of all members of the Force below the rank of Sub-Inspector are to be provided with pockets in which a baton may be carried.

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 6th July, 1931.

(P. 27/571.)

Memorandum.]

Identification Cards.

Members of the Force present on monthly parades are to produce to the inspecting officer their identification cards in addition to the rest of their appointments.

The inspecting officer will examine all such identification cards to ensure they are those on issue to the members of the Force presenting them for inspection.

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 6th July, 1931.

(P. 29/152.)

EXTRACTS FROM NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE.

Clerk, &c., of Courts appointed.

Constable Thomas William Parkhill, Lawrence; and Constable Thomas McCall, Ruawai. (See New Zealand Gazette, 1931, page 1872.)

The Public Service Superannuation Act, 1927.—Election of Member of Superannuation Board.

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1931, page 1876.)

MR. WARD GEORGE WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police, Wellington, being the only candidate nominated for the above election, I hereby declare him to be duly elected a member of the Public Service Superannuation Board, to represent contributors belonging to the Police Department.

Dated at Wellington, this 27th day of June, 1931.

R. S. WOGAN, Returning Officer.