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ALSO

REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE "FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT, 1886."

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

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

The INSPECTOR of PRISONS to the Hon. the MINISTER of JUSTICE.

SIR,—

Justice Department, Prisons Branch, Wellington, 1st June, 1897.

I have the honour to present this my sixteenth annual report on the prisons of the colony, together with the eleventh annual report on the working of "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886."

1. I have periodically inspected the various prisons on the dates stated in the attached table marked "J," and am glad to be again in a position to report that, though my visits were in most cases surprise ones, I have found in every instance the establishments clean and well kept, every attention being paid to the sanitary arrangements, while the management has been both effective and economical, and a state of discipline maintained that reflects credit on the gaolers and their officers; and, as some of my visits were made perhaps when I was least expected, it is reasonable to suppose that this satisfactory state of things prevails at all times. With a fluctuating community such as the inmates of prisons are, I am of opinion that the larger prisons should be inspected (if possible) three times in each year, and the smaller ones, where shorter-sentenced prisoners are detained, oftener.

2. It affords me great pleasure to be again in a position to inform you that the First Offenders' Probation Act continues to work most satisfactorily, as will be seen from the remarks under that heading. That this Act has saved many a young man and woman from a criminal career is now a fact beyond contradiction.

3. As usual, the supplies for the various prisons have been publicly tendered for, and no complaints have been made either by the prison authorities or the various contractors. The long-established custom of all tenders being addressed to and opened by the local Visiting Justices has been again strictly adhered to, and their recommendations have invariably been adopted. This system, while relieving the department from a great amount of responsibility, throws the onus of selection on gentlemen who, from their local knowledge and surroundings, must be competent judges on such important matters, and the absence of complaints as to the quality of the provisions, &c., tendered for use proves that a wise discretion is exercised by the Visiting Justices in this matter of selecting tenders.

4. Eight escapes took place during the year, all male prisoners—one at Auckland, one at Dunedin, one at Napier, two at Nelson, and three at New Plymouth. With the exception of one case, where the prisoner when at exercise in the gaol yard escaped by getting over the boundary-wall, all were cases of prisoners running away from their party when out on the works. In every case the escapees were quickly recaptured, and a searching inquiry made by the Visiting Justices to ascertain whether any blame was attachable to the prison officials, while the escapees, after being brought back, were arraigned in open Court and punished accordingly.

5. A reference to Table A shows that the health of the prisoners has been good throughout the year. The daily average of sick has been 5·90 males and 1·31 females, a decrease of 0·21 in each gender as compared with the previous year.

6. Fifteen deaths occurred during the year—twelve in Auckland and one each at New Plymouth, Timaru, and Mcgonui. Though one or two cases of typhoid fever were treated in prisons there was no epidemic, such cases being at once isolated. In each case of death in prisons an inquest was held in conformity with the Act.

7. There were no death sentences passed on prisoners in the colony during 1896.

8. From Table A it will be seen that at the commencement of last year 519 males and 63 females were undergoing imprisonment in the various gaols of the colony, while at its close there were 503 males and 47 females, giving a decrease of 16 males and a decrease of the same number of females. During 1896 3,280 males and 670 females passed through the various prisons, as against 3,385 males and 659 females during the previous year, a decrease of 105 males and an increase of 11 females, a total decrease of 94 prisoners.

9. During the past year the daily average number of prisoners in gaols has been 514·38 males and 57·12 females, a decrease on the previous year of 11·8 males and an increase of 0·1 females. The colony may therefore congratulate itself on this complete denial of the oft-repeated statement that criminals are being imported to this country.

10. According to the figures supplied by the Registrar-General, the population of the colony at the end of the past year was 398,660 males and 355,356 females, a total of 754,016 persons, while the number of prisoners at the same date was 503 males and 47 females; total, 550 persons. The average percentage of prisoners according to population was therefore 0·0729, as against 0·0785 in 1895.

11. During the past year 59 male misdemeanants in default and 55 males and 17 females supposed lunatics were confined in the various prisons in the colony, a decrease of 5 in the former, and in the latter an increase of 1 male and 8 females. I must again record my annual protest against these supposed lunatics and persons detained during the Colonial Secretary's pleasure being kept in prisons. There are three of the latter—1 male and 2 females. It is freely admitted on all sides that prisons are certainly not suitable places for the detention or treatment of these unfortunates; but, while public opinion is divided as to where such cases should be sent, a gross injustice is being done in sending them to prison, both to the sufferers and to the prison officials. It is believed the officials of the gaols use their best efforts to alleviate these people's sufferings, but there is neither the accommodation, appliances, nor the training necessary to enable them to successfully treat such maladies, which must only be aggravated by detention in prisons. I should like to see this, in my opinion, most important matter seriously taken up by prison reformers instead of many questions of not half so much importance.

12. At the close of the year there were 107 males and 2 females serving sentences of penal servitude, a decrease of 18 on the previous year; but, as the Criminal Code Act passed in 1893 abolished sentences of penal servitude, it is only a matter of a short time when there will be no more prisoners of the penal-servitude class.

13. During the past year 340 males and 45 females were acquitted or discharged after remand, as against 421 males and 28 females for the previous year, a decrease of 81 males and an increase of 17 females.

14. On reference to the financial table marked B it will be seen that the prisoners were maintained last year at a gross cost per head of £47 3s. 3d., as against £46 15s. 3d., and at a net cost of £31 8s. 6d., as against £32 2s. in 1895. The gross costs are made up as follows: Staff supervision, £31 1s. 1d., as against £30 10s. 7d.; maintenance, £12 16s. 5d., as against £13 2s. 10d.; and incidentals £3 5s. 9d., as against £3 1s. 8d. I have previously stated that the management has been economical, and to qualify that I would point out that the peculiar configuration of the country necessitates keeping open prisons at which there can only be few prisoners, but, owing to isolation and the Supreme Court sittings being held in the locality, a prison becomes a necessity. After pointing out in my reports for the years 1883, 1886, and 1888 that some of the smaller prisons might be closed, it was at last decided to make Timaru and Nelson police gaols, which would meet all the requirements of those places and save expense, but shortly afterwards I received instructions to reopen Nelson, and send a party of prisoners there to work on the Rocks Road. Again, in the prisons of this colony it must be remembered there are a large percentage of prisoners who contribute nothing towards their maintenance, such as awaiting trial, sick, misdemeanants' remands, supposed lunatics, &c., and their being exempted from labour tends to additional expenditure which the most careful administration is powerless to curtail. It should be borne in mind that a large sum out of the expenditure under the heading of "Incidentals" is recouped to the Government, and is therefore in reality merely a transfer—viz., to Railways, £216 7s. 11d., and Post and Telegraph, for telephones, &c., £74 10s.

15. As regards the education of prisoners, a reference to Table C shows that, out of a total of 3,280 males and 670 females, 2,478 males and 573 females were able to read and write well, while 199 males and 47 females were unable to read or write.

16. The receipts and credits for prison labour, road metal, bricks, &c., amounted last year to £8,977 2s. 9d., as against £8,402 4s. 6d. in the previous year, giving an increase of £374 18s. 3d.

17. It is interesting to notice from Table F that a comparison of the previously-convicted prisoners sentenced during the past year with those sentenced five years ago—viz., in 1891—shows a decrease in the once-convicted of 53 males and 10 females, a decrease in the twice-convicted of 3 males and 14 females, and in the thrice or oftener convicted a decrease of 45 males and 85 females. These decreases are considered satisfactory as tending to show that the present treatment of prisoners if not reformatory is at least deterrent.

18. A lady who has for some years past been an Official Visitor to one of the prisons of the colony recently, when delivering a public address, is reported to have said that her experience of seven years' visiting at a prison, and her reading, had led her to see that the criminals were always coming back, but the figures quoted in the last paragraph certainly tend to show that her experience and reading have somewhat misled her in this matter. Had she said drunkards instead of criminals keep returning to prisons I should have been prepared to agree with the contention. As in former reports, it has been pointed out that, in the opinions of those who have studied the subject, a grave error is made in treating drunkenness as a crime instead of a disease. The system of fining persons convicted of drunkenness, or sentencing them to imprison-

ment in default, is undoubtedly a mistake. As a rule, these people cannot or do not pay the fines, and consequently go to prison, where they are kept just long enough to get a fresh craving for drink, and on liberation at once indulge too freely and are again consigned to gaol; but these are not criminals in any sense of the word, they are nothing more nor less than individuals suffering from a disease, and should be treated as such, and sent to some establishment where they would receive proper treatment and perhaps cure. But to go back to the argument that the present system is neither deterrent nor reformatory. Let us take the statistics for the last ten years, and we find that in 1886 5,003 persons passed through the prisons of the colony, and of these 2,234 had been previously convicted, while last year 3,392 persons passed through the prisons, and of these only 1,767 had been previously convicted, showing a decrease in the ten years of 1,611 prisoners, with a decrease of 467 in the previously-convicted classes. It is, of course, an easy matter to condemn not only our present prison system, but also the manner in which it is administered, but I am certainly not prepared to recommend any radical changes, because they have succeeded in some other country, without being first convinced by practical demonstration that our system, which the statistics show works well, can be bettered when all the exceptionally difficult circumstances of this colony are taken into consideration. It is easy to condemn any system and administration, but to devise a better scheme that could be successfully carried out in this colony appears to be beyond the conception of those who are ever ready to find fault with the existing state of things. No ideal system for the treatment of prisoners to please everybody has yet been invented, and I am quite sure that such a one never will be.

19. It gives me great pleasure to draw attention to Table D, which shows that only one child under the age of ten years has been confined in the gaols of the colony during the past year, as against nine in 1895. This is, of course, one too many, but clearly shows that as regards infants being sent to prisons we are at last waking up to a sense of our duties. In those aged from ten to fifteen years there were 17, as against 53 in the previous twelve months, while in those aged from fifteen to twenty years there were 257, as against 306 in 1895, showing a total decrease for last year of 93 in those under the age of twenty years. This matter of juvenile offenders and their treatment is one of vital importance to the community generally, and, though every possible precaution has been taken to prevent these juveniles being contaminated by the adult prisoners, it will be freely admitted that children are no proper inmates for gaols, and every time they enter the prison doors and are again discharged so much nearer are they to becoming confirmed criminals, and therefore the decrease during last year, as before stated, is considered more than encouraging.

20. A reference to Table K shows that there has been an increase in the number of prison punishments awarded during the past year—viz., 262, against 222 in 1895. Of these, 239 were minor punishments inflicted by Visiting Justices, while 13 were more serious, or aggravated prison offences, and, after first being investigated by a Visiting Justice, were reheard in open Court. This system of having aggravated prison offences reheard in open Court is working well, and is a source of much relief and satisfaction to the prison officers generally.

21. The number of offences committed by prison officers last year was four, as against eight in 1895, all of which were of a minor nature, and I have every reason to be fully satisfied with the conduct and ability of the gaolers and their subordinates, who, notwithstanding the necessarily long hours and monotony of their duties, as a rule, to a considerable extent, study the temperaments and dispositions of those over whom they are placed, and so, while maintaining strict discipline, establish a mutual confidence which results in a cheerful obedience and good feeling generally between all parties.

22. During the past year the prisoners in Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin have been employed principally in works connected with the fortifications, and good work has been done. In Auckland fair progress has been made in continuing the building of the new prison, and it is hoped, at no very distant date, that all the old wooden buildings will have been vacated. At New Plymouth good work has been done in cutting down the banks surrounding the gaol, which, for sanitary reasons, was urgently required. At Nelson good work has been done by the prisoners on the Rocks Road, and a very few months more should see that work completed. At Napier employment has been found in opening up a quarry on the gaol reserve, and getting out and squaring stone for a new boundary-wall which is much needed. In Wellington, besides the fortification works, bricks, drain-pipes, and tiles have been made for the various Government buildings. At Lyttelton the work has been almost exclusively confined to the reclamation of Sticking Point, and making good damage which had been caused by gales since the work was abandoned some years ago, when the prisoners were removed to Ripa Island for building defence works. At Dunedin, in addition to the fortification works, the prisoners have done good and useful work on the Maori Kaik Road; while in Invercargill they have, as usual, been employed by the Corporation, which pays a fixed rate of wages for their services.

23. As regards new prisons, Auckland is making good progress, and is being entirely built by prison labour. The male wing at Mount Cook is now about completed, and has been fitted with electric light, and it is hoped the male prisoners will soon be moved into it from the Terrace. At Dunedin the new prison to accommodate (each with a separate cell) 50 male and 20 female prisoners is nearing completion. This prison has been built by co-operative labour, and will serve the requirements of the locality probably for some years to come. A gaoler's residence is much required in Dunedin, and should be commenced on part of the site the old prison now stands on as soon as those buildings are vacated.

24. In the month of May last the Lady Superintendent and Prison Evangelist of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Penal, Charitable, and Reformatory Work, from Providence, United States of America, visited this colony on an extended tour of inspection of the prisons and charitable institutions of the world. While in the colony she visited the larger prisons, and before leaving New Zealand she was pleased to write to me in the following strain:

That her visits to the different institutions had been most satisfactory, and she was pleased to find I had adopted the police-matron system, which insures womanly care for all women arrested. She had been much interested in reading my prison report for last year, and in the suggestions made concerning lunatic paupers, young children, &c. She was sure we were working towards the reforms so much desired in all countries, and that it is only a question of time for us to secure the improvements needed; and suggests that while we have a number of prisons building we could determine upon a section devoted to reformatory work or influence; the way would be open for the more scientific and economical care of classes which need care, protection, or reform. She concludes by saying, "It would be a great thing for this young colony, which has made such strides in reform, to step to the front or lead the way in the treatment of the dependent, defective, or delinquent classes." These remarks, coming from an expert of the experience the writer has in such matters, cannot be looked upon otherwise than as eminently satisfactory.

25. It is with deep regret I have to record the sudden death, on the 23rd February last, of Mr. Edward Rickerby, Gaoler, of New Plymouth Prison, who died in his office at 7.30 o'clock a.m. He had served continuously in the department since the 23rd July, 1869, and had risen from the bottom of the ladder to a gaolership, and had had charge of the New Plymouth Prison since the 31st March, 1885. He was a thorough upright and conscientious officer, and from his kindly manner when carrying out his official duties had won the respect and esteem of those with whom he was brought in contact, and his loss is much felt by myself and the department generally.

FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

1. A reference to Table L shows that 72 persons were placed on probation last year, as against 118 in 1895. Of these, 31 have been discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses, 1 committed suicide, 4 were rearrested, 1 absconded, and 35 still remain under the supervision of the Probation Officers.

2. The amount of costs ordered to be paid by the various Courts before whom these offenders were brought was £519 13s. 6d., of which £289 19s. 1d. had been actually paid at the end of the year, and the greater portion of the remainder will, it is believed, be paid as it becomes due. The approximate cost of keeping these offenders in prison amounts to £2,250, which sum, added to the amount of costs, &c., actually paid, gives a saving of £2,769 13s. 6d. to the colony.

3. Of the 823 persons who have been placed on probation since the introduction of the Act in October, 1886, 708 have been discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses, 49 have been rearrested and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, 1 committed suicide, 2 have died, 19 have absconded, and 44 still remain on probation.

4. The foregoing paragraph is the result of a ten years' working of what sceptical persons were pleased ten years ago to denounce as a dangerous, unwarrantable action of the Legislature in passing the First Offenders' Probation Act in 1886, it having been introduced into and shepherded through the House of Representatives by the Hon. J. A. Tole, the then Minister of Justice; but it is only due to those who were most prominent in denouncing it at that time to say that they are now amongst those loudest in its praise, and I am proud to see similar measures being brought forward in the majority of countries. A more reformatory Act has never been, to my mind, adopted, and the longer it works the more popular it will become with those who may still be dubious of its usefulness.

5. Before concluding this report there is one more matter to which I should like to invite attention, as it is intimately connected with those placed on probation, which is the necessity that exists for some organization to take in hand and look after discharged prisoners. There is such a society in Dunedin, which does good work under its agent, Mr. J. A. Torrence, who is gaol chaplain in Dunedin. The First Offenders' Probation Act has done much to keep people out of gaol, but the want is felt of some organization which will take in hand prisoners on discharge from gaol. A man comes out of prison and gets into employment. The police naturally have to keep a watch on him, at least for a time. If they inform the employer that his workman has been in gaol, in many instances the man loses his situation; if the police say nothing to the employer, and the man commits a crime, the employer turns round on the police and complains that they did not let him know he was employing a gaol-bird. If the man cannot get work, or hangs about the towns, the probabilities are he meets others in similar circumstances, and he gradually but surely drifts lower and becomes an habitual criminal. Again, a man is discharged from prison after completing his sentence with the firm intention of what he would term "going straight." He gets employment, and presently one who has been in gaol with him comes along. The former, wishing to keep clear of old associations, will have nothing to do with the latter, who promptly spreads the information about that he (the former) has been in gaol. The other men with whom he works, not unnaturally perhaps, object to his staying and working longer with them, and so he is again thrust down. It may be said he must take the consequences of his former crime, but the fact remains that he is not allowed to become honest. If some society could be found which would take a rational and intelligent, not a morbid or sentimental, interest in men when they are discharged, and would find them reasonable employment until they could, so to speak, feel their legs, and lose the prison taint, many a man who now is driven into the criminal class would, I feel sure, become a respectable member of the community.

I have, &c.,

A. HUME, Inspector of Prisons.

Table A.

NUMBER of PRISONERS in the Colony, and their Disposal, for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

State of the Prisons.	Auckland.		Dunedin.		Hokitika.		Invercargill.		Lyttelton.		Napier.		Nelson.		New Plymouth.		Wanganui.		Wellington.		Minor Gaols.	Totals.	Grand Total.
IN PRISON 1ST JANUARY.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	..	5	1	3	1	..	4	..	8	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	46
	..	10	0	3	1	..	..	..	25	3	1	..	20	..	2	..	..	..	55	1	..	..	121
	..	58	5	32	2	1	4	..	26	..	3	1	13	..	6	..	2	..	35	1	..	..	185
	..	17	4	10	1	2	4	..	18	8	19	3	2	..	3	1	7	1	22	7	..	..	129
	..	22	3	6	2	3	4	..	11	5	5	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	9	1	5	1	84
	..	1	1	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	13
	Total	108	14	57	10	7	17	..	91	16	36	6	36	..	16	1	15	2	127	11	9	1	582
RECEIVED.																							
	Debtors ..	6	..	6	..	..	6	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	5	..	17	..	59
	Lunatics ..	1	..	5	1	..	8	2	..	..	10	3	..	4	3	..	4	1	..	..	26	7	58
	For trial, on remand, or in transitu	109	12	41	10	5	20	3	81	7	43	2	13	..	30	1	14	1	79	8	197	9	685
	Sentenced to—																						
	Penal servitude ..	39	1	20	..	3	..	..	10	..	6	1	2	..	6	..	10	..	36	1	5	..	17
	One year's hard labour and upwards	77	21	25	10	8	15	..	67	17	28	10	1	..	11	3	24	4	55	17	15	..	144
	Three months' hard labour and upwards	335	100	147	108	30	74	9	249	94	94	12	9	..	38	3	73	5	235	91	205	12	326
	Under three months' hard labour	12	5	4	3	3	2	..	13	..	2	..	5	..	4	..	1	..	7	1	37	..	82
	Simple imprisonment ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	408
DISCHARGED.	Total	579	139	248	132	49	98	14	439	119	192	28	31	..	94	10	130	11	423	118	502	28	3,392
	Total for year	687	153	305	142	56	115	14	530	135	228	34	67	..	110	11	145	13	550	129	511	29	3,974
	Debtors ..	5	..	7	..	..	6	..	7	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	5	..	13	..	57
	Lunatics transferred to asylums	7	1	6	1	..	6	1	3	..	8	2	..	..	3	3	3	1	2	..	24	7	78
	Acquitted after remand ..	78	12	10	11	5	18	4	66	5	20	1	3	..	16	..	4	1	55	8	67	3	342
	On remission of sentence ..	74	7	25	3	3	8	..	53	3	21	3	19	..	8	1	3	1	60	2	1	..	295
	On expiration of sentence ..	398	119	170	114	35	61	9	303	119	109	23	17	..	52	6	91	8	292	111	223	10	1,756
	On bail or probation ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1	527
	Transferred to other prisons or police	10	..	14	..	..	..	..	16	2	17	2	2	..	16	1	32	1	10	..	144	7	2,983
	Died ..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	35
IN PRISON AT END OF YEAR.	Total	588	140	246	129	43	99	14	450	129	187	31	42	..	97	11	137	12	424	121	493	28	3,424
	In prison at end of year	104	13	59	13	13	16	..	80	6	41	3	25	..	13	..	8	1	126	8	18	1	623
	Total for year	687	153	305	142	56	115	14	530	135	228	34	67	..	110	11	145	13	550	129	511	29	3,974
	Greatest number of both sexes at one time	156	..	82	..	15	25	..	128	..	49	..	36	..	32	..	26	..	159	..	..	..	..
	Least number of both sexes at one time	104	..	59	..	4	10	..	83	..	30	..	24	..	11	..	6	..	130	..	..	..	..
	Daily average ..	113.06	14.87	57.60	9.95	8.12	15.70	0.50	87.75	12.49	33.50	4.80	27.94	..	17.91	1.05	13.65	1.28	129.99	11.01	9.16	0.75	514.38
	Prisoners ill 48 hours or more	56	13	23	6	1	..	..	48	13	6	..	24	..	11	..	7	..	24	11	7	1	57.12
	Prisoners admitted to hospital	52	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	45
	Daily average on sick-list ..	1.65	0.39	0.51	0.12	0.84	0.39	0.20	..	0.68	..	0.03	..	0.58	..	1.20	0.20	252
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Table B.
EXPENDITURE under the different Heads of Service for the Year ending 31st December, 1896.

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	Nelson.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Total.
Daily average number of { Male prisoners • Female	113-06 14-87	57-60 9-95	8-12 0-42	15-70 0-50	87-75 12-49	33-50 4-80	27-94 ..	17-91 1-05	13-65 1-28	129-99 11-01	505-22 56-37
Total	127-93	67-55	8-54	16-20	100-24	38-30	27-94	18-96	14-93	141-00	561-59
HEADS OF SERVICE.											
<i>Staff:</i>											
Salaries and allowances	£ s. d. 3,755 0 0	£ s. d. 2,011 17 4	£ s. d. 690 0 0	£ s. d. 619 5 4	£ s. d. 2,977 1 2	£ s. d. 921 18 8	£ s. d. 1,032 8 3	£ s. d. 880 8 6	£ s. d. 567 6 6	£ s. d. 3,564 9 5	£ s. d. 16,999 15 2
Uniforms	48 13 11	62 6 1	11 19 0	11 4 2	103 8 4	25 19 10	42 12 0	23 15 10	23 11 4	86 15 10	440 6 4
Total	3,803 13 11	2,074 3 5	701 19 0	630 9 6	3,080 9 6	947 18 6	1,075 0 3	884 4 4	590 17 10	3,651 5 3	17,440 1 6
Cost per prisoner	29 14 7	30 14 1	82 3 11	38 18 4	30 14 7	24 15 0	38 9 6	46 12 8	39 11 6	25 17 11	31 1 1
<i>Maintenance:</i>											
Rations	756 15 7	449 0 1	113 14 8	110 4 6	624 19 9	257 18 8	267 12 10	260 1 2	120 17 4	1,021 4 0	3,982 8 7
Fuel and light	165 7 10	103 18 9	43 2 3	44 16 4	249 8 10	49 14 9	43 14 11	34 3 7	94 9 6	273 2 0	1,101 18 9
Bedding, clothing, &c.	253 15 0	185 1 7	30 17 5	51 4 7	271 10 8	45 14 6	87 8 7	3 14 2	47 13 11	505 13 4	1,482 13 9
Medicines and medical comforts	143 16 5	38 17 2	0 10 6	2 10 0	30 11 0	15 17 11	2 15 4	10 17 7	12 9 7	101 3 4	359 8 10
Furniture	31 4 1	30 14 1	2 17 8	2 11 3	12 10 10	1 4 0	3 11 3	3 16 1	17 11 7	1 8 0	107 8 10
Soap and cleaning materials	30 17 4	15 6 11	2 16 8	3 5 6	48 14 8	7 5 7	3 15 10	2 4 6	7 8 3	45 9 1	167 4 4
Total	1,381 16 3	822 18 7	193 19 2	214 12 2	1,237 15 9	377 15 5	408 18 9	314 17 1	300 10 2	1,947 19 9	7,201 3 1
Cost per prisoner	10 16 1	12 3 7	72 14 3	13 4 11	12 6 11	9 17 3	14 12 8	16 12 2	20 2 6	13 16 4	12 16 5
<i>Incidental:</i>											
Rates, rent, &c.	101 15 0	.. ..	.. ..	7 0 0	52 0 0	7 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	75 14 1	243 19 1
Conveyance of officers and prisoners	71 13 7	57 14 11	1 3 0	3 5 0	93 4 2	11 8 7	20 11 3	38 17 9	31 2 6	67 8 11	336 9 8
Tools, materials for prison labour, &c.	82 0 8	0 10 0	.. ..	.. ..	30 6 0	41 19 3	23 10 4	11 0 10	53 4 4	168 5 0	410 16 5
Gratuities to prisoners on discharge, &c.	201 15 4	75 10 0	10 10 1	21 5 0	66 13 5	50 15 8	76 18 10	17 18 2	48 5 8	224 1 7	793 13 9
Total	457 4 7	133 14 11	11 13 1	31 10 0	242 3 7	111 13 6	121 0 5	67 16 9	132 12 6	535 9 7	1,844 18 11
Cost per prisoner	3 11 5	1 19 7	1 7 2	1 18 11	2 8 4	2 18 4	4 6 8	3 11 6	8 17 7	3 15 11	3 5 9
Gross total cost	5,642 14 9	3,030 16 11	907 11 3	876 11 8	4,560 8 10	1,437 7 5	1,604 19 5	1,266 18 2	1,024 0 6	6,134 14 7	26,486 3 6
Gross cost per prisoner per annum	44 2 1	44 17 3	106 5 4	54 2 2	45 9 10	37 10 7	57 8 10	66 16 4	68 11 7	43 10 2	47 3 3
<i>Deduct:</i>											
Cash received for maintenance	360 6 6	34 13 9	.. ..	70 6 3	104 11 1	16 1 0	0 14 6	0 10 6	0 10 2	25 17 10	613 11 7
Work for other departments, &c.	2,066 18 10	291 3 6	82 10 0	295 15 0	1,606 2 5	49 10 0	844 1 3	.. ..	.. ..	3,127 10 2	8,363 11 2
Total	2,427 5 4	325 17 3	82 10 0	366 1 3	1,710 13 6	65 11 0	844 15 9	0 10 6	0 10 2	3,153 8 0	8,977 2 9
Net total cost	3,215 9 5	2,704 19 8	825 1 3	510 10 5	2,849 15 4	1,371 16 5	760 3 8	1,266 7 8	1,023 10 4	2,981 6 7	17,509 0 9
Net cost per prisoner per annum	25 2 8	40 8 10	96 12 2	31 10 3	28 8 7	35 16 4	27 4 2	66 15 10	68 10 11	21 2 10	31 3 6

Table C.
EDUCATION of PRISONERS received during the Year 1896.

Prisons.	Superior Education.		Read and write.		Read only.		Unable to read.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland	14	..	482	108	8	14	75	17	579	189
Dunedin	5	..	224	120	17	10	2	2	248	132
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	48	7	1	..	..	1	49	8
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	87	11	1	..	10	3	98	14
Lyttelton	1	..	390	97	18	14	30	8	439	119
Napier	7	..	154	22	11	3	20	3	192	28
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	28	..	2	..	1	..	31	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	84	7	1	..	9	3	94	10
Wanganui	1	..	113	10	6	..	10	1	130	11
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	413	109	1	6	9	3	423	118
Minor gaols	2	..	448	22	16	..	36	6	502	28
Total	30	..	2,471	513	82	47	202	47	2,785	607

Table D.
AGES of PRISONERS received during the Year 1896, and CAUSES of their DETENTION.

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	Nelson.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Minor Gaols.	Total.
Under 10 years:												
Felony .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Misdemeanour .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minor offences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10 to 15 years:												
Felony .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	2	7
Misdemeanour .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Minor offences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	5
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
15 to 20 years:												
Felony	38	23	2	12	28	9	3	9	4	16	17	161
Misdemeanour	2	..	..	5	3	2	..	1	2	9	3	27
Minor offences	21	13	..	4	10	1	..	..	..	6	10	65
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4
20 to 25 years:												
Felony	54	12	4	5	26	15	..	6	5	30	30	187
Misdemeanour	10	5	1	7	5	7	5	8	2	11	12	73
Minor offences	50	43	..	2	48	..	..	1	3	28	35	210
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	4	9
25 to 30 years:												
Felony	48	16	7	4	17	10	6	6	9	31	19	173
Misdemeanour	9	1	2	10	6	18	1	9	10	16	12	94
Minor offences	71	52	1	2	51	5	..	2	8	46	27	265
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	2	..	5	..	2	..	1	..	2	4	16
30 to 40 years:												
Felony	39	34	4	5	28	14	6	8	10	43	25	216
Misdemeanour	16	3	3	5	14	25	2	12	9	29	22	140
Minor offences	101	56	2	2	89	7	3	2	11	102	54	429
Debt or lunacy	5	5	..	4	1	8	..	1	3	2	13	42
40 to 50 years:												
Felony	32	18	4	1	21	9	1	3	8	29	13	139
Misdemeanour	15	3	4	7	12	21	..	10	9	16	10	107
Minor offences	84	51	10	8	103	14	..	..	11	60	62	403
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	3	..	2	1	5	..	1	1	..	7	20
50 to 60 years:												
Felony	16	10	4	4	11	..	2	1	4	10	8	70
Misdemeanour	7	1	..	3	4	14	1	11	3	8	5	57
Minor offences	51	21	5	9	47	9	1	..	10	30	75	258
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	1	..	4	1	3	..	4	2	1	10	26
60 years and upwards:												
Felony	12	3	1	..	5	1	..	..	1	3	5	31
Misdemeanour	1	..	1	..	5	8	..	2	3	4	2	26
Minor offences	31	3	2	1	19	7	..	2	9	9	24	107
Debt or lunacy	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	11	18
Summary:												
Felony	239	116	26	31	137	59	18	36	42	162	119	985
Misdemeanour	64	13	11	37	49	95	9	53	38	93	66	528
Minor offences	409	239	20	28	367	44	4	7	52	281	292	1,743
Debt or lunacy	6	12	..	16	5	22	..	8	9	5	53	136
Total	718	380	57	112	558	220	31	104	141	541	530	3,392

Table E.
PREVIOUSLY-CONVICTED PRISONERS received during the Year 1896.

Prisons.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland	55	13	34	6	184	101	273	120
Dunedin	24	9	23	4	74	101	121	114
Hokitika	4	1	6	..	18	7	23	8
Invercargill	9	1	3	1	12	4	24	6
Lyttelton	73	8	39	6	123	88	235	102
Napier	22	1	10	1	59	17	91	19
Nelson	2	..	1	..	2	..	5	..
New Plymouth	13	1	3	..	9	3	25	4
Wanganui	14	1	6	1	43	4	63	6
Wellington	76	4	30	5	109	89	215	98
Minor gaols	67	1	36	..	101	10	204	11
Total	359	40	191	24	729	424	1,279	488

Table F.
PREVIOUSLY-CONVICTED PRISONERS for Five Years, 1892–96.

Year.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1892	411	50	191	38	774	509	1,376	597
1893	391	42	228	34	808	462	1,427	538
1894	375	39	213	37	817	384	1,405	460
1895	317	47	199	27	742	405	1,258	479
1896	359	40	191	24	729	424	1,279	488

Table G.
NUMBER of CONVICTS (Prisoners sentenced to Penal Servitude) in the different Prisons.

Prisons.						31st December, 1895.	31st December, 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	16	2	..	14
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	28	29	1	..
Napier .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	20	18	..	2
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	56	54	..	..
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	56	54	..	2
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	127	109	1	19
Net decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18

Table H.
CRIMES of PRISONERS sentenced to HARD LABOUR for Twelve Months and upwards during the Year 1896.

Abduction	1	Larceny from the person	5
Assault causing bodily harm	2	" from a dwelling	9
Arson	2	Malicious damage	1
Abortion, Procuring of, &c.	1	Manslaughter	1
Breach of Probation Act	2	Obtaining goods by false pretences	4
Bigamy	3	Rape	2
Burglary	8	Rape, attempted	2
Carnally knowing, &c.	2	Robbery	6
Demanding money by threats, &c.	1	" with violence	1
Embezzlement and fraud	3	Sheep-stealing	4
Escaping from legal custody	1	Shooting at	1
Feloniously receiving	2	Sodomy	1
Forging and uttering	19	Stealing post letters	2
Horse- and cattle-stealing	19	Vagrancy	13
Housebreaking, and possessing implements for	25	Wounding	1
Indecent assault	6		
Indecent exposure	2	Total	171
Larceny	19		

Table I.

VISITS of the VISITING JUSTICES to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1896.

Prisons and Visiting Justices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Auckland:													
C. La Roche ..	10	6	7	3	1	6	5	5	3	4	5	7	62
Hon. T. Thompson, M.H.R. ..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
M. Niccol ..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5
Hon. W. McCullough, M.L.C. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
T. H. White ..	4	5	2	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	47
J. H. Hannan ..	..	..	1	3	3	5	3	3	1	4	1	3	27
Dunedin:													
E. W. Carew, S.M. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
G. G. Russell ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	5
Dr. Hislop ..	2	3	4	1	4	1	2	..	2	5	1	2	27
W. Thomson ..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	2	10
Hugh Gourley ..	9	5	6	6	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	9	86
E. B. Cargill ..	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	11
R. Chisholm ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
W. Elder ..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Hokitika:													
Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3
J. Bevan ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	4
Invercargill:													
T. Perkins ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	5
J. W. Poynton, S.M. ..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
W. Todd ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
R. F. Cuthbertson ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Hon. H. Feldwick, M.L.C. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Lyttelton:													
R. Westenra ..	2	5	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	3	..	2	35
J. Hamilton ..	3	5	4	3	3	..	4	1	2	5	3	5	38
R. P. Lonargan ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
R. Beetham, S.M. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Napier:													
E. Lyndon ..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	10
J. S. Large ..	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	..	5	3	3	33
Nelson:													
J. Sharp ..	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	7
J. Graham, M.H.R. ..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	7
F. Trask ..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	7
New Plymouth:													
R. Parris ..	..	1	1	1	..	1	5	1	..	2	1	..	13
R. Trimble ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	4
H. Weston ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
D. Berry ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	1	..	2	8
Wanganui:													
E. N. Liffiton ..	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
F. A. Krull ..	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	7
G. Carson, M.H.R. ..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	6
A. J. Parsons ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Wellington:													
J. R. Blair ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	4
J. C. Martin ..	2	2	2	..	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	18
C. E. W. Willeston ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	7

Table J.

VISITS of the INSPECTOR to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1896.

Prisons.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Auckland	3, 7, 11, 12, 14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28, 30	3
Dunedin	1, 4, 5	..
Hokitika
Invercargill	2, 3	..
Lyttelton	22, 27, 28	..	..	..	..	31	7, 10, 12	..
Napier	16, 17, 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15, 16
Nelson	1, 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Plymouth	23	..
Wanganui	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..
Wellington	23	16	..	18	..	1	..	..	..

Table K.
PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1896.
AUCKLAND PRISON.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
M. McK.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Gideon ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. E. A.	Escaping from prison ..	The Gaoler ..	H. W. Northcroft, S.M.	3 months' hard labour.
S. C.	Giving provisions to a fellow-prisoner, and insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Ainslie ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
S. C.	Refusing to work, and insulting language to his officer	Warder Gideon ..	" ..	"
P. L.	Preferring a false complaint against the prison surgeon	The Gaoler ..	H. W. Northcroft, S.M.	3 months' hard labour.
F. W.	Disrespect to the Gaoler ..	" ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. A. B.	Idleness ..	Asst. Warder Brien ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
S. C.	" ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
M. H.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
H. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
E. A.	Being in possession of prohibited articles, and writing clandestine letter to female prisoner	The Gaoler ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
E. L. W.	Communicating with another class prisoner without permission	" ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
F. W.	Communicating with another class prisoner without permission	" ..	" ..	"
W. D.	Committing a nuisance ..	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	"
J. N.	Being in possession of clandestine letters	Warder Crook ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
H. W.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Gillespie	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. C.	Writing clandestine letters, and attempting to have them conveyed out of the prison	The Gaoler ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water, and to forfeit 42 marks.
W. D.	Insulting language to his officer	Warder O'Donohue ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
B. T. T.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" ..	"
B. T. T.	Threatening language to his officer	" ..	" ..	"
W. D.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
F. W.	" ..	Pl. Warder Rutherford	" ..	1 day bread and water.
F. W.	Threatening language to fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
H. D.	Giving false evidence ..	The Gaoler ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
A. W.	Wilfully damaging prison property	Warder Chilton ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. D.	Insolence to his officer ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. R.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" ..	"
J. R.	Obscene language ..	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
H. W.	Idleness ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. W.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
F. D.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Crook ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
N. C.	Idleness ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
H. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Gideon ..	" ..	"
J. J. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Flannery	T. H. White, V.J. ..	"
T. J.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"
F. B.	Malingering, and disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Wrdr. McMurray	" ..	"
H. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Flannery	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
A. J. D.	Refusing to work, and threatening language to his officer	Warder Gideon ..	" ..	"
A. M.	Idleness ..	Pl. Warder Rutherford	" ..	"
W. H.	" ..	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	"
H. P.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	"
C. C.	" ..	" ..	" ..	"
H. P.	Obscene language before a Visiting Justice	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
J. M.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" ..	"
H. W.	Being in possession of a prohibited article	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. M.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. D.	Wilfully damaging prison property	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	"
J. M.	Ditto ..	Warder Gideon ..	" ..	"

Table K—continued.

PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1896—continued.

AUCKLAND PRISON—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
J. M.	Breaking from the ranks, and obscene language	Warder Gideon ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. P.	Disobedience of lawful orders, and disrespect to the Matron	The Matron ..	" ..	"
J. M.	Irreverent behaviour at divine service	Asst. Warder Ainslie ..	" ..	"
R. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	"
G. A.	"	Pl. Warder Flannery ..	" ..	"
J. C.	Fighting	Warder Crook ..	" ..	To forfeit 20 marks.
J. C.	Leaving his place of exercise without permission	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 10 marks.
J. R. C.	Insubordination	The Gaoler	" ..	1 day bread and water.
H. P.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Foreman ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
R. B.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
E. A.	Fighting	Warder O'Donohue ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
E. L. W.	Obscene language to his officer	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. M.	Communicating with a female prisoner	Asst. Wrdr. Gillespie ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
S. S.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	"
J. M.	Insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Levin ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Donohue ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. H.	Refusing to work	Asst. Warder Foreman ..	" ..	"
A. J.	Irreverent behaviour at divine service	Warder Gideon ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. M.	Idleness, and disrespect to his officer	Pl. Warder Rutherford ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
A. J.	Threatening language to his officer	Warder Gideon ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
C. C. K.	Idleness	Trades Officer. Markham ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
E. H. M.	Fighting	Warder Coffey ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
T. A. H.	"	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. A. H.	Obscene language ..	Trades Officer. Markham ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
T. T. H.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
C. C. K.	Idleness and disrespect to his officer	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
C. C. K.	Being in possession of prohibited articles, and insulting language to his officer	Warder Coffey ..	" ..	"
T. A. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
T. A. H.	Idleness	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. F.	Disorderly behaviour ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
C. C. K.	Refusing to work	Warder Treacy ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. G.	Fighting	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.	"	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
W. F.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
E. C. S.	Idleness, and insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	"
E. C. S.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Pl. Warder Woolley ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
C. C. K.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. M.	Disrespect to his officer ..	Warder Chilton ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. M.	Idleness	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. M. D.	Disorderly behaviour ..	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
T. A. H.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Pl. Warder Woolley ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
T. A. H.	Threatening and abusive language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Denison ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.

DUNEDIN PRISON.

J. H.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Lacey ..	H. Gourley, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. H.	Ditto	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	" ..	"
J. D.	Disorderly conduct, and fighting	Asst. Warder Lacey ..	" ..	"
D. M.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	"
R. D.	"	" ..	" ..	"
J. G.	"	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	" ..	"
P. McC.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"
J. A.	Ditto	Asst. Warder Lacey ..	" ..	"
J. A.	Insulting language to his officer	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	" ..	"
J. R.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	"
J. G.	Violent assault on his officer	Warder Rearden ..	J. Carroll, J.P., and J. Hazlett, J.P.	To forfeit 1,100 marks.

Table K—continued.
PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1896—continued.
DUNEDIN PRISON—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
G. B.	Insulting language to the Prison Surgeon	Pl. Warder Armstrong	H. Gourley, V.J. ..	6 days bread and water.
G. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Connor ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. McC.	Ditto	Pl. Warder Armstrong	" ..	"
D. J.	"	" ..	" ..	"
D. J.	"	Asst. Warder Lacey ..	" ..	"
W. G.	"	" ..	" ..	"
R. C.	"	" ..	" ..	"
R. C.	"	Warder Connor ..	" ..	"

HOKITIKA PRISON.

C. T.	Disorderly conduct ..	Asst. Warder Bust ..	J. Bevan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. B.	Fighting on the works ..	Asst. Warder Brown..	" ..	"

INVERCARGILL PRISON.

W. H. B.	Idleness, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Joseph..	R. F. Cuthbertson, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. P.	Being in possession of prohibited article	" ..	J. W. Poynton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.

LYTTELTON PRISON.

J. C.	Idleness, and using abusive and threatening language to his officer	Warder Manning ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
C. C.	Carelessly running a truck over the tip-head into the water	" ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. McM.	Idleness	Pl. Warder Reston ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. P.	Not picking his quantity of oakum	Asst. Warder O'Brien	" ..	"
J. McM.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	"
W. R.	Fighting on the works ..	Pl. Warder Reston ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	"
C. L.	Insolence	The Matron ..	Ditto	2 days bread and water.
W. P.	Fighting on the works ..	Pl. Warder Reston ..	"	2 days bread and water and 7 days separate confinement.
J. C.	Obscene and threatening language to his officer	Warder Walsh ..	"	2 days bread and water.
M. W.	Insolence	The Matron ..	"	1 day bread and water.
M. W.	"	"	"	"
D. M.	Idleness	Pl. Warder Bell ..	R. Westenra, V.J. ..	"
W. B.	"	"	"	"
H. A. H.	"	"	"	"
J. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Fuller ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	"
W. J.	Fighting on the works ..	Asst. Warder Rafter ..	Ditto	"
G. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	"	R. Westenra, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
G. W. B.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Murray	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
G. W. B.	Fighting on the works ..	Pl. Warder Reston ..	"	2 days bread and water.
G. F.	"	"	"	To forfeit 48 marks.
J. F.	Idleness, and disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Bell ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	2 days bread and water and 7 days separate confinement.
O. K.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Blatchford ..	Ditto	1 day bread and water.
A. G. D.	Wilful damage to prison property	Asst. Warder Brownie	"	"
J. K.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Blatchford ..	"	"
B. McK.	"	The Matron ..	R. Westenra, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
B. McK.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	"	"	"
R. D.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Fuller ..	"	"
W. J.	Obscene language, and disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Wdr. McWilliam	"	3 days bread and water.
J. M.	Insulting language to his officer	Pl. Warder Reston ..	"	To forfeit 36 marks.
J. M.	Threatening language to his officer	"	"	To forfeit 84 marks.

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Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
C. L.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
C. L.	Insolence	" ..	" ..	"
C. L.	Insolence, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	"
C. L.	Ditto	" ..	Ditto	"
C. L.	Disobedience, and abusive language	" ..	" ..	"
C. L.	Threatening and abusive language	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
H. R.	Irreverent behaviour at divine service	Warder Blatchford ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
F. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Rafter ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
F. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Reston ..	" ..	"
W. B.	Giving provisions to another prisoner	Warder Fuller ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
A. A.	Threatening language, and idleness	Pl. Warder Bell ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. C.	Ditto	Warder Fuller ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"
J. T.	Ditto	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
J. C.	Malingering, and resisting the officer in the execution of his duty	Pl. Warder Reston ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
S. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	The Matron ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	"
A. A.	Throwing his bread out of cell-window, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Oliver ..	Ditto	2 days bread and water.
J. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Reston ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
A. A.	Fighting on the works ..	Asst. Warder O'Brien	" ..	2 days bread and water.

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J. M.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Forsythe ..	J. S. Large, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. M.	Profane language ..	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
J. C.	Wilful damage to prison property	Pl. Warder Nicholson	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. C.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
D. H.	Idleness	Warder McNamara ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W. M.	Resisting officers in the execution of their duty	Pl. Warder Nicholson	" ..	"
T. H.	Malingering, and disrespect to the Gaoler	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
S. C.	Escaping from legal custody	" ..	A. Turnbull, S.M. ..	3 months' hard labour.
W. N.	Refusing to work ..	" ..	J. S. Large, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
C. G. A.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Forsythe ..	" ..	"
W. M.	Making frivolous complaints	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
W. M.	Obscene language ..	" ..	" ..	"

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C. W. M.	Disobedience	Warder Kearney ..	J. Sharp, V.J. ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
C. W. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"
C. R.	Threatening language ..	Warder Crook ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
C. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
J. R.	Refusing to work ..	" ..	F. Trask, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water, and to forfeit 24 marks.
E. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Molloy ..	J. Sharp, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
E. R.	Insulting language ..	Asst. Warder Mahon ..	J. Graham, V.J. ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
C. E. D.	Attempting to send out a clandestine letter	Warder Crook ..	F. Trask, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water
C. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Weyburne ..	J. Graham, V.J. ..	"
C. R.	Insolence	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
W. A.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Kearney ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. A.	Threatening language ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. A.	Assaulting his officer ..	" ..	H. W. Robinson, S.M.	3 days' close confinement, and to forfeit 500 marks.
C. W. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Crook ..	J. Sharp, V.J., and F. Trask, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
C. W. M.	Insubordinate conduct ..	Warder Molloy ..	Ditto	"
A. E.	Refusing to work ..	Warder Crook ..	F. Trask, V.J. ..	"

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Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
W. A.	Escaping from legal custody	The Gaoler	H. W. Robinson, S.M.	14 days bread and water, and to forfeit 2,250 marks
A. E.	Attempting to escape from legal custody	"	"	24 hours close confinement, and to forfeit 500 marks.
W. A.	Idleness	Warder Crook ..	J. Graham, V.J., and J. Sharp, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
J. G.	Refusing to work ..	Warder Kearney ..	J. Graham, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. G.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Gaoler	"	"

NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.

A. N.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warden Wolner ..	D. Berry, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
A. N.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Pl. Warder Hawkins	H. Weston, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
C. A. W.	Threatening language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Raftery ..	R. Parris, V.J. ..	"
A. E. A.	Escaping from legal custody	The Gaoler	W. Stuart, S.M. ..	12 months' hard labour.
R. L.	"	"	"	6 months' hard labour.
J. A.	"	"	"	"
J. A.	Assaulting an officer ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	Supreme Court ..	5 years' hard labour.
J. Z.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Hawkins	R. Parris, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
H. G. S.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder O'Reilly ..	"	"

WANGANUI PRISON.

W. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Smyth ..	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. H.	"	"	A. J. Parsons, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. C.	"	The Gaoler	E. N. Liffiton, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. H.	Idleness	Asst. Warder Smyth ..	A. J. Parsons, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
L. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	"
G. B. O'B.	Obscene language ..	Pl. Warder Steele ..	"	"
J. McC.	Disobedience of lawful orders	"	G. Carson, V.J. ..	"
G. B. O'B.	Profane language ..	Asst. Warder Smyth ..	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	"
J. H.	Idleness	"	E. N. Liffiton, V.J. ..	"
A. K.	Profane language ..	The Gaoler	"	3 days bread and water.
A. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Smyth ..	"	1 day bread and water.
W. J.	Fighting	"	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	"
A. K.	"	"	"	2 days bread and water.
A. M.	Insulting language ..	The Gaoler	A. J. Parsons, V.J. ..	"

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S. C.	Idleness, and using improper language to his officer	Asst. Warder Bethune	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	8 days bread and water.
P. P.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Carte ..	"	"
P. P.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Seanlan	"	To forfeit 42 marks.
H. R.	Fighting	Pl. Warder Millington	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
H. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	"	"	"
J. D. McP.	"	"	"	To forfeit 42 marks.
J. D. McP.	Fighting	"	"	"
E. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Matron ..	"	2 days bread and water.
P. C.	Insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Bethune	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 84 marks.
F. F.	Idleness, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Carte ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
F. F.	Wilfully damaging prison property	Pl. Warder Millington	"	"
P. C.	Improper language to his officer	"	"	1 day bread and water.
W. O'R.	Fighting	"	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
H. S. B.	"	"	"	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 42 marks.
M. F.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Millington	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
P. P.	Insubordinate language to his officer	"	"	2 days bread and water.
P. P.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Coyle ..	"	"
P. C.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Wrdr. Rosengrave	"	To forfeit 84 marks.
J. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Knight ..	"	2 days bread and water.
J. J.	Threatening language to his officer	"	"	3 days bread and water.
J. P. C.	Fighting	Asst. Wrdr. Mulrooney	"	"
J. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Meehan ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	"

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Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
L. N.	Attempting to escape from legal custody	Pl. Warder Millington	H. Wardell, S.M. ..	3 months' hard labour.
P. P.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Wrdr. Mulrooney	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water, and to forfeit 42 marks.
L. D.	Secreting clothing ..	The Matron	"	3 days bread and water.
H. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Millington	"	To forfeit 84 marks.
H. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	"	"	"
W. J. S.	Escaping from the District Hospital	The Gaoler	A. Greenfield, S.M. ..	To forfeit 552 marks.
G. B.	Shouting and swearing at his work	Warder Meshan ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
G. B.	Wilful destruction of prison property	Asst. Warder Nilson..	"	"
C. G.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Murphy	"	3 days bread and water.
C. G.	Resisting the prison officers in the execution of their duty	"	"	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 168 marks.
H. R.	Threatening and insubordinate language to his officer	Asst. Warder Nilson..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
H. R.	Ditto	Asst. Warder Bethune	"	"

Table L.
"FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1886."

AGES and TERMS of PROBATION of OFFENDERS placed under the Act during the Year 1896.

Ages.	Three Months and under.	Six Months.	Nine Months.	Twelve Months.	Two Years.	Waiting Trial.	Total.
Under 10 years .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
From 10 to 15 years	1	..	1	2
" 15 " 20 "	8	12	12	..	1	1	34
" 20 " 25 "	3	2	7	12
" 25 " 30 "	1	1	1	3
" 30 " 40 "	1	3	4	1	9
" 40 " 50 "	1	4	4	9
" 50 " 60 "	1	2	3
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