

1905.
NEW ZEALAND.

MATAURA, CHALMERS, BRUCE, AND ASHBURTON ELECTORATES.

(DRUNKENNESS AND CRIME IN THE), 30TH JUNE, 1901, TO 30TH JUNE, 1903, AND 30TH JUNE,
1903, TO 30TH JUNE, 1905.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 11th July, 1905.

Ordered. "That there be laid before this House a return, on or before the 1st August, 1905, giving the number and all details of drunkenness and crime dealt with in the several Courts in the Electoral Districts of Mataka, Chalmers, Bruce, and Ashburton during the period 30th June, 1901, to 30th June, 1903, and also during the period 30th June, 1903, to 30th June, 1905."—(Mr. HAWKINS.)

RETURN of OFFENCES dealt with in the Courts at ASHBURTON, in the Electoral District of Ashburton; in the Electoral District of BRUCE; at PORT CHALMERS, in the Electoral District of Chalmers; and in the Electoral District of MATAURA during the periods 1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903, and 1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.

Ashburton.

Offences.	1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903.		1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.	
	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.
Incest	1	1	..	..
Rape, Attempted	1	1	..	..
Indecent assault .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Common assault	1	1	19	8
Aggravated assault .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Threatening to shoot a person .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Attempted suicide	1	1	..	..
Theft	31	24	34	31
Wrecking, &c.	5	4	2	1
Arson	2	2	..	..
Robbery from the person	1	1	..	..
Breaking and entering and com- mitting theft .. .. .	..	..	11	10
Sheep-stealing .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Forgery	3	3	1	1
Attempted theft .. .. .	..	..	2	..
False pretences	3	2	..	..
Failing to furnish return of income .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Receipt not stamped .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Carried forward	49	40	78	59

RETURN OF OFFENCES, &c.—*continued.*
Ashburton—continued.

Offences.	1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903.		1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.	
	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.
Brought forward ..	49	40	78	59
Breaches of the peace	32	25	16	10
Drunkenness	175	175	46	43
Excessive drinking (prohibition orders)	57	48	..	..
Vagrancy	15	9	..	..
Children without means of support	5	1	6	1
Procuring liquor for person prohibited	2	..	..	..
Resisting police	5	5	6	6
Obscene language	10	7	3	3
Refusing to leave licensed premises, &c.	4	3	..	..
Cruelty to wife	2	..	..	..
Failing to close licensed premises ..	2	1	..	..
Non-maintenance of child	1	..	..	..
Prohibited person on licensed pre- mises	6	4	4	3
Keeping gaming-house	1	1	..	..
Bastardy	5	..	8	..
Indecency	3	3	6	6
Selling liquor without a license	1	1	45	21
Wife-desertion	2	..	2	..
Selling liquor to intoxicated person	1	..	..	..
Bond (Destitute Persons Act) ..	1	..	3	..
Found in sly-grog shop .. ..	..	..	17	12
Disobeying maintenance order ..	9	..	11	..
Application to vary order .. ..	..	..	3	..
Failing to maintain wife and children	1	..	1	1
Disturbing audience .. ..	..	..	1	1
Sending liquor into prohibited district and not notifying Clerk of Court	..	..	3	..
Sending liquor for sale into prohibited district	..	..	1	..
Breaches of Railway by-laws ..	11	11	25	25
Throwing stones	1	1	..	..
Trespass	2	2	1	..
Town District by-laws	4	4	..	..
Failing to close shop on statutory holiday	1	1	..	..
Borough by-laws—Bicycles without lights, &c.	51	48	43	41
Breaches of School Attendance Act	41	33	24	22
Cruelty to animals	7	5	2	2
Lousy sheep	4	4	..	..
Advertising sweep	1	1	..	..
Rescuing cattle impounded	3	3	..	..
Unregistered dogs	7	7	..	..
Health Act: Not reporting disease	4	4	..	..
Rescuing goods seized by bailiff ..	..	..	1	1
Breaches of County Council by-laws	..	..	4	4
Furious driving .. ..	..	..	1	1
Fencing Act application .. ..	..	..	1	..
Obstructing surveyor, &c. .. ..	..	..	1	1
Failing to destroy rabbits .. ..	..	..	2	1
Failing to register birth .. ..	..	..	1	1
Alum in bread .. ..	..	..	2	2
Not stamping weight of bread ..	..	..	2	2
Failing to provide fire-escape ..	..	..	1	1
Driving traction-engine on public road so as to cause ruts	..	..	2	2
Total	526	447	373	272

RETURN of OFFENCES, &c.—*continued.*
Bruce.

Offences.	1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903.				1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.			
	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.		Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.		Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.		Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.	
	Milton.	Kai-tangata.	Milton.	Kai-tangata.	Milton.	Kai-tangata.	Milton.	Kai-tangata.
Assault, Common	7	7	7	4	5	1	3	1
Assault and robbery	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Damaging property	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1
False pretences	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	1
Forgery	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Theft	4	5	4	5	3	9	3	9
Breach of the peace	14	17	13	7	5	21	5	15
Drunkenness	27	18	27	18	30	11	30	11
Prohibition orders	9	..	9	..	9	..	9	..
Entering hotel while prohibited ..	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Procuring liquor for prohibited person	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Selling liquor on Sunday	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sly-grog selling .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..
Refusing to leave licensed premises	..	3	..	2	..	1	..	..
Indecent act .. ..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	1
Obscene language	3	11	3	9	4	17	4	16
Resisting police	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1
Throwing missiles .. ..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1
Disturbing residents .. ..	..	3	..	2	..	1	..	1
Discharging firearms .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Disturbing meeting	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	5
Trespass	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Vagrancy .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Breaking insulators .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Illegally taking fish	3	1	3	1	..	..	..	..
Illegally shooting game .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maintenance	1	6	1	5	5	1	5	1
Failing to comply with maintenance order	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Illegally on premises .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Cattle wandering	6	7	6	7	9	2	9	2
Cruelty to animals	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Riding bicycle on footpath .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Chimneys on fire .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Noxious weeds .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2
Breach of Coal-mines Act	4	7	2	7	..	..	..	..
Breach of School Attendance Act	6	75	6	53	10	55	10	32
Breach of Slaughterhouses Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Breach of Rabbit Act	4	..	4	..	1	..	1	..
Breach of Railway by-laws	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Obstructing footpath .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Keeping unregistered dogs	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Having sheep affected with lice ..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2	..
Total	106	173	100	131	91	157	89	123
Grand total	279		231		248		212	

RETURN OF OFFENCES, &c.—*continued.*
Port Chalmers.

Offences.	1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903.		1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.	
	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.	Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.
Assault	25	16	7	5
„ Indecent .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Resisting police .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Obstructing police	11	11	..	..
Cruelty to child .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Theft	30	24	4	4
Mischief	17	15	19	18
Breaking and entering .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Forgery	2	2	..	..
Importing opium	3	2	..	..
Importing tobacco without paying duty .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Breach of peace	24	19	6	4
Drunkenness	323	323	128	128
Indecent act	15	13	2	2
Insulting language	1	..	..	..
Obscene language	19	18	7	6
Letting off fireworks .. .. .	..	..	6	6
Failing to support	3	..	5	1
Indigent children	5	..	3	3
Prohibition orders	31	27	..	..
Prohibited persons on licensed pre- mises	5	4	..	..
Prohibited persons procuring liquor .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Refusing to quit licensed premises	1	1	..	..
Drunk and disorderly	4	4	3	3
Behaving in offensive manner in railway-carriage	5	5	5	5
Inciting person to resist police	1	1	..	..
Carrying a spiked knife	1	1	..	..
Throwing stones	24	21	4	1
Begging	4	4	..	..
Insufficient lawful means of support	10	10	7	7
Playing football on Sunday .. .. .	..	..	10	10
Discharging firearms	7	7	2	2
Maintenance of children	3	2	..	..
Endangering working railway .. .. .	..	..	2	..
Bringing liquor into prohibited dis- trict .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Unregistered dogs	1	1	3	1
Cattle wandering	15	14	11	9
Furious driving	4	3	1	1
Chimney on fire	6	5	4	4
Non-vaccination	3	1	..	..
Embezzling cargo	7	5	..	..
Absent without leave	15	15	3	3
Disobedience to commands	6	5	6	6
Secreting themselves on board .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Falsely obtaining passage	6	5	..	..
Truancy	69	38	34	26
Ill-treating horse .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Failing to clear noxious weeds .. .. .	..	..	42	13
Selling milk from unregistered dairy .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Getting into train while in motion .. .. .	..	..	2	2
Failing to keep overtime-book .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Failing to keep record of persons employed .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Shop open during prohibited hours	3	2	..	..
Trout in possession	1	1	..	..
Unlawfully establishing a lottery	2	1	..	..
Failing to clean milk-cans .. .. .	..	..	2	..
Total	712	626	342	282

RETURN of OFFENCES, &c.—continued.

Mataura.

Offences.	1st July, 1901, to 30th June, 1903.				1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1905.			
	Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.		Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.		Number of Persons summoned or taken into Custody.		Number of Persons convicted or committed for Trial or Sentence.	
	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham
Assault	19	3	9	..	15	..	12	..
„ Indecent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Unnatural offence .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Incest .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Attempting to commit suicide .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Arson	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Breaking and entering	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Damaging property .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences	8	..	8	..	1	..	1	..
Forgery	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fraudulent bankruptcy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
Receiving stolen property	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery with violence	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Theft	24	..	15	..	24	3	15	3
Wilful damage	2	..	1	..	14	..	13	..
Perjury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Disorderly conduct .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Offensive act .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Failing to stamp receipt .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Drawing beer from cask without destroying stamp .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Bastardy	7	..	7	..	9	..	9	..
Drunkenness	123	4	123	4	28	2	26	2
Disobedience of maintenance order	10	..	6	..	11	..	3	..
Failing to maintain	10	..	6	..	8	1	4	1
Found on premises for purposes of illegally dealing in liquor .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..
Keeping liquor for sale in no-license district .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Obscene language	7	2	6	2	5	..	4	..
Prohibition orders	42	..	37	..	9	..	9	..
Prohibited person found on licensed premises	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Prohibited person found purchasing liquor .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Prohibition orders, Breach of .. .. .	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..
Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Resisting police	4	..	4	..	1	..	..	..
Selling liquor in no-license district .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35	..	19	..
Selling liquor at prohibited hours .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Selling liquor to intoxicated person .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Sly-grog selling .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	3
Vagrancy	3	..	3	..	..	1	..	1
Allowing swine within 50 yards of slaughterhouse	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Breaches of by-laws (borough and county)	4	..	3	..	54	..	35	..
Cattle at large	45	..	42	..	32	..	29	..
Cruelty to animals	5	1	3	1	12	..	4	..
Failing to send children to school	60	9	50	8	37	6	29	3
Failing to register birth	2	..	2	..	2	..	2	..
Failing to dip sheep	4	..	4
Carried forward	393	26	341	18	324	18	225	13

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Mataura—continued.

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	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham	Gore.	Wyndham
Brought forward ..	393	26	341	18	324	18	225	13
Failing to deliver sheep returns ..	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..
Failing to clear noxious weeds ..	..	2	..	2	12	26	1	26
Failing to destroy rabbits ..	..	..	..	..	7	12	6	12
Falsifying return under Stock Act ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fraudulently obtaining old-age pension ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Getting into and quitting train in motion ..	1	..	1	..	3	..	3	..
Having housebreaking-tools in his possession ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Insulting and threatening language and behaviour ..	13	1	12	1	10	1	6	1
Neglecting to attend parade ..	13	..	13	..	5	..	5	..
Not keeping slaughterhouse clean ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selling by auction without license ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selling milk from unregistered dairy ..	1	..	1	..	2	..	1	..
Selling adulterated whisky ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep infected with lice in saleyards ..	..	3	..	3	6	7	5	7
Smoking on railway platform ..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
Unlawfully taking trout ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Fisheries Conservation Act, Breach of ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Unregistered dogs ..	5	6	1	6	12	..	5	..
Using dredge without inspection ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Wearing Volunteer uniform so as to bring it into contempt ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Licensee of Infants' Home permitting removal without warrant ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Committed to industrial school for theft ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Child over whom parents have no control ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Domain Board Act, Breach of ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Factories Act, Breach of ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Trespass ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Dairy Act, Breach of	1	..	1
Total ..	435	40	374	32	398	71	271	63
Grand total ..	475		406		469		334	

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