

1895.
NEW ZEALAND.

SUPREME COURT JUDGES

(RETURN OF WORK DONE BY, FROM 1893 TO 1895.)

Laid upon the Table by the Hon. the Premier, with the Leave of the House.

SIR,—

Judges' Chambers, Wellington, 23rd October, 1895.

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant (No. 1561) I have now the honour to transmit to you the returns of the work done by the Judges of the Supreme Court during the years 1893, 1894, 1895, which you asked for.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JAMES PRENDERGAST.

RETURN of WORK of His Honour the CHIEF JUSTICE at Wellington, Napier, Wanganui, Blenheim, and Nelson for the Years 1893, 1894, and for Nine Months of 1895.

		Sitting-days, 1893.							Sitting-days, 1894.							Sitting-days, 1895, Nine Months.						
		Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.
...	...	14	24	3	15	8	3	..	6	5	3	2	5	3	..	16	8	2	7	4	1	..
...	...	7	22	..	4	3	2	..	13	11	..	4	..	3	..	15	15	..	1	..	3	..
...	3	3
...	2	5	3
...	...	26	38	27	62	4	13	21	21	39	9	64	5	6	43	33	42	14	61	3	3	18
Totals	...	47	84	30	81	15	18	21	45	63	12	70	13	12	43	64	65	16	69	7	7	18

Total number of sitting-days: 1893, 296; 1894, 264; 1895, 245; Auckland Election Petition, 6.

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RETURN of Supreme Court Sitings held by His Honour Mr. Justice RICHMOND in Wellington, Napier, Wanganui, Nelson, and Blenheim for the Years 1893, 1894, and Nine Months of 1895.

	1893.						1894.						1895.								
	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Court of Appeal.
Napier	6	2	1	6	4	1	10
Wanganui	3	2	2	2	...	2	...
Nelson	7	4	...	3	...	1	2	2	6
Blenheim	6	8	2	10	...	5	3	7	2	20	24	23	3	3	34
Wellington	11	41	26	57	8	10	20	12	34	23	48	7	4	34	1	20	24	23	3	3	34
Totals	24	53	26	60	10	11	20	23	39	24	54	13	5	34	6	38	26	25	5	5	34

Total number of sitting-days: 1893, 204; 1894, 192; 1895, 139.

NOTE.—In addition, His Honour the Chief Justice occupied about twelve days annually in travelling to hold circuit Courts. Mr. Justice Richmond occupied about fifteen days in travelling.

	Auckland.						Gisborne.		New Plymouth.		Court of Appeal: Sitting-days.	Total Sitting-days.	
	Sitting-days.						Sitting-days.		Sitting-days.				
	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Divorce.	Criminal.	Civil, &c.	Criminal.	Civil, &c.			
1893	...	35	30	26	66	35	11	9	19	7	6	19	263
1894	...	57	34*	15	72	31	6	4	25	6	12	49	317
1895	(nine months)	41	17	11	50	20	3	7	16	6	5	16	195

* 1894, Election petition, 6.
His Honour Mr. Justice Conolly occupies about sixteen days in travelling.

RETURN of the Work of the Judge of the Supreme Court at Christchurch, Timaru, and Hokitika for the Years 1893, 1894, and Nine Months ended 30th September, 1895.

	Christchurch and Timaru.							Hokitika.		Total Sitting-days.
	Sitting-days.							Sitting-days. Criminal and Civil included.		
	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Compensation Court.	Divorce and Matrimonial.			
1893	17	35	30	94	42	...	Included in Civil	8	209	
1894	16	32	32	91	37	...	"	2	210	
1895 (nine months)	16	35	14	70	23	...	"	2	160	

NOTE.—The above return does not include time taken by His Honour the Judge in going to and, on some occasions, coming from Timaru, say, five days in the year; or going to and from and at Hokitika, say, two or three weeks in the year.

RETURN of the Work of the Judge of the Supreme Court at Dunedin, Oamaru, and Invercargill for the Years 1893 and 1894, and for Nine Months ending September, 1895.

	Dunedin and Oamaru.							Invercargill.		Total Sitting-days.
	Sitting-days.							Sitting-days.		
	Criminal.	Civil.	Banco.	Chambers.	Bankruptcy.	Compensation Court.	Divorce and Matrimonial.	Criminal.	Civil and Chambers.	
1893	21	56	18	82	16	2	7	8	6	216
1894	20	29	40	72	14	...	4	12	10	201
1895 (nine months)	12	26	24	57	8	6	5	15	9	162

In addition, the Judge is engaged each year at the Court of Appeal in Wellington for about eight weeks. The time occupied in travelling to and from Wellington, Oamaru, and Invercargill is about eighteen days in each year.

IN CHAMBERS.

Number of cases in arrear at the time of Mr. Justice Richmond's death	...	20
Number at present on the list	45

CIVIL CASES.

Number of cases set down for hearing at the time of Mr. Justice Richmond's death, and at present on the list for hearing	13
There are, besides these, four cases undisposed of at the last sittings at Wanganui.		

IN BANCO.

Number of cases in arrear at the time of Judge Richmond's death	...	12
Number of cases at present on the list	19

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