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THE POLICE FORCE OF THE COLONY

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

The COMMISSIONER of POLICE to the Hon. the MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

SIR,—

Police Department, Commissioner's Office, 28th May, 1902.

I have the honour to submit for your information the annual report on the Police Force of the colony (together with the criminal statistics) for the year ended 31st March last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 604 of all ranks, being an increase of 13 during the year. The total is made up as follows: Inspectors, 7; Sub-Inspectors, 5; sergeants-major, 2; sergeants, 56; constables, 514; detectives, 20. In addition to above, there were 4 police surgeons, 4 matrons, 22 district constables, 7 Native constables, and 85 horses.

STATIONS.

New stations have been formed at Ongarue and Poolburn. Poro-o-tarao has been closed; and district constables have been appointed at Whatatutu, Weber, and Renwicktown.

AUGMENTATIONS.

Augmentations have been made at Auckland, 4; Onehunga, 1; Waihi, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Stratford, 1; Wellington, 3; Masterton, 1; Dunedin, 3; and Bluff, 1.

DECREASES.

Decreases have been made at: Newton, 1; Thames, 1; Cromwell, 1; and South Dunedin, 1.

CASUALTIES.

The casualties (Appendix C) have been: Retired under the Police Provident Fund Act, 11; resigned, 9; died, 3: total, 23. This is six less than in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

These statistics (Appendix A) include all offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and they show an aggregate net increase of 1,551 on the figures of the preceding year.

The principal increases are: Absconding from industrial schools, 15; assaults, indecent, 16; cruelty to animals, 29; deserting and failing to provide for wives and children, 97; disobeying orders of Court and summonses, 134; drunkenness, 758; failing to support parents and near relatives, 77; false pretences, 41; forgery and uttering, 41; furious riding and driving, 35; game illegally shooting, 21; illegally on premises, 33; lunacy, 31; malicious injury to property, 53; obscene and profane language, 83; obstructing and resisting police, 51; refusing to quit licensed premises, 46; stone-throwing, 23; theft, undescribed, 43; theft from dwelling, 34; theft from the person, 16; and vagrancy, 58.

The principal decreases are: Assaults on police, 26; deserters and absentees from merchant ships, 63; discharging firearms, 17; disturbing meetings and congregations, 42; gaming offences, 51; sly-grog selling, 25; smuggling, 17; sureties of the peace, 25; theft of horses and cattle, 14; theft of dogs, 13; and theft of post letters, 12.

REMARKS ON CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The net increase of 1,551 is the largest increase for many years past, but as it is practically accounted for by the increases in the number of such offences as: Absconding from industrial schools, cruelty to animals, deserting and failing to provide for wives, &c., disobeying orders of Court, drunkenness, failing to support parents, &c., illegally taking fish, furious riding or driving, illegally shooting game, illegally on premises, lunacy, neglecting children, obscene and profane language, obstructing and resisting police, refusing to quit licensed premises,

stone-throwing, stowing away on board ship, suicides attempted, and vagrancy, all of which may be classed as unpreventible offences, the increase cannot be said to reflect on the efficiency of the Force.

The percentage of arrests, &c., to the number of offences committed against the person for the year, again rose to 98·55, against 98·14 in 1900, 98·01 in 1899, and 97·65 in 1898; while, for offences against property, the percentage likewise rose to 72·98, against 70·86 in 1900, 68·19 in 1899, and 64·62 in 1898, thus showing that as a detective body the Force continues to improve from year to year.

The percentage of cases where arrests or summonses resulted was 93·86 to all offences reported during the year.

Indecent and sexual offences show a net increase during the year of twenty-nine, the figures being 315 (including four for incest, an offence created by "The Criminal Code Act 1893 Amendment Act, 1900," and consequently appearing for the first time in the returns for the year under review), against 286 for the preceding year.

DRUNKENNESS, ETC.

There were 8,057 charges of drunkenness throughout the colony during the year, being an increase of 758 on the figures of the preceding year. The number contributed by each of the four principal centres was: Auckland, 1,529 (1,292 males and 237 females), against 1,289 in 1900; Wellington, 1,172 (924 males and 248 females), against 1,061; Christchurch, 950 (766 males and 184 females), against 720; and Dunedin, 550 (453 males and 97 females), against 626.

There were 168 arrests for drunkenness on Sundays in the four principal centres, against 172 in 1900. This number is made up as follows: Auckland, 29 (20 males and 9 females), against 25 in 1900; Wellington, 35 (27 males and 8 females), against 54 in 1900; Christchurch, 52 (46 males and 6 females), against 45 in 1900; and Dunedin, 52 (47 males and 5 females), against 48 in 1900. The foregoing figures indicate that Sunday trading is still indulged in to an appreciable extent, and the present state of the law renders it difficult for the police to successfully cope with this class of illegal traffic.

As you are aware, I have advocated amending the licensing laws of the colony in the direction of making all persons, except lodgers and *bond fide* travellers, found on licensed premises during prohibited hours liable to prosecution. I can only reiterate that recommendation.

There were 219 prosecutions against publicans during the year, resulting in ninety-one convictions, against 242 prosecutions and eighty-one convictions in 1900. These prosecutions were distributed as follows: Auckland District, 25, with eleven convictions; Napier, 15, with five convictions; Wanganui, 32, with thirteen convictions; Wellington, 13, with seven convictions; Westland, 51, with twenty-six convictions; Christchurch, 44, with thirteen convictions; and Dunedin, 39, with sixteen convictions.

The following table gives particulars of persons charged with drunkenness in the various districts, and shows the number previously convicted of drunkenness. It will be observed that 40·4 per cent. of the males and 75·819 per cent. of the females have been previously convicted. The 1,287 males and 515 females (22·36 per cent. of the whole) with four or more previous convictions may reasonably be classed as chronic drunkards, or persons who require "saving from themselves," and I submit it has become a moot question whether the time has not arrived when these persons ought to be treated as suffering from a disease, instead of vainly endeavouring to coerce them into sobriety by the imposition of a monetary penalty or temporary loss of liberty, as at present. Dealing with these "old drunks" under the present system takes up a very considerable portion of the time of the police, Magistrates, and prison officials, and is a very considerable expense to the community, with no good result.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS charged with DRUNKENNESS during the year 1901 and the Number of Previous Convictions against same, as far as known.

District.	Not Previously Convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland, Waikato, and Bay of Islands	817	78	89	13	106	37	71	29	54	28	30	33	375	88	1,542	306
Napier and East Coast	352	15	73	2	38	5	19	4	14	..	8	..	29	6	533	32
Wanganui and West Coast	596	19	106	7	58	3	23	8	15	..	13	..	38	7	849	44
Wellington and Marlborough	838	64	149	37	75	16	43	11	31	10	17	8	92	111	1,245	257
Nelson and Westland ..	157	8	21	5	10	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	193	14
Canterbury and North Otago	872	32	190	10	111	5	85	4	65	1	52	4	314	153	1,689	209
Dunedin, Southland, and Lakes	588	20	180	14	83	6	42	9	20	5	24	4	93	56	1,030	114
	4,220	236	808	88	481	72	285	65	200	44	146	49	941	422	7,081	976

SLY-GROG.

During the year there were 148 prosecutions for sly-grog selling, resulting in eighty-two convictions, against 169 prosecutions and 107 convictions in 1900. The aggregate amount of fines imposed was £1,164 5s., against £1,351 4s. in the preceding year.

The difficulty experienced in former years in obtaining evidence in these cases continues. Some persons apparently have no scruples in going even to the length of perjuring themselves to assist the sly-grog dealers in escaping justice.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 104 prosecutions, resulting in eighty-three convictions, during the year for offences against the gaming laws, against 155 prosecutions and ninety-six convictions in 1900.

The remarks in my last annual report anent the difficulty of dealing with illegal "tote" betting men, and the necessity for amended legislation, still apply in their entirety.

The municipal authorities have not yet availed themselves, to any appreciable extent, of the power to regulate the so-called private billiard-rooms, given them under "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1900," with the result that many of these places are still frequently kept open until the small hours of the morning, much to the detriment of the respectable young men who are inveigled into them by spiellers and other undesirable characters for the purposes of gambling.

SECOND-HAND SHOPS.

The remarks in my former reports, advocating the licensing, &c., of second-hand dealers still apply, and I trust another attempt may be made during the coming session to get the Bill which was before Parliament last session passed into law.

As an instance of the loose, not to say criminal, manner some second-hand dealers conduct their business, I will quote a case which occupied the attention of the Magistrate's Court at Christchurch only a few days ago: Between the 26th April and the 12th May of the present year two small boys, brothers, aged respectively eleven and a half and ten years, stole the lamps from no less than nine bicycles which were left by the owners temporarily in the streets of Christchurch. These lamps ranged in value from 10s. to 15s. 6d. each. In every case the children who had stolen them took the lamp practically direct to a certain second-hand dealer, who readily purchased them for either 2s. or 2s. 6d. each. In one case the lamp was stolen on a Sunday; but that made no difference, as the second-hand dealer received it the same day, although for some reason, which is not quite apparent, withheld payment until the following morning. Of course, the dealer endeavoured to persuade the Court that there were reasons to believe the children came by the lamps honestly; but the Court was not so gullible, and in cautioning the dealer to be more careful in future, remarked the sooner a measure was passed bringing second-hand dealers under proper control the better.

I have no hesitation in stating that the ready method of disposing of stolen property afforded by the second-hand shops, which are at present under no control, makes many juvenile thieves.

"INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1896."

During the year there were 565 registered homes throughout the colony, representing 943 infants, against 548 homes and 872 infants in 1900.

Twenty-nine deaths occurred in the homes during the year, against twenty-six in the preceding year, being equal to 30·75 per thousand, against 29·81 per thousand in 1900.

The mortality throughout the colony of infants under four years of age (the age to which the Act applies) was 26·37 per thousand, or only 4·38 less than in the homes. This, I submit, may be regarded as satisfactory, considering that the infants in the homes are reared artificially, and that a very large percentage, through being illegitimate, have not received, prior to being admitted to the homes, the careful nurturing that infants brought into the world under more favourable conditions are likely to receive, and are weakly in consequence.

Eleven licensees were prosecuted for breaches of the Act during the year, of whom ten were convicted, and two licenses were cancelled.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the year has, taken generally, been very good. There were no dismissals, and only four convictions for over-indulgence in drink. In none of those cases was the drink obtained while the men were on duty.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York threw a large amount of extra work on the police, and the rapid transportation from one centre to another, together with the difficulty experienced in obtaining suitable lodgings, entailed very considerable discomfort; but the extra work was performed with credit to the men, and the discomfort was cheerfully endured.

TRAINING DEPOT, CANDIDATES, ETC.

The training depot continues to work well, and its effect on the men who have passed through it is very marked.

The benefit to the public arising from the instruction in ambulance work received by every man who passes through the depot is demonstrated from time to time by the efficient "first aid" rendered in cases of accidents, &c.

The number of eligible candidates continues to be very much in excess of the vacancies to be filled. At the commencement of the year under review there were several hundreds of eligible candidates on the list.

During the year there were 111 fresh candidates, who, after inquiry, measurement, &c., were found to be eligible for the service.

Twenty-three men were taken on during the year. The nationalities, religions, and occupations of these twenty-three men are as follows: Nationalities—New-Zealand-born, 17; English, 3; Scotch, 2; and Australia, 1. Religions—Church of England, 9; Presbyterian, 6; Roman Catholic, 5; Wesleyan, 1; Lutheran, 1; and Congregational, 1. Occupations—Labourers, 8; miners, 3; farmers, 3; grocer's assistant, 1; cooper, 1; blacksmith, 1; survey linesman, 1; clerk, 1; tanner, 1; station-hand, 1; asylum warder, 1; and engine-driver, 1.

POLICE PROVIDENT FUND.

The present state of above fund is much more satisfactory than its most sanguine supporters could have anticipated at the time of its conception three years ago.

On the 31st March last the amount standing to the credit of the fund was £14,578 11s. 3d., being an increase on the year of £5,392 18s. 11d. On same date there were on the fund: One ex-Inspector, seven ex-sergeants, eleven ex-constables, one ex-detective, and the widow and three orphans of a deceased constable, their aggregate annual allowances being £1,896 14s. 9d.

Since the Act came into force the Government has saved the sum of £5,947 15s. 7d. in the form of compassionate allowances, which would no doubt have been paid had it not existed.

STATIONS, ETC.

Although votes were taken last session for the erection of new stations, &c., at Onehunga, Tolaga Bay, Patea, Denniston, Akaroa, and additions to Mount Cook (Wellington), the work has not yet been carried out. These buildings are still much needed, as also are new stations at Helensville, Kihikihi, Raglan, Te Awamutu, Waihi, Waiuku, Mangaweka, Havelock, Gore, and additions to Lambton Quay (Wellington) and Ponsonby.

UNIFORM.

The free issue to sergeants and constables of new waterproofs, night-duty coats, shakos, and leggings, and materials for jumpers, trousers, and riding-pants has been much appreciated by the members of the Force concerned.

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF FORCE.

For above, see Appendix B.

For the reasons stated in my last report, demands for the establishment of new stations or increases to existing stations continue, and, notwithstanding the augmentation granted last session, a further augmentation will soon be required to satisfy the legitimate demands of the public.

COST OF POLICE, ETC.

A return is herewith annexed (Appendix D) giving the proportion of police to population and the cost of police per inhabitant in each of the Australian States and in this colony.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Extracts from the annual reports of the officers in charge of districts are hereto annexed. With the exception of Auckland the officers are new to their present districts, having taken them over on the 1st ultimo. This is consequent on the impending retirement of Inspectors Pender and Pardy.

I have, &c.

J. B. TUNBRIDGE,

Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR J. CULLEN, AUCKLAND, WAIKATO, AND BAY OF ISLANDS.

The conduct of the men has been good during the past year.

I have referred in previous reports to the necessity of having a law passed dealing with the licensing and supervision of second-hand dealers. I again beg to state that the need of such a law is very pressing in Auckland.

Twelve additional constables are needed in Auckland City to bring the Force up to its working requirements, and an additional constable is also required at each of the following stations, viz: Devonport, Karangahake, Newmarket, Parnell, Ponsonby, and Waihi.

A strong feeling exists and is growing up amongst members of the Force that the percentage deducted from their pay as contributions towards the Pension Fund is fixed at too high a rate, and should be reduced as early as possible.

Members of the Force are also of opinion that, as the bringing in force of the Police Provident Fund Act has been the means of the Government effecting a saving of the amount they would otherwise have paid as compensation to retiring members, an equivalent sum should now be placed to the credit of the Provident Fund.

INSPECTOR E. MACDONELL, NAPIER AND EAST COAST DISTRICT.

There have been no cases of sly-grog selling reported in the district for the year 1901, and only fifteen prosecutions for breaches of the licensing laws, resulting in five convictions, as against fourteen prosecutions in 1900, resulting in two convictions.

The free uniforms have been a great boon to the uniform men, and are very much appreciated by them; and, if not out of place, I would say if some equivalent were given to the plain-clothes men, especially those engaged in clerical work, the satisfaction would be universal at the liberal treatment of the Force by the present Government.

SUB-INSPECTOR N. KIELY, WANGANUI AND WEST COAST DISTRICT.

Judging from the reports to hand, the licensing laws are enforced in a satisfactory manner by the police throughout the district, particularly in the Town of Wanganui.

There have been twenty-nine cases of sly-grog selling during the year, with the result of greatly checking that offence.

I notice all through the district the police are making every effort to stop the supply of liquor to Maori women, and are successful in a great measure.

The conduct of the members of the Force throughout the district has been very satisfactory during the past twelve months, a great deal of which is owing to content now reigning in every branch of the service since the pension scheme has become established.

INSPECTOR J. W. ELLISON, WELLINGTON AND MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The Police Offences Amendment Act of 1901 has so far proved a very beneficial and necessary enactment. By careful and judicious application of this Act the police should be able to render the public good service by keeping in check the criminal vagrants who have been for some years past growing in numbers, and are usually found consorting together in towns, or travelling round to the different race-meetings or other public gatherings for the purpose of gaining a living by criminal methods, or supporting themselves in idleness on the earnings of their immoral female companions.

There is a great drawback at Wellington station in the want of quarters close to the station for the Sub-inspector and Inspector. It is impossible for these officers to carry out their work to the best advantage to the public whilst living at a distance from the station: both are liable to be wanted on short notice at any hour of the day or night.

SUB-INSPECTOR E. WILSON, NELSON AND WESTLAND DISTRICT.

As I have only been in the district some three weeks I have not been able to visit the out-stations to note their requirements and the manner in which the duties are carried out.

From the absence of any serious entry in the men's conduct-sheets, &c., I conclude the conduct of the men has been good, and the various police and other duties have been carried out in a fairly satisfactory manner.

INSPECTOR R. J. GILLIES, CHRISTCHURCH AND NORTH OTAGO DISTRICT.

It would appear (with few exceptions) that the conduct of the police of all ranks in this district has been satisfactory, and, considering the numerous duties members of the Force have to perform outside their duties as constables, it is highly creditable to them that they have been so successful in keeping down crime.

INSPECTOR T. O'BRIEN, DUNEDIN, SOUTHLAND, AND LAKES DISTRICT.

A large number of sly-grog sellers were successfully prosecuted during the year in the Clutha district, Otago Central Railway works, Ophir, and Naseby, with the result that there appears to be a great decrease in this illicit trade, and many of the offenders and persons suspected have cleared out, as they think the business is too risky.

The provisions of the Infant Life Protection Act have been strictly enforced. Five deaths of infants occurred in licensed homes during the year. Inquests were duly held by the Coroner, no blame being attached to any of the licensees.

The conduct of the sergeants, constables, and detectives during the year has been satisfactory, and they have been attentive to their duties.

In many small townships there are billiard-rooms which in many instances are kept open up to late hours of the night, if not to the early hours of the morning, and there is reason to believe that the games carried on in such places, especially after 10 p.m., are not always confined to the legitimate game of billiards.

I would suggest also that "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," with all its amendments, be added to the list of enactments enumerated in "The Evidence Further Amendment Act, 1901," section 2; such an amendment would materially assist in prosecutions for breaches of such statutes.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1900, and Year ending 31st December, 1901.

Offences.	1900.	1901.										Increase.	Decrease.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Persons apprehended or summoned.						Total Number of Persons apprehended or summoned.	Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Discharged.			M.			F.
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Abandoning children	5	3	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	2
Abduction	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring	6	9	9	5	2	..	..	..	2	9	3	1	3	..
Abortion, inciting to procure ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..
Abandoning from apprenticeship ..	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..
Abandoning from bail	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Abandoning from industrial schools	93	108	97	..	..	85	11	1	..	97	..	..	15	..
Abusive and threatening language	276	281	280	..	..	183	11	79	7	280	..	..	5	..
Administering a noxious thing ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Armed, with felonious intent ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arson	20	26	22	13	1	..	..	7	2	23	8	..	6	..
Arson, attempted	12	18	17	1	..	11	..	5	..	17	1	..	6	..
Assaults, common	807	811	808	2	..	507	27	246	27	809	1	..	4	..
Assaults, indecent	54	70	69	40	..	2	..	27	..	69	24	..	16	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm	53	47	47	27	2	11	2	5	..	47	22	1	..	6
Assaults on bailiffs	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..
Assaults on police	102	76	76	4	..	65	1	7	..	77	3	..	..	26
Assaults and robbery	59	57	51	23	..	..	..	31	3	57	20	..	..	2
Attempts to commit felony	4	9	5	4	..	1	..	1	..	6	4	..	5	..
Bankruptcy offences	19	9	8	6	..	..	..	2	..	8	5	..	..	10
Being in possession of house- breaking implements	4	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	..	1	..
Begging	18	15	14	..	..	7	5	1	1	14	..	..	..	3
Bestiality	4	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	..	1	..
Bigamy	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Breaches of the peace	500	506	506	..	..	434	5	77	2	518	..	..	6	..
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	320	314	168	96	1	46	..	22	5	170	76	1	..	6
Carnally knowing girls	16	16	16	10	..	..	..	6	..	16	7	..	..	..
Carnally knowing, attempted ..	4	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2
Casting away a ship .. ..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..
Cattle and horse stealing (see Theft).	9	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7
Cattle-maiming .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Cemeteries Act: Burying a body in other place than a ceme- tery	3	10	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	..	7	..
Coinage offences	2	4	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	..
Concealment of birth	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice	3	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	1
Conspiring to defraud .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..
Conspiring to murder	6	9	9	..	..	7	..	1	1	9	..	..	3	..
Contempt of Court .. ..	..	5	5	..	..	3	1	1	..	5	..	..	5	..
Counselling the commission of an offence	173	202	201	..	..	149	1	45	..	195	..	..	29	..
Cruelty to animals	6	5	5	..	..	1	1	1	2	5	..	..	..	1
Cruelty to children	13	9	9	7	..	..	..	2	..	9	6	..	..	4
Cutting and wounding	33	27	27	..	..	27	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	6
Damaging police uniform	496	593	528	..	..	356	4	168	..	528	..	..	97	..
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children .. ..	..	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..
Deserters from H.M. army .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Deserters from H.M. army, aiding Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships	65	75	51	..	..	49	..	2	..	51	..	..	10	..
Deserters and absentees from merchandise vessels	174	111	100	..	..	76	..	24	..	100	..	..	..	63
Deserters from foreign navy ..	..	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	..
Discharging firearms	55	38	37	..	..	32	..	5	..	37	..	..	..	17
Disobeying orders on board ships	65	61	61	..	..	52	..	9	..	61	..	..	..	4
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	415	549	510	..	..	389	2	120	1	512	..	..	134	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	5	7	6	1	..	3	..	2	..	6	..	..	2	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct..	323	327	326	..	..	278	16	32	1	327	..	..	4	..
Distillation offences .. ..	..	7	7	..	..	3	..	4	..	7	..	..	7	..
Distributing obscene literature ..	6	12	12	..	..	11	..	1	..	12	..	..	6	..
Disturbing meetings and congre- gations	80	38	38	..	..	30	..	10	..	40	..	..	..	42
Dissuading a witness from giving evidence, attempted .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Drunkenness	7,299	8,057	8,057	..	..	6,991	954	90	22	8,057	..	..	758	..
Escaping from custody	15	9	9	3	1	5	..	..	..	9	2	..	..	6
Escaping from lunatic asylums..	19	25	23	..	..	22	..	1	..	23	..	..	3	..
Extorting money by threats .. ..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..
Failing to support parents and near relatives	236	313	306	..	..	215	12	75	4	306	..	..	77	..
False declarations	9	14	14	3	..	8	..	2	1	14	..	..	5	..
False pretences	162	203	184	28	9	107	6	28	2	180	18	..	41	..
Fish, illegally taking	35	49	48	43	1	4	..	48	13	..
Forcible entry	1	14	14	10	4	..	14	10	..	13	..

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				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Forgery and uttering ..	72	113	93	72	3	2	1	15	..	93	67	3	41	..
Fortune-telling ..	13	5	5	2	2	..	1	5	8
Furious riding and driving ..	62	97	95	..	..	83	1	11	1	96	..	..	35	..
Game, illegally shooting ..	43	64	64	..	..	57	..	7	..	64	..	..	21	..
Gaming offences ..	155	104	104	..	..	83	..	24	..	107	..	..	..	51
Illegally on premises ..	135	168	168	..	..	121	21	23	3	168	..	..	33	..
Incest ..	..	4	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	4	..
Indecent exposure or behaviour ..	167	176	176	..	..	152	9	15	..	176	..	..	9	..
Keeping disorderly houses and brothels ..	32	36	36	1	..	8	16	1	10	36	..	..	4	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses ..	4	6	6	3	..	1	..	2	..	6	3	..	2	..
Libel ..	2	5	5	1	..	1	..	3	..	5	..	..	3	..
Lunacy ..	466	497	497	..	..	309	131	43	14	497	..	..	31	..
Malicious injury to property ..	460	513	481	7	..	364	29	88	4	492	5	..	53	..
Maliciously killing animals ..	15	18	12	..	..	10	..	3	..	13	..	..	3	..
Manslaughter ..	9	7	6	3	2	..	..	1	..	6	2	1	..	2
Murder ..	11	11	9	4	..	..	..	2	2	8	1	..	..	..
Murder, attempted ..	5	9	7	5	1	..	..	1	..	7	3	..	4	..
Neglected and criminal children ..	151	162	162	..	..	81	54	17	10	162	..	..	11	..
Obscene and profane language ..	496	579	577	..	..	456	55	63	3	577	..	..	83	..
Obstructing and resisting police ..	172	223	223	..	..	210	..	13	..	223	..	..	51	..
Obstructing railway-lines ..	12	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	6
Obstructing railway officers ..	11	15	15	..	..	12	..	3	..	15	..	..	4	..
Obstructing thoroughfares ..	97	84	84	..	..	62	..	28	..	90	..	..	..	13
Offensive publications ..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Perjury ..	24	14	14	7	1	..	..	5	1	14	3	..	..	10
Personating electors ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Prison offences (loitering about and communicating with prisoners) ..	9	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	7
Rape ..	15	15	15	12	..	..	..	3	..	15	8	..	..	..
Rape, attempted ..	19	8	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	7	..	..	11
Receiving stolen property ..	31	26	26	5	..	8	2	10	1	26	1	..	..	5
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	72	118	115	..	..	102	..	13	..	115	..	..	46	..
Rescuing cattle from being impounded ..	24	25	25	..	..	17	4	6	..	27	..	..	1	..
Restricted immigrants unlawfully landing ..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Sacrilege ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sheep-stealing (see Theft) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shooting with intent ..	4	5	5	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	1	..	1	..
Sly-grog selling ..	173	148	144	3	..	74	8	39	20	144	..	..	..	25
Smuggling ..	25	8	8	..	..	6	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	17
Sodomy ..	..	4	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	3	..	4	..
Sodomy, attempted ..	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..
Soliciting prostitution ..	26	27	27	..	..	..	20	..	7	27	..	..	1	..
Stone-throwing ..	145	168	166	..	..	131	2	32	1	166	..	..	23	..
Stowing away on board ships ..	41	56	56	..	..	55	1	..	..	56	..	..	15	..
Suicide, attempted ..	40	55	55	2	1	34	9	6	3	55	1	1	15	..
Sureties of the peace ..	94	69	69	..	..	38	4	21	6	69	..	..	..	25
Theft (undescribed) ..	1,762	1,805	1,246	47	4	892	79	195	28	1,245	34	3	43	..
Theft as a bailee ..	5	18	17	10	..	2	..	5	..	17	10	..	13	..
Theft, attempted ..	11	14	14	1	..	8	..	5	..	14	..	..	3	..
Theft of children ..	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Theft of cattle and horses ..	91	77	52	38	..	7	1	9	..	55	26	..	..	14
Theft of dogs ..	16	3	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	13
Theft of pigs ..	5	10	9	2	..	4	..	5	..	11	..	..	5	..
Theft of sheep ..	28	28	16	9	..	3	..	4	1	17	6	..	..	..
Theft from dwellings ..	313	347	212	51	..	126	6	35	7	225	45	..	34	..
Theft from the person ..	90	106	64	20	2	27	..	14	2	65	17	1	16	..
Theft of post-letters ..	17	5	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	12
Theft by servants ..	60	63	60	15	..	26	1	5	1	48	14	..	3	..
Threatening letters ..	3	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..
Threatening to shoot ..	2	5	5	1	..	1	..	3	..	5	..	..	3	..
Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares ..	21	23	20	..	..	16	2	2	..	20	..	..	2	..
Treason ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Trespass ..	108	107	107	..	..	66	1	40	..	107	..	..	..	1
Unlawfully felling timber ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Vagrancy ..	383	441	441	..	..	253	118	46	24	441	..	..	58	..
Witchcraft ..	1	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	18,358	19,909	18,688	648	36	14,156	1,638	2,030	234	18,742	490	18	1,993	442
													Ino.	1,551

APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE on the 31st March, 1902.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Probationers.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Auckland, Waikato, and Bay of Islands—												
Auckland	1	1		7	41	6		56			1	1
Aratapu					1			1				
Avondale					1			1				
Cambridge					1			1				
Coromandel					2			2				
Dargaville					1			1				
Devonport					2			2				
Eden Terrace					1			1				
Eilerslie					1			1				
Freeman's Bay					1			1				
Hamilton				1	1			2				
Helensville					1			1				
Hikurangi					1			1				
Hobsonville									1			
Hohoua									1			
Howick									1			
Huntly					1			1				
Kaikohe					1			1				
Kaitiaki					1			1				
Karangahake					1			1				
Kawakawa					1			1				
Kawhia									1			
Kihikihiki					1			1				
Mangawai									1			
Mercer	1	1			1			1				
Mangonui					1			1				
Mt. Roskill Road					1			1				
Newmarket					1			1				
Newton					4			4				
Ngaruawahia					1			1				
Northcote					1			1				
Ohaeawai									1			
Okupu, Gt. Barrier									1			
Onehunga					3			3				
Ongarue					1			1				
Otahuhu					1			1				
Otorohanga					1			1		1		
Paeoro					2			2				
Pahi					1			1				
Panmure									1			
Papakura					1			1				
Parnell					2			2				
Ponsonby					2			2				
Port Albert					1			1				
Pukekohe					1			1				
Raglan					1			1				
Rawene					1			1		1		
Russell					1			1				
Shortland					1			1				
Surrey Hills					1			1				
Te Aroha					1			1				
Te Awamutu					1			1				
Te Kuiti					1			1				
Thames					1	4		5				
Waihi					1	2		3				
Waipu					1			1				
Waitekauri					1			1				
Waiuku					1			1				
Warkworth					1			1				
Whangarei					1			2				
Whangaroa					1			1				
Whitianga					1			1				
Totals	1	1		11	108	6		127	8	2	1	1
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
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Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
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Carlisle Street					1			1				
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Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												
Napier	1			1	8	1		11				
Carlisle Street					1			1				
Clive					1			1				
Dannevirke					1			2				
Gisborne					1	6		7				
Hastings					1	1		2				
Herbertville					1			1				
Katikati									1			
Opotiki					1			1		1		
Ormond					1			1				
Ormondville					1			1				
Totals	1			1	8	1		11				
Napier and East Coast—												

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Probationers.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Probationers.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Wellington and Marlborough— <i>continued.</i>													Canterbury and N. Otago— <i>contd.</i>												
Mangatainoka	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Phillipstown ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Martinborough	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Pleasant Point ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Masterton	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	Rakaia ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Otaki	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Rangiora ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Pahiatua	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	St. Albans ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Petone	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	Sheffield ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Tenui	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Southbridge ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Upper Hutt	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Sumner ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Blenheim	1	..	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	Sydenham ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Cullensville	1	..	..	..	Temuka ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Havelock	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Timaru ..	..	..	..	1	7	1	..	9	..	..	..	..
Picton	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	Waimate ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Renwicktown	1	..	..	..	Woolston ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	2	..	1	9	82	4	..	98	3	..	1	1	Totals ..	1	1	..	10	98	4	..	114	1	..	1	1
Nelson and West-land—													Dunedin, Southland, and Lakes—												
Greymouth	1	..	1	5	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	Dunedin, Central ..	2	..	..	4	35	2	..	43	..	..	1	1
Ahaura	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	King Street ..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
Brunnerton	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Alexandra South ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Charleston	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Anderson's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Collingwood	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Arrowtown ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Denniston	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Balclutha ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Hokitika	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	Bluff ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Kanieri	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Broad Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Kumara	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Caversham ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Lyell	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Clinton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Motueka	1	..	..	..	Clyde ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Nelson	1	7	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	Cromwell ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Okarito	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Gore ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Reefton	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	Green Island ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Richmond	1	..	..	..	Half-moon Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ross	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Invercargill ..	..	1	..	1	7	1	..	10	..	..	..	..
Seddonville	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Kaitangata ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Spring Grove	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Lawrence ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Stafford	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Lumsden ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Takaka	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Mataura ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
The Port	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Middlemarch ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Westport	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	Milton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	..	5	35	..	..	41	2	..	..	..	..	Mornington ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Canterbury and North Otago—													Mosguel ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Christchurch ..	1	1	..	4	36	3	..	45	..	..	1	1	Naseby ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Addington	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Nightcaps ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Akaroa	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	North-east Valley ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Amberley	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	North Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	1	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	Ophir ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Belfast	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Orepuki ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Bingsland	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Otautau ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Cheviot	1	..	..	..	Outram ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Coalgate	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Owaka ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Culverden	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Palmerston South ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Fairlie	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Pembroke ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Geraldine	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Poolburn ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Glenavy	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Port Chalmers ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Hampden	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	Queenstown ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Kaiapoi	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	Ravensbourne ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Kaikoura	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Riverton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Kuroo	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Roslyn ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Leeston	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Roxburgh ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Lincoln	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	St. Bathans ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Linwood	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	St. Clair ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Little River	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	South Dunedin ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	South Invercargill ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Methven	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Tapanui ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
New Brighton	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Waikaiti ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ngapara	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Waikouaiti ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Oamaru	1	6	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	Waitahuna ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Oxford	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Waitati ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Papanui	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Winton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
													Woodhaugh ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
													Wyndham ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
													Totals ..	2	1	..	13	102	3	..	121	2	..	1	1
													Grand totals ..	7	5	2	56	514	20	..	604	22	7	4	4

APPENDIX C.

RETURN showing CASUALTIES in the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE during the Year ended 31st March, 1902.

Retired under Police Provident Fund Act	..	..	..	..	..	11
Resignations	..	..	..	..	..	9
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	3
						23

APPENDIX D.

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the undermentioned Places.

Place.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.	Remarks.
New Zealand ..	1 to 1,375	s. d. 2 10½	Number of police, 604; net expenditure (<i>vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended 31st March, 1902), £119,771 0s. 6d. Population (estimated on 31st December, 1901), 830,800 (including Maoris).
Victoria ..	1 to 815	4 5½	<i>Vide</i> Appropriation of Revenue, 1900-1—viz.: Number of police, 1,477; vote, £268,364. Population (estimated on 30th June, 1901), 1,204,175.
New South Wales ..	1 to 640	5 9½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure, 1901-2—viz.: Number of police, 2,156 (exclusive of 70 Native trackers); vote, £400,972. Population (estimated on 31st December, 1901) 1,379,890.
South Australia ..	1 to 1,013	4 2½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure for Year ending 30th June 1902—viz.: Number of police, 358; vote, £76,604. Population (census, 1901), 362,604.
Queensland ..	1 to 581	6 9½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure for 1899-1900—viz.: Number of police, 878 (exclusive of 10 supernumeraries and 120 Native trackers); vote, £173,698. Population (estimated on 31st December, 1901), 510,515.
Western Australia ..	1 to 353	13 11½	<i>Vide</i> Estimates of Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1902—viz.: Number of police, 517; vote, £127,651 2s. 6d. Population (census, 1901), 182,553.
Tasmania ..	1 to 735	4 4½	<i>Vide</i> "Appropriation Act, 1902"—viz.: Number of police, 237; vote, £37,964 10s. Population, 174,233.

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