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NEW ZEALAND.

NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The COMMISSIONER of POLICE to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Commissioner's Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1889.

I have the honour to submit for your information my annual report on the Police Force of this colony, and criminal statistics for the year ending the 31st March, 1889.

On the last-mentioned date the strength of the Force was 484, exclusive of district and Native constables, as against 487 for the corresponding period of the previous year; and on the same date there were 14 district constables, being an increase of 1, and 11 Native constables, a decrease of 10, in this class. Very many of these men have been found to be quite useless, and were therefore dispensed with; the useful men have been retained.

Two new stations have been opened during the year—one at Mahakipawa, to afford police protection to that goldfield; the other on the line of the Otago Central Railway, at Middlemarch, to replace the late Nenthorn Station, which has been closed.

It has been found necessary to increase the strength at each of the following stations: Te Aroha, Wellington (2), Blenheim, Takaka, and Kaiapoi by redistribution. Reductions have been made at the Thames, Waterford, Hamilton West, Rotorua, Waitara, Pukearuhe, and Timaru (2).

The casualties in the Force for the past year have been 25, as against 28, 33, and 24 in the three previous years—viz., transfer to prisons, 1; resignations, 12; discharges on compensation, 8; discharge, 1; dismissals, 2; death, 1: total, 25.

The criminal statistics for the year ending the 31st December, 1888, show the usual decrease in the gross total of offences, for the North Island there being a decrease of 680, and for the South Island 93. There has, however, been an increase in the following serious offences: Breaking and entering shops or houses (35), burglary (7), cattle- and horse-stealing (16), murder and attempted murder (4). On the other hand, I have to record a decrease in arson (5), assaults of all kinds (23), embezzlement (9), false pretences (7), larceny (60), malicious injury to property (113), cases under Police Offences Act (174), perjury (15). I attribute the increase in housebreaking and burglary to the fact that we have now to deal with a well-organized gang of expert thieves, who are technically known as "spielers." These men are, for the most part, the result of the numerous small race-meetings of the colony, at which places they congregate for the purpose of swindling the unwary, and who generally at all other times lead a dishonest and criminal life.

The result of the late retrenchment and amalgamation of police districts has been that this department has gained in economy without having suffered appreciably in efficiency, the staff of the reduced districts having become available for ordinary police duties, and, consequently, augmentation of strength and new stations have been provided for without a corresponding increase in the Force. I would, however, point out that the police has now been reduced to the lowest limits consistent with efficiency, and must be increased to meet any future demands for additional police protection. Such demands are, however, not likely to occur immediately, except perhaps in two instances.

I have great pleasure in reporting the growing popularity of the Police Force of this colony with young colonists, but few of whom have hitherto been found in its ranks. During the past twelve months, however, nearly one-half of the recruits have been of colonial birth. Physically, these men are not inferior to any members of the Force, while in education and intelligence they are very superior to the ordinary class of candidates.

I regret having to report that our detective system is very unsatisfactory, for although we have many good officers in that branch of the service we have also many very useless men.

Instead of appointing a man detective for life, as is practically done at present, I would suggest that in future men should simply be employed as plain clothes constables, receiving detective allowance while so employed; by this means we should obtain all the advantages of the detective system without its defects. Once a man is appointed to the permanent office he may be said to have reached the summit of his ambition. From that time many men become comparatively careless in their work, or may, possibly from ill health, lose the energy and acuteness of intellect so necessary in their profession. In such case no specific charge can be brought against the man,

and therefore he cannot be removed, but the department is saddled with a man who is not only useless but absolutely hurtful to the Force, since his comrades are not slow to discover that mediocrity or incapacity does not prevent a man holding a good appointment. The plain clothes constable, on the other hand, belongs to the preventive force, and is employed as a detective only so long as he is found capable; and he knows that should he allow any of his younger or more able comrades to outstrip him he will have to revert to his old position of beat constable: in other words, the spur is always applied—he must be equal to his work or lose the position to which he has attained.

Arrangements have been made by which a system of examination for the New Zealand Police will be instituted and held for the first time in January, 1890, at the head-quarters of each police district. The examination will be divided into two parts—junior and senior; a pass in the former will render a man eligible for promotion to first-class constable, in the latter to the rank of sergeant. This system has been instituted with the twofold object of preventing inferior men from reaching important positions, whether by force of seniority or interest, and of raising the general efficiency of the men to read up the theory of police work and the criminal statute law of the colony as the only possible method of attaining to a responsible position.

I attach returns showing proportion of police to population and cost of police per inhabitant of each of the Australian Colonies, as also schedule of stations built during the year.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the general conduct of the Police Force has been good.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,
Commissioner.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1887, and Year ending 31st December, 1888.

Offences.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1887.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1888.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Com- mitted for Trial.		Sum- marily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				Com- mitted for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
NORTH ISLAND.																		
Abandoning children under two years	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Abortion, procuring	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abandoning from bail	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abusive and threatening language..	180	..	..	97	9	53	21	180	106	..	..	62	11	25	8	106	..	74
Animals Protection Act, breaches of	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Arson	22	8	2	..	..	3	..	13	25	6	3	1	..	6	1	17	3	..
Assaults on bailiffs	5	..	..	2	3	..	..	5	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	3
Assaults, common	530	..	..	318	27	154	26	525	447	..	..	232	21	167	26	446	..	83
Assaults on police	59	..	..	54	2	3	..	59	39	..	..	36	..	1	2	39	..	20
Assaults, indecent	10	5	..	..	..	5	..	10	9	4	..	1	..	4	..	9	..	1
Assault and robbery	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Assaults occasioning bodily harm	19	10	1	2	..	6	..	19	15	4	1	4	..	5	..	14	..	4
Bankruptcy fraud	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..
Beer Duty Act, breaches of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..
Bestiality	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Breaches of the peace	174	..	..	153	10	9	2	174	215	..	..	175	8	26	6	215	41	..
Breaking and entering shops, ware- houses, offices, &c.	27	3	..	3	..	8	..	14	39	10	..	8	..	2	..	20	12	..
Burglary	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	4
Carnally knowing	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cattle and horse-stealing	40	12	..	1	..	14	..	27	50	30	..	1	..	9	..	40	10	..
Cattle-maiming	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1
Child-desertion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..
Coinage Act, offences against	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	..
Compounding a felony	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Concealment of birth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Conspiring to defraud	11	7	..	..	..	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Contempt of Court	13	1	..	2	..	9	..	12	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	10
Cruelty to animals	82	4	..	57	..	17	..	78	60	..	..	42	..	18	..	60	..	22
Customs offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	4	4	..
Cutting and wounding	12	2	1	3	..	5	1	12	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	9
Damaging police uniform	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	5	..	1	..	6	4	..
Default of payment of penalty	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Defence Act, breaches of	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Demanding money by menaces	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Destitute Persons Act, offences against	192	..	..	123	1	59	3	186	118	..	..	67	1	48	..	116	..	74
Disobeying maintenance orders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Disobeying orders of Court	13	..	..	10	..	3	..	13	13	..	..	8	1	4	..	13	..	..
Disobeying summonses	5	..	..	1	..	4	..	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
Distillation Act, offences against	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Distributing obscene prints	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disturbing religious congregations..	22	..	..	17	..	5	..	22	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	20
Disturbing entertainments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..
Dog-stealing	5	..	..	1	..	3	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drunkenness	2,708	..	..	2,225	421	57	5	2,708	2,661	..	..	2,251	369	38	3	2,661	..	47
Electric Lines Act, offences against	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	2	..
Embezzlement	30	15	..	5	..	7	..	27	47	20	..	17	..	4	..	41	17	..
Escaping from custody	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..
False pretences	90	13	..	39	3	29	2	86	86	31	1	27	..	16	1	76	..	4
First Offenders' Probation Act, offences against	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Forcible entry	16	9	1	..	..	4	2	16	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	13
Foreign Seamen's Act, breaches of..	30	..	..	24	..	1	..	25	13	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	..	17
Forgery and uttering	30	26	..	..	..	1	..	27	36	29	..	..	..	4	..	33	6	..
Fraudulent conveyance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Furious driving and riding	7	..	..	5	..	2	..	7	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	3
Gaming and Lotteries Act, breaches of	64	..	..	37	..	27	..	64	40	..	..	10	..	30	..	40	..	24
Harbouring a felon	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Housebreaking	80	21	2	12	..	5	..	40	74	26	1	4	1	6	1	39	..	6
Illegally on premises	82	..	..	73	3	6	..	82	67	..	..	52	2	13	..	67	..	15
Inciting prisoners to resist	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Indecent behaviour	7	..	..	5	2	..	..	7	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	5	..	2
Indecent exposure	22	..	..	17	1	3	..	21	29	3	..	22	..	3	..	28	7	..
Industrial Schools Act, offences against	29	..	..	27	..	2	..	29	33	..	..	25	2	5	1	33	4	..
Justices of Peace Act, breaches of..	27	..	..	13	2	2	..	17	20	..	..	10	..	10	..	20	..	7
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcases	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Larceny	1,018	53	5	368	42	129	22	619	944	48	3	388	49	117	20	625	..	74
Larceny, attempted	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	..
Larceny as a bailee	23	4	..	6	..	10	1	21	29	10	..	10	1	6	..	27	6	..
Larceny as a co-partner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Larceny from dwellings	109	15	2	21	2	10	2	52	100	10	..	27	2	8	..	47	..	9
Larceny from mail-bag	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..
Larceny from the person	40	5	1	1	..	4	1	12	34	2	..	8	1	6	3	20	..	6
Larceny from wrecks	9	4	..	4	..	1	..	9	9
Libel	7	5	2	..	7	4	1	1	2	4	..	3

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NORTH ISLAND—continued.																		
Lunacy	191	100	43	36	12	191	161	69	48	30	14	161	..	30
Malicious injury to property ..	261	2	..	148	27	44	10	231	225	1	..	104	17	66	1	199	..	36
Maliciously killing animals ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Manslaughter	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Marriage Act, offences against ..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Masters and Apprentices Act, breaches of	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Murder	5	3	1	..	..	1	..	5	4	2	1	..	..	5	..	8	..	1
Murder, attempted	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Naval deserters and stragglers ..	18	..	..	16	..	1	..	17	65	..	..	60	..	3	..	63	47	..
Neglected and criminal children ..	36	..	..	20	10	3	3	36	40	..	..	17	14	7	2	40	4	..
Obscene and profane language ..	199	..	..	123	47	22	7	199	181	..	..	112	40	23	6	181	..	18
Obstructing railway-line .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Obstructing public places .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	4	..
Obstructing and resisting police ..	59	..	..	46	7	4	2	59	26	1	..	23	..	2	..	26	..	33
Pawnbrokers Act, breaches of ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	10	7	..	2	..	1	..	10	8	..
Perjury	23	8	..	..	..	11	3	23	19	8	1	..	..	10	..	19	..	4
Poison-laying .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Police Offences Act, offences against ..	249	..	..	186	6	53	3	248	131	..	..	111	3	17	..	131	..	118
Post Office Act, breaches of ..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1
Prisons Act, offences against ..	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..
Public Works Act, breaches of ..	73	..	..	64	..	8	..	72	27	..	..	22	..	5	..	27	..	46
Rape	7	3	..	..	..	4	..	7	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	3
Rape, attempted	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	..
Receiving stolen property	16	3	2	8	..	1	2	16	11	1	1	5	..	2	2	11	..	5
Registration of Births, &c., Act, breaches of	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rescuing goods from bailiffs	5	..	..	2	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
Rescuing prisoners	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Robbery with violence	10	7	1	..	..	1	..	9	6	5	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	4
Sheep-stealing	7	1	..	..	..	5	..	6	9	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	2	..
Shipping & Seamen's Act, breaches of ..	54	..	..	39	..	15	..	54	29	..	..	28	..	1	..	29	..	25
Shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..
Smuggling	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	3	..	3	..	6	4	..
Sodomy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Soliciting prostitution	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Suicide, attempted	13	2	1	5	3	2	..	13	12	1	..	5	1	3	2	12	..	1
Suicide, threatening	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..
Sureties of the peace	5	..	..	2	..	3	..	5	6	..	..	5	..	1	..	6	1	..
Threatening letters .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Vagrancy	235	..	..	136	86	11	2	235	279	..	..	161	82	31	5	279	44	..
Wife-desertion	18	..	..	7	..	6	..	13	19	..	..	9	..	8	..	17	1	..
Totals	7,426	271	234	6,522	760	918	134	6,758	6,746	295	164	274	676	819	107	6,187	267	947
SOUTH ISLAND.																	Decrease, 680	
Abandoning children under two years ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Absconding from bail	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Absconding from industrial schools ..	7	..	..	6	1	..	..	7	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	1
Absconding from licensed service ..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Abusive and threatening language ..	55	..	..	31	5	15	4	55	51	..	..	34	1	16	..	51	..	4
Accessory to a felony	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arson	33	7	2	..	..	1	..	10	25	9	1	..	..	2	1	13	..	8
Arson, attempted	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assaults, aggravated	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
Assaults, common	311	..	..	196	28	79	7	310	307	..	..	199	21	85	1	306	..	4
Assaults, indecent	16	11	..	1	..	3	..	15	11	9	..	..	..	1	..	10	..	5
Assaults on police	36	..	..	34	1	1	..	36	45	..	..	42	..	2	..	44	9	..
Assault and robbery	12	9	..	..	..	3	..	12	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	5
Assault occasioning bodily harm ..	9	5	..	1	1	2	..	9	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	7
Assault with intent to rob	5	3	..	..	..	2	..	5	5	4	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..
Assault with violence	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	1	..	2	..	5	4	..
Bankruptcy Act, breaches of	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	2	..
Bestiality	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Breaches of the peace	177	..	..	154	17	6	..	177	141	..	..	109	14	18	..	141	..	36
Breaking into shops, warehouses, offices, &c.	71	39	2	7	..	7	..	55	72	16	..	16	..	10	..	42	1	..
Burglary	6	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	15	11	..	..	..	..	..	11	9	..
Cattle- and horse-stealing	20	7	..	..	..	5	..	12	26	13	1	4	..	4	..	22	6	..
Cattle-maiming	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Child-desertion .. .. .	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cemeteries Act, breaches of	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Chinese Immigration Act, breaches of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Coinage Act, offences against	1	4	2	2	3	..
Concealment of birth	1	..	1	1	1
Conspiring to defraud	3	3	3	3

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SOUTH ISLAND—continued.																		
Contempt of Court	3	3	3	9	7	..	1	1	9	6	..
Cruelty to animals	47	34	..	13	..	47	49	26	..	22	1	49	2	..
Customs Laws Consolidation Act, breaches of	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	1
Cutting and wounding	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	6	4	..
Damaging police uniform ..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Default of bail	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Default of penalties and costs ..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Default of sureties of the peace ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..
Demanding money by menaces ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Destitute Persons Act, breaches of ..	44	1	..	21	2	15	1	40	23	..	..	12	4	5	1	22	..	21
Disobeying maintenance orders ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disobeying orders of Court	14	..	..	10	..	1	..	11	6	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	8
Disobeying summonses	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Distillation Act, breaches of ..	6	..	..	4	..	2	..	6	4	..	..	2	..	2	..	4	..	2
Dog-stealing	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness	2,518	..	..	2,037	330	138	13	2,518	2,726	..	..	2,272	356	88	10	2,726	208	..
Electric Lines Act, offences against ..	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Embezzlement	37	17	..	15	..	5	..	37	11	7	..	2	..	1	..	10	..	26
Escaping from custody	6	..	..	4	..	1	..	5	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	3
First Offenders Probation Act, breaches of	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
False pretences	89	3	1	54	5	22	3	88	66	15	3	23	3	7	6	57	..	23
Foreign Seamen's Act, breaches of ..	10	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	6	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	4
Forgery and uttering	45	32	..	2	..	6	..	40	37	22	4	..	..	3	..	29	..	8
Fraudulent bankruptcy	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..
Furious driving and riding	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	4	3	..
Forcible entry .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	6	..	..
Gaming and Lotteries Act, breaches of ..	23	..	..	19	..	4	..	23	55	..	..	45	..	26	..	71	32	..
Housebreaking	16	6	..	2	..	..	..	8	44	12	..	11	..	3	..	26	28	..
Illegally on premises	21	..	..	15	2	4	..	21	21	..	..	20	1	..	..	21	..	..
Impounding Act, offences against ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Indecent exposure	38	..	..	28	..	10	..	38	30	..	..	26	1	3	..	30	..	8
Industrial Schools Act, offences against	100	..	..	58	18	8	16	100	76	..	..	46	20	12	1	79	..	24
Infanticide .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
Insulting language and behaviour ..	7	..	..	6	..	1	..	7	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	1	..
Keeping disorderly houses	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	1	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Larceny	915	42	6	345	56	111	17	577	929	24	4	414	47	87	20	596	14	..
Larceny, attempted .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Larceny, accessory to	4	..	..	..	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Larceny of ship's cargo .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Larceny as a trustee .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..
Larceny as a bailee	8	1	..	1	..	3	1	6	11	..	..	8	..	2	..	10	3	..
Larceny from dwellings	40	3	2	3	3	..	..	11	30	4	..	6	..	..	..	10	..	10
Larceny from the person	16	1	1	2	..	1	2	7	10	3	..	..	2	1	1	7	..	6
Letter-stealing	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Libel .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Lunacy	199	..	..	111	60	20	8	199	198	..	..	111	52	29	6	198	..	1
Malicious injury to property	249	4	..	166	18	29	1	218	172	7	..	109	15	19	2	152	..	77
Maliciously wounding and killing animals	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Maliciously poisoning dogs	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Manslaughter .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Marriage Act, offences against .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..
Mines Act, breaches of	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Murder	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	3	..
Murder, attempted .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	4	..
Naval deserters .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Neglected and criminal children ..	58	..	..	33	22	3	..	58	17	..	..	10	7	..	..	17	..	41
Obscene and profane language	144	..	..	91	38	8	7	144	146	..	..	95	34	13	4	146	2	..
Obstructing and resisting police ..	45	..	..	43	..	2	..	45	31	..	..	27	2	2	..	31	..	14
Obstructing railway-lines	10	..	..	6	..	4	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Pawnbrokers Act, breaches of .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Perjury	13	5	2	..	..	3	3	13	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	11
Police Offences Act, offences against ..	362	..	..	255	9	91	7	362	356	..	..	263	33	47	13	356	..	6
Post Office Act, breaches of	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Public Works Act, breaches of	20	..	..	13	..	7	..	20	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	7	..	13
Prisons Act, breaches of .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Rape	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	7	4	..	..	..	3	..	7	3	..
Rape, attempted	7	6	..	..	..	1	..	7	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	1
Receiving stolen property	4	1	..	1	..	2	..	4	11	..	..	4	2	5	..	11	7	..
Refusing to leave licensed premises ..	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	5	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	1
Registration of Births, &c., Act, breaches of	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Rescuing prisoners, attempted .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1887, and Year ending 31st December, 1888—continued.

Offences.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1887.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended, 1888.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Com- mitted for Trial.		Sum- marily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				Com- mitted for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Dis- charged.				
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
SOUTH ISLAND—continued.																		
Sacrilege	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Seal Fisheries Act, breaches of ..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Setting fire to grass	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	1	2	..	5	5	..
Sheep-stealing	10	4	..	1	..	2	..	7	12	7	..	..	..	1	..	8	2	..
Shipping and Seamen's Act, breaches of	63	..	..	41	..	8	..	49	46	..	..	41	..	3	..	44	..	17
Shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Sly grog-selling .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..
Sodomy	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Sodomy, attempted .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Suicide, attempted	13	2	..	1	1	5	4	13	7	1	..	..	..	4	2	7	..	6
Threatening letters .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Vagrancy	193	..	..	79	69	25	20	193	140	..	..	68	44	20	8	140	..	53
Wife-desertion	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	8	12	..	..	7	..	2	..	9	4	..
Totals	6,244	222	18	3,979	689	696	117	5,721	6,151	217	16	4,123	660	563	82	5,667	402	495
																	Decrease, 93	

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the under-mentioned PLACES.

Place.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.	Remarks.
New Zealand ..	1 to 1,347	s. d. 2 10½	Calculated on the estimated population, 652,125 (including Maoris), on the 31st March, 1889 (<i>vide</i> Registrar-General's return, published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> of the 23rd May, 1889); and the net expenditure for police, £94,482 4s. 11d. (<i>vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended the 31st March, 1889).
Victoria	1 to 751	4 10½	Number of police 1,451; amount of vote £266,097 (<i>vide</i> Estimates for year ended the 30th June, 1889); estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 1,090,086.*
New South Wales ..	1 to 717	5 3	Calculated on strength of police, 1,513 (<i>vide</i> Inspector-General's report for 1888); vote for same year, £285,773; and estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 1,085,356.*
South Australia ..	1 to 828	5 4½	Calculated from estimates for year ending the 30th June, 1889, viz.: Number of police, 378; amount of vote, £84,692. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 313,065.*
Queensland ..	1 to 414	7 6½	Calculated on number of police according to estimates for 1888-89, 935 persons; amount of vote, £146,480. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1888, 387,463.*
			NOTE.—Deducting native trackers (200), there are only 735 police, according to which the proportion of police to population would be 1 to 527.

* *Vide* Australian statistics as furnished by the Government Statist, Melbourne.

RETURN of STATIONS BUILT during the Year ending the 31st March, 1889.

Locality.	Material.	Number of Rooms.	Remarks.
Riverton	Brick	6	Replacing old station.
Bluff	"	5	In place of leasehold.
Otautau	"	5	
Wyndham	"	5	"
Whangaroa	Wood	6	"
Martinborough	"	4	"
Waikaia	"	2	"

RETURN showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE on the
—31st March, 1889.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.
NORTH ISLAND.									NORTH ISLAND— <i>continued.</i>								
Auckland,—									Napier— <i>contd.</i>								
Auckland ..	1	..	7	25	3	..	..	36	Tologa Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Freeman's Bay	1	..	..	..	1	Awanui ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
Ponsonby	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	..	5	23	1	..	1*	35*
Newton	2	..	..	..	2	Taranaki,—								
Surrey Hills	1	..	..	..	1	New Plymouth ..	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	7
Eden Terrace	1	..	..	..	1	Waitara ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Newmarket	1	..	..	..	1	Normanby ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Parnell	1	..	..	..	1	Hawera ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Devonport	1	1	..	..	..	2	Patea ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
Onehunga	1	1	..	..	..	2	Waverley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Otahuhu	1	..	..	..	1	Manaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Howick	1	..	..	Opunake ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Papakura	1	..	..	..	1	Pungarehu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Pukekohe	1	..	..	..	1	Pukearuhe ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waiuku	1	..	..	Wanganui ..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	8
Mercer	1	..	..	1	1	Marton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mercury Bay	1	..	..	..	1	Hunterville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Coromandel	1	..	..	..	1	Bull's ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Warkworth	1	..	..	..	1	Feilding ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Port Albert	1	..	..	Ashurst ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Helensville	1	..	..	..	1	Palmerston North ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Woodhill	1	..	Foxton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Thames	1	4	..	..	..	5	Totals ..	1	..	4	29	..	..	..	34
Shortland	1	..	..	..	1	Wellington,—								
Tairua	1	..	..	..	1	Wellington ..	1	1†	5	27	4	3	..	38
Totals ..	1	..	10	49	3	3	2	63*	Manners Street ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Bay of Islands,—									Clyde Quay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Russell ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	Newtown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Aratapu	1	..	..	..	1	Petone ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Dargaville	1	..	..	..	1	Lower Hutt ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hokianga	1	1	..	Featherston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kamo	1	..	..	..	1	Martinborough ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kawakawa	1	..	..	..	1	Greytown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mangonui	1	..	..	1	1	Carterton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mangawai	1	..	1	Masterton ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Waipu	1	..	..	..	1	Tenni ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Whangarei	1	..	..	..	1	Eketahuna ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Whangaroa	1	..	..	..	1	Pahiatua ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	..	..	10	..	2	2	11*	Johnsonville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tauranga,—									Pahautanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tauranga ..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	Otaki ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waterford	1	..	..	Totals ..	1	1	6	45	4	3	..	57*
Paeroa	1	..	..	..	1	SOUTH ISLAND.								
Maketu	1	..	..	..	1	Nelson,—								
Whakatane	1	..	..	..	1	Nelson ..	1	..	2	5	..	1	..	8
Opotiki	1	..	..	1	1	The Port ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Rotorua	1	..	..	1	1	Richmond ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Taupo	1	..	..	Spring Grove ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Te Aroha	1	1	..	..	..	2	Collingwood ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hamilton West	1	..	..	..	..	1	Takaka ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hamilton East	1	..	..	..	1	Blenheim ..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6
Ngaruawahia	1	..	..	..	1	Havelock ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Cambridge	1	..	..	..	1	Picton ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Te Awamutu	2	..	..	..	2	Mahakipawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1
Te Kuiti	1	..	..	1	1	Motueka ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raglan	1	..	..	1	1	Totals ..	1	..	3	19	..	2	..	23*
Kawhia	1	..	..	1	1	Westland,—								
Totals ..	1	..	2	17	..	2	5	20*	Hokitika ..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	6
Napier,—									Kumara ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Napier ..	1	..	1	8	1	..	..	11	Stafford ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Taradale	1	..	..	..	1	Kanieri ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Clive	2	..	..	..	2	Ross ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hastings	1	..	..	..	2	Okarito ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waipawa	1	..	..	..	1	Greynouth ..	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	6
Waipukurau	1	..	..	..	1	Brunnerton ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Ormondville	1	..	..	..	1	Dunganville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Danevirke	1	..	..	..	1	Ahaura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Woodville	1	1	..	..	..	2	Reefton ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Herbertville	1	..	..	..	1	Lyell ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Port Ahuriri	2	..	..	..	2	Westport ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Wairoa	2	..	..	..	2									
Gisborne	1	4	..	..	..	5									
Ormond	1	..	..	..	1									

* District and Native constables not included in total.

† Compiling Police Gazette.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH, &c., of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—*continued.*

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.
SOUTH ISLAND—<i>continued.</i>									SOUTH ISLAND—<i>continued.</i>								
Westland—<i>contd.</i>									Dunedin—<i>contd.</i>								
Denniston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	South Dunedin ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Charleston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Caversham ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	..	4	25	1	..	..	31	Mornington ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Christchurch,—									Roslyn ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Christchurch ..	1	..	4	23	2	..	..	30	Anderson's Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	* 1
Addington ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Port Chalmers ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Sydenham ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Green Island ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Phillipstown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Waitati ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Woolston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Mosgiel ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Bingsland ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Hawksbury ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
St. Albans ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Palmerston ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Papanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Outram ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Lincoln ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Middlemarch ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Lyttelton ..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6	Lawrence ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Akaroa ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Waitahuna ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Little River ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Milton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Southbridge ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Kaitangata ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Leeston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Balclutha ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Malvern ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Clinton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Coalgate ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Tapanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Bealey ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	1	9	53	4	..	..	68
Kaiapoi ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Southland,—								
Rangiora ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Invercargill ..	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	10
Oxford ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	North Invercargill ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Amberley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Bluff ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Hurunui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Riverton ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Waiau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Winton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kaikoura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Otautau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ashburton ..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	Lumsden ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Rakaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Orepuki ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Methven ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Wyndham ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	..	10	57	2	..	1	70*	Mataura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Oamaru,—									Gore ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Oamaru ..	1	..	1	7	1	..	..	10	Waikaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Duntroon ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Half-moon Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ngapara ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	1	2	20	..	1	..	24*
Hampden ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Lake,—								
Waimate ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	Clyde ..	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	4
Timaru ..	..	1	1	6	1	..	..	9	Alexandra South ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Temuka ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Arrowtown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Geraldine ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Cromwell ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Pleasant Point ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Naseby ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Fairlie Creek ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Ophir ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	1	3	23	2	..	..	30	Pembroke ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Dunedin,—									Queenstown ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Maclaggan Street ..	1	1	2	19	4	..	..	27	Roxburgh ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
King Street ..	..	..	3	9	..	..	..	12	St. Bathans ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
North-east Valley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	..	3	14	..	1	..	18*
Woodhaugh ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Grand Total ..	13	4	61	389	17	14	11	484*

* District and Native constables not included in total.

Total, North Island	220	Includes 7 constables who act as police gaolers.
Total, South Island	264	

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RETURN showing CASUALTIES in the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE during the Year ended 31st March, 1889.

Transfer to Prisons Department ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Resignations	12
Discharges on compensation	8
Discharge	1
Dismissals	2
Deaths	1
						25

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