

1908.
NEW ZEALAND

THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION

(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, 4th June, 1908.

I have the honour to submit for your information the annual report on the Police Force of the Dominion (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 734 of all ranks, being an increase of 35 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Inspectors	...	...	...	...	9
Sub-inspectors	...	...	...	...	6
Station sergeants	...	...	...	...	4
Sergeant-major	...	...	...	...	1
Sergeants	...	...	...	...	78
Constables	...	...	...	...	586
Chief detectives	...	...	...	...	5
Detectives	...	...	...	...	27
Acting-detectives	...	...	...	...	18

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	...	...	...	...	4
Matrons	...	...	...	...	4
District constables	...	...	...	...	20
Native constables	...	...	...	...	9
Troop horses	...	...	...	...	48

STATIONS.

New stations have been formed at Dunollie, Herekino, Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Kingsland, Ohakune, Portobello, Queen Street Wharf (Auckland), St. Johns (Wanganui), and Tuakau. The district constable at Chatham Islands has been replaced by a regular member of the Force, and the district constable formerly stationed at Waikaremoana has been removed to Frasertown.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended the 31st March last: Retired under Police Provident Fund Act, 8; died, 6; resigned voluntarily, 34; dismissed, 7; called upon to resign, 4 transferred to Justice Department, 1: total, 60. This is 15 more than in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with all offences reported to the police during the year ended the 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 2,044 on the figures of 1906. These figures fluctuate considerably from year to year, and the increase shown this year

consists principally in cases of drunkenness (993), and other minor offences. The increase in the strength of the Police Force no doubt accounts to a degree for the increase in the number of arrests shown. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·37 per cent.

The principal increases during the year as shown by the statistics were as follows, viz. :—

Assaults, common	112	False pretences	62
Breach of the peace	165	Gaming offences	52
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ...	35	Indecent exposure or behaviour ...	114
Cruelty to animals	45	Malicious injury to property ...	37
Deserters and absentees from merchant vessels	48	Opium, smoking or being in possession of ...	55
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses ...	136	Sly-grog selling	38
Drunkenness	993	Theft (undescribed)	165
Failing to support parents and near relatives	48	Theft by servants	30

The principal decreases were :—

Assaults on police	33	Theft as a bailee	37
Illegally on premises	67	Theft from dwellings	27
Offensive publications	41		

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year under review is 95·86, the figures of the preceding year being 95·65.

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each Police District during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

District.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	4,995	4,784	211
Thames	783	762	21
Napier	2,161	2,095	66
Wanganui	2,626	2,547	79
Wellington	5,739	5,564	175
Greymouth	561	526	35
Christchurch	3,651	3,488	163
Dunedin	2,029	1,853	176
Invercargill	659	625	34
	23,204	22,244	960

SERIOUS CRIMES.

From the following return it will be observed that there has been a slight diminution (10) in the total number of serious crimes reported during the year as compared with the previous year. Burglary cases show an increase of 35, but there is nothing abnormal in this, as all offences reported vary considerably in number from year to year, and on a five-years-average basis the present number (350) is 22 below the average yearly number reported.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the preceding year :—

Crimes.	1906.		1907.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	17	14	12	12
Assault and robbery	55	48	47	43
Burglary (breaking into shops and dwellings) ...	315	231	350	242
Forgery and uttering	103	86	98	87
Murder	6	5	5	5
" attempted	7	7	1	1
Rape	10	9	4	3
Receiving stolen property	41	41	29	29
Shooting with intent	4	4	2	2
	558	445	548	424

The number of indecent and sexual offences dealt with during the year under review was 451, being 99 in excess of the previous year. The majority (349) were cases of indecent exposure or behaviour. The exemplary punishment recently inflicted for outrages on girls of tender years will no doubt have a salutary effect.

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 993 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 41·39 per cent. of the males and 61·79 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7·48 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS charged with DRUNKENNESS during the Year 1907, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so 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.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland	938	57	164	21	125	9	68	5	27	..	6	5	278	87	1,606	184	107
Thames ..	189	6	40	..	15	..	13	..	9	..	7	..	10	..	283	6	6
Napier ..	618	12	175	9	50	8	22	2	18	1	10	2	74	4	967	38	11
Wanganui ..	678	33	194	14	99	9	49	13	16	..	6	..	24	..	1,066	69	7
Wellington ..	1,527	112	519	51	296	32	240	18	141	15	69	21	131	15	2,923	264	251
Greymouth ..	146	2	16	3	7	4	7	..	6	..	3	..	7	..	192	9	13
Christchurch ..	839	82	118	14	67	10	57	9	48	4	49	5	175	40	1,353	164	158
Dunedin ..	402	14	62	2	46	10	29	7	38	5	69	20	123	38	769	96	132
Invercargill ..	153	1	24	1	9	1	9	1	1	..	2	..	11	1	209	5	16
	5,490	319	1,312	115	714	83	494	55	304	25	221	53	833	185	9,368	835	701

The number charged with drunkenness in 1906 was 9,210 (8,411 males and 799 females), whereas in 1907 the number was 10,203 (9,368 males and 835 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1906-7, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or withdrawn (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Increase in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1906.		Number arrested, 1907.		Number convicted, 1907.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1907.		Total Increase in Arrests. M. and F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland and suburbs	...	1,235	172	1,311	180	1,311	179	...	84
Wellington and suburbs	...	1,908	242	2,299	245	2,294	244	5	394
Christchurch and suburbs	...	575	94	811	146	807	144	4	288
Dunedin and suburbs	...	452	93	581	86	581	86	...	122
Totals	...	4,170	601	5,002	657	4,993	653	9	888

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS on SUNDAYS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1906-7 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1906.		Number arrested, 1907.		Number convicted, 1907.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1907.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs	20	1	12	4	12	3	...	1
Wellington and suburbs	15	2	14	2	14	2	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	3	1	10	3	10	3	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs	2	...	4	1	4	1	...	...
Totals	40	4	40	10	40	9	...	1

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 40 as compared with the preceding year, but as the yearly number of such prosecutions has varied from 140 to 231 during the last five years the present number (225) is not abnormal.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS in each District during the Year 1907 as compared with 1906, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

District.	Prosecutions, 1906.	Prosecutions, 1907.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland	71	48	19	29
Thames ... ..	...	15	5	10
Napier	32	35	24	11
Wanganui	15	40	10	30
Wellington	23	32	14	18
Greymouth	15	30	18	12
Christchurch	14	14	9	5
Dunedin	12	10	5	5
Invercargill	3	1	1	...
Totals	185	225	105	120

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS within each Principal Centre during the Year 1907, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

Centre.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland and suburbs	18	4	14
Wellington and suburbs	2	2	...
Christchurch and suburbs	4	3	1
Dunedin and suburbs	3	1	2
Totals	27	10	17

SLY-GROG.

There were 182 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 125 convictions, against 145 prosecutions and 113 convictions during the preceding year.

Special tactics are still resorted to with the view to eradicate this class of offences, and, considering the difficulties experienced in bringing offenders to justice, on the whole sly-grog selling is kept well in check.

If the provisions of section 5 of "The Licensing Act, 1904" (which places restrictions on the introduction of liquor into no-license districts), were extended to apply to section 18 of the same Act (which deals with Native no-license areas) the Department could maintain stricter supervision over offenders, and thus minimise this illegal traffic.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1907 amounted to £1,391 2s., against £1,719 16s. in 1,906.

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	472	0	0
Thames ... ..	...	...	...
Napier	0	2	0
Wanganui	125	0	0
Wellington	39	0	0
Greymouth ... ..	...	...	...
Christchurch	420	0	0
Dunedin	290	0	0
Invercargill	45	0	0
Total	£1,391	2	0

The direct cost to the Dominion in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £809 10s. 5d., this being £581 11s. 7d. less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 193 prosecutions, resulting in 142 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 143 prosecutions and 110 convictions in 1906.

Good results have followed the passing of "The Gaming and Lotteries Act Amendment Act, 1907." Betting and gaming generally has been considerably reduced, and the inducements to bet minimised. The Act does not, however, provide against betting at coursing meetings, shooting competitions or matches, and pigeon-shooting, which provision seems necessary.

"THE INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1896."

During the year there were 577 registered homes throughout the Dominion, representing 954 infants, against 570 homes and 794 infants in 1906.

Forty-two deaths occurred in the homes during the year, against 19 in the preceding year. Six licensees were prosecuted for breaches of the Act, and 6 were convicted, against 10 prosecutions and 6 convictions in 1906. Seven licenses were cancelled.

The administration of the Infant Life Protection Act was transferred from the Police Department to the Education Department on the 31st December last, as provided by the new Act of last year, and I trust the change will have beneficial results.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

During the year under review the conduct of members of the service, taken generally, has been very good. Serious breaches of the regulations, especially in relation to drink, have been of very rare occurrence. Young constables have, as usual, had to be stringently dealt with in order to maintain discipline, several having been dismissed, but on the whole the efficiency of the Force has been well maintained.

Both the uniform and detective branches of the service have worked harmoniously together, and have performed their respective duties in a very creditable manner; good supervision has been maintained over the men; and, generally speaking, members of the service seem well satisfied with the present conditions of the Force.

FINGER-PRINT BRANCH.

The *personnel* of the branch is the same as last year—viz., two finger-print experts working under my direct supervision—and their duties during the year have been creditably performed.

The finger-print collection on the 31st March last consisted of the impressions of 7,622 offenders, showing an increase of 1,471 as compared with the previous year.

During the year 123 persons, claiming to be first offenders, were by means of their finger-prints identified as previously-convicted persons, an increase of 19 over last year.

Finger-prints of persons in custody here have, since my last report, been identified in England, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, and Johannesburg as those of criminals previously convicted and finger-printed in those places.

During the year 49 finger-marked articles from housebreaking cases were submitted to the branch by the Police of the various districts for identification. Only 25 of these bore prints that were sufficiently clear to be of any value. Of these 25, 12 resulted in identifications; and the information that the branch were thus able to give to the police, in several cases, materially assisted in securing the conviction of the offenders. In 5 cases, however, the evidence of identification given by the finger-print experts was quite uncorroborated, but the system was so clearly demonstrated by the experts that the accused, recognising the futility of pleading not guilty, in each case admitted the offence.

Two cases occurred in the Napier District which demonstrated the importance of the finger-print system of identification, as follows:—Two men were arrested at different times and on different charges. Their finger-prints were taken and forwarded to the Finger-print Branch, where they were identified as those of persons previously convicted, and the police of the district were so informed; but on the accused being brought up on remand they both denied on oath having been previously convicted, and were discharged. A prosecution for perjury (denial of previous convictions) was instituted. Expert finger-print evidence was adduced which conclusively proved that both the accused had been previously convicted, and this resulted in their admittal of the previous convictions and conviction for perjury.

The photographic portion of the branch is still working well, photography being quite indispensable to the successful working of the finger-print system of identification. During the past year photographs to the number of 2,937 have been turned out at a cost of 1½d. each, whereas prior to the establishment of the branch this work was done by the local photographers at a cost of about 4d. each. A considerable saving in expenditure is thus effected, besides which the work is much more expeditiously done.

From the above it will therefore be seen that the branch is working most satisfactorily, and is proving very serviceable not only in the identification of offenders, but in the detection of crime.

TRAINING OF CANDIDATES, ETC.

The training of candidates is still proving highly satisfactory. The benefits derived from the instruction imparted to probationers in education, drill, ambulance-work, technical police duties, Police Acts, and the finger-print system of identification is having a marked effect on the men.

During the year there were 99 fresh candidates who, after inquiry, measurement, &c., were found to be eligible for the service. No dearth of eligible candidates at present exists.

Ninety-five men were taken on during the year; their nationalities, religions, and occupations are as follows:—Nationalities: New-Zealand-born, 46; Australians, 13; Irish, 10; English, 16; Scotch, 9; South African, 1. Religions: Church of England, 36; Roman Catholics, 27; Presbyterians, 24; Wesleyans, 4; Methodists, 3; Baptist, 1. Occupations:

Labourers, 20; farm labourers, 11; miners, 5; artillerymen, 12; farmers, 3; butcher, 1; carters, 2; clerks, 2; baker, 1; shepherd, 1; ex-constables, 4; contractors, 2; grocer, 1; asylum attendants, 3; blacksmiths, 4; engine-drivers, 3; painters, 2; cotton-yarn-dyer, 1; ploughman, 1; telegraph linesman, 1; soldier, 1; orchardist, 1; storekeeper, 1; cook, 1; groom, 1; engineer, 1; motor-man, 1; packer, 1; chauffeur, 1; basketmaker, 1; gardener, 1; sailor, 1; platelayer, 1; lighter-man, 1; draper, 1.

POLICE PROVIDENT FUND.

On the 31st March last the amount standing to the credit of the fund was £30,537 5s. 7d. being an increase on the year of £1,411 4s. 4d. On the same date there were on the fund 3 ex-Inspectors, 22 ex-sergeants, 40 ex-constables, 3 ex-detectives, and 2 widows and 2 orphans of deceased constables, their aggregate annual allowances being £6,574 2s. 6d.

Since the Act came into force the Government have saved the sum of £18,373 1s. 5d. in the form of retiring-allowances which would no doubt have been paid had it not existed.

As provided by section 40 of "The Public Service Superannuation Act, 1907," arrangements were made for a ballot being taken of the contributors to the Police Provident Fund on the proposal that such contributors should become contributors to the Public Service Superannuation Fund in lieu of the Police Provident Fund, but as it was found that the new Act did not definitely provide for the previous service of members of the Police Force being counted towards pension the ballot-papers were withdrawn.

STATIONS, ETC.

During the year the following works have been completed :—

New Buildings.

Carterton ...	Station.	Karangahake ...	Station.
Christchurch ...	Barracks and sergeant's quarters.	Kihikihi ...	"
Collingwood ...	Station.	Kimbolton ...	Office and lock-up.
Frasertown ...	Lock-up.	Kumara ...	Station.
Geraldine ...	"	Nelson ...	Sergeant's quarters.
Granity ...	"	Taupo ...	Station.
Hampden ...	Station.	Te Whaiti ...	Lock-up.
		Waimate ...	Station.

New Buildings in Course of Erection.

Newmarket ...	Station.	Raglan ...	Station.
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Additions, Improvements, &c.

Alexandra ...	Additions.	Milton ...	Additions.
Amberley ...	Renovations.	Napier ...	Alterations.
Bull's ...	Repairs, &c.	Normanby ...	Additions and drainage.
Clyde ...	Fencing, &c.		age.
Dannevirke ...	Drainage.	Papakura ...	Repairs and renovations.
Dargaville ...	Alterations.		tions.
Dunedin ...	Additions.	Rawene ...	Fencing, &c.
Dunedin South ...	"	Roslyn ...	Alterations.
Fairlie ...	Renovations.	St. Albans ...	Fencing, &c.
Feilding ...	Drainage.	Southbridge ...	Additions and renovations.
Glenary ...	Additions and repairs.		vations.
Inglewood ...	Drainage.	Taradale ...	Fencing, &c.
Invercargill ...	Additions to sergeant's quarters.	Timaru ...	Additions and improvements.
Hokitika ...	Renovations to quarters.	Waihi ...	Repairs and renovations.
Katikati ...	Repairs and renovations.	Waitotara ...	Additions and drainage.
Little River ...	Repairs, &c.		age.
Lyttelton ...	"	Wanganui ...	Repairs and renovations.
Methven ...	Additions.		tions.

Additions, Improvements, &c, in Hand.

Auckland ...	Quarters and gymnasium.	Hastings ...	Offices.
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Properties Acquired.

Ellerslie ...	Leasehold of station.	Petone ...	Site.
Kaiapoi ...	Site.	Roslyn ...	Station.
Kaitaia ...	"	St. Andrew's ...	"
Newmarket ...	"	Thames ...	Site.
Owaka ...	Station.	Whangarei ...	Station.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Police Instruction Classes.

The formation in August last year of weekly police instruction classes in the four centres has thus far proved satisfactory, and must have beneficial results in raising the standard of education and efficiency amongst the men.

The second annual examination, which consisted of a selection of subjects from the Police Acts, Police Regulations, and police duties generally, was held in January last.

Twenty-eight members offered themselves for examination: 14 passed and 14 failed. On the whole, the examinations showed that the members examined possessed a considerable knowledge of the subjects referred to.

First Aid to the Injured.

During the year ended March, 1908, 69 probationers presented themselves, at the conclusion of their course of training at the depot, for examination in "first aid to the injured," the examinations being held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Of the 69 men who sat, 68 passed and 1 failed.

The highest number of marks gained was 93, the average of those who passed being 77.2. (Maximum, 100; bare pass, 50.)

The lecturer was in each case Dr. Henry, Police Surgeon, and the examiners different medical men appointed by the Association.

The New Zealand Police Force.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the colony had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available.

Year.	Officers.	Non-Commis- sioned.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Sum- monses re- sulted.	Arrests for Drunkness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtain- able	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,393	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	...	...	...

In addition to the strength of the Force as shown above, there are 20 district constables, 9 native constables, 4 police surgeons (one in each city), 4 matrons (one in each city), and 48 troop horses.

It will be observed that during the year under review the Police Force of the Dominion has been augmented to the extent of 35 men, that at present there are more police to population than there has been since 1888, and that during the last five years the strength of the Force has been increased by 121 members.

Owing to the continued growth of the population, especially as regards the City and Suburbs of Wellington and Auckland, a further augmentation of at least 40 men will be necessary during the current year. I have therefore recommended an increase accordingly.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Extracts from the annual reports of the Inspectors in charge of districts are hereto annexed.

I have, &c.,

W. DINNIE,

Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR CULLEN, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The casualties in the district during the above period were: Resignations, 1 sergeant and 10 constables; dismissals, 3 constables; deaths, 1 sergeant and 1 constable; retirement on superannuation, 1 constable.

New stations have been opened at Queen's Street Wharf, Herekino, Kingsland, and Tuakau.

The conduct of some of the men who came here from the depot left much to be desired, but luckily most of these undesirables have now left. The conduct of all the senior members of the Force has been most exemplary.

There has been practically no increase of crime in the district during the year; indeed, there has been a considerable decrease in crimes of housebreaking, &c.

One deplorable feature connected with the persons convicted of housebreaking and theft is that a large number of these were boys and youths.

INSPECTOR KIELY, THAMES DISTRICT.

This district was formed on the 16th May, 1907. Since that time there has been very little crime, and nothing of a serious nature.

The total number of offences in 1906 was 733, and in 1907, 783—increase, 50. The number of persons arrested for drunkenness in 1906, was 255, and in 1907, 289—increase, 34.

The strength of the police in the district on the 31st May, 1907, was 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants, 25 constables, 1 acting-detective; on the 31st March, 1908, 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants, 27 constables, 1 detective; being an increase of 1 constable at Rotorua, and 1 at Thames.

There has been 58 prosecutions for breaches of the Licensing Act and its amendments from the 1st April, 1907, to the 31st March, 1908. Of these there were 39 convictions, and 19 discharged or withdrawn. These prosecutions were confined to Thames, no other part of the district being included.

The conduct of the members of the Force in this district during the year has been satisfactory.

INSPECTOR MACDONELL, NAPIER DISTRICT.

The return of crime reported during the last year shows a slight increase on the previous year, the numbers being 2,161, as against 2,089 the previous year, an increase of 72.

Of the 2,161 reported 2,095 resulted in prosecutions, leaving only 66 offences undetected.

The principal increases were: Breaches of peace, 30; burglary, 21; disorderly and riotous conduct, 15; drunkenness, 48; obscene language, 29.

The principal decreases were: Thefts, 23; vagrancy, 32.

Drunkenness appears to be on the increase in Napier and Hastings, but on the decrease in Dannevirke, owing probably in the latter place to a considerable decrease in the number of sawmills.

Thirty-five informations were laid against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Acts, resulting in 24 convictions and 11 dismissals or withdrawals.

The number of fires reported during the year was 37, being a decrease of 15 on the preceding year. An important conviction for arson here recently, it is to be hoped, will tend to act as a check on such offences.

The licensing laws continue to be very fairly observed in this district, especially in the Town of Napier.

Referring to the conduct of the sergeants and constables in this district, I am pleased to say that, with a few exceptions, it has been good, and as a whole the men have been pretty attentive to their various duties.

INSPECTOR WILSON, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district is—1 Inspector, 6 sergeants, 3 detectives, 59 constables, and 1 district constable.

A new station has been formed at St. John's, in the western portion of this town. A sergeant has been placed at Taihape, and additional constables placed at Palmerston North and Wanganui.

The conduct of the men on the whole has been very good.

The criminal statistics for the year show 2,626 offences reported, 2,547 of which have either resulted in arrests or summonses, and been dealt with by the Courts, leaving 79 undetected offences. A good number of these were cases in which the property could not be identified, and some few were very doubtful. However, the undetected cases work out at about 3 per cent. of the whole number of cases reported.

The total number of offences shows a slight increase on the figures for 1906—viz., 221 offences. There is an increase of 159 in drunkenness alone, 46 in disobeying summonses, 49 in breaches of the peace. Offences against property, thefts, &c., have materially decreased in number. The increase in drunkenness is mostly attributable to Taihape, where there were 187 persons arrested for drunkenness in 1907, as against 107 the previous year. No doubt this was due to the vigorous efforts made to suppress this offence in that township.

There have been 40 prosecutions against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Acts, and 10 convictions.

There have been 10 prosecutions against sly-grog sellers, resulting in fines amounting to £125 being inflicted, and four men were sent to gaol for terms of imprisonment, without the option of paying a fine.

INSPECTOR ELLISON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

I am pleased to say that the prosperity of the district has been well maintained, and a very marked increase of population and buildings is apparent, both in town and country. The expansion of the City of Wellington referred to in my last annual report has been maintained for the past year, entailing more demands for police services, and increased work for attention.

The increases during the past year have been 1 man to the detective staff, 1 constable at Kilbirnie, where a station was opened on the 20th November, 1907, and 1 constable at Island Bay, where a station was opened on the 3rd March last.

During the year 1 constable died, 1 sergeant and 2 constables were discharged on pension, 2 constables were dismissed, and 9 resigned.

Turning to the work done by the police during the year, 5,564 persons were arrested or summoned as against 4,872 for the previous year. The total number of offences reported being 5,739 for 1907, against 5,000 for 1906.

The principal increase of arrests are—Drunkenness, 486; gaming offences, 49; thefts, 38; thefts by employees, 21; obstructing police, 30; obscene language, 16; housebreaking, 21; disobeying orders of Court, 22; indecent exposure or behaviour, 27.

Decreases appear under—Assaults on police, 29; assault and robbery, 17; cruelty to animals, 16; disorderly and riotous conduct, 27; illegally on premises, 35; stowaways on ships, 13; attempted suicide, 10; thefts of cattle and horses, 5; and thefts from dwellings, 17.

The work of the detective staff has been very heavy during the year, and has been creditably carried out. Many cases showing exceptionally intelligent work with good results have occurred.

INSPECTOR BLACK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force on the 31st March last was—1 Inspector, 5 sergeants, 29 constables, 1 detective, and 1 district constable, being 2 constables in excess of the authorised strength shown on the previous year's report.

Two constables resigned during the year, 1 constable was discharged as being medically unfit, and 1 constable was drowned at Blackball.

The conduct of the men as a whole throughout the district has been good, although in a few cases I was obliged to inflict small pecuniary punishments on certain constables for neglect of duties.

The criminal statistics for the year are 561 offences reported, against 574 on the previous year, showing a slight decrease, and no very serious offences worthy of mention have taken place. Proceedings were taken against persons for 526 of the 561 offences alluded to, thus leaving about 6 per cent. of the total number unaccounted-for, and I am satisfied a large number of the latter were doubtful cases.

During the year there were 30 prosecutions against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Acts, resulting in 18 convictions, as against 15 prosecutions and 11 convictions during the previous year.

The Gaming and Lotteries Act Amendment of 1907 was a much-needed measure, and will be of great assistance to the police in keeping in check the growing evil of gambling.

Section 42 of "The Licensing Acts Amendment Act, 1904," has been of very great assistance to the police in preventing after-hours and Sunday trading.

INSPECTOR GILLIES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 138 men of all ranks, made up as follows: Inspector, 1; Sub-Inspectors, 2; station sergeant, 1; sergeants, 13; constables, 110; detectives, 6; acting-detectives, 5.

There is a surgeon and matron attached to the Christchurch Station.

The casualties were—Retired on pension, 1; medically unfit, 1; resignations, 7; dismissals, nil; defaulters under the Police Regulations, 21.

The total number of offences reported during the year ending the 31st December, 1907, was 3,651, and the number of persons apprehended or summoned was 3,488.

An increase of 236 offences is shown in comparison with the return for the year 1906.

The principal increases in offences for the year are as follows: Assaults, common, 22; breaches of the peace, 14; disorderly and riotous conduct, 42; drunkenness, 73 (in Christchurch City, 225); indecent exposure and behaviour, 32; malicious injury to property, 44; keeping disorderly houses, 10; sly-grog selling, 20; thefts, 30; trespass, 68; vagrancy 18.

Decreases in the following offences are very satisfactory: Neglected and criminal children, 21; obscene and profane language, 45.

The number of bicycles reported as lost or stolen was 413: of those, 61 were not recovered, but there are 32 unclaimed bicycles in store, some of them, if not all, were probably stolen. There are upwards of 30,000 bicycles in use in the City of Christchurch; some are provided with a chain and lock, and are made secure by the owners while they are absent attending to business, but others are left in public streets and by-ways without locks or fastenings of any kind, although the owners may be absent for perhaps hours at a time.

The number of prosecutions by police for breaches of the Christchurch City by-laws was 334, as compared with 510 for previous year.

Sly-grog selling in this district is confined chiefly to Ashburton and Oamaru, as these are towns in no-license districts. The difficulties which beset the local police in procuring evidence in such cases are well known, and little if any assistance can be relied on from residents, whose sympathies are with the grog-sellers. There were 36 prosecutions during the year, as against 16 the previous year. Convictions were obtained against 28 persons, and fines were inflicted amounting in the aggregate to £420.

The conduct of the men with a few exceptions has been satisfactory.

INSPECTOR O'BRIEN, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The number of offences reported during the year was 2,029, as compared with 1,740 for the previous year; and the number of persons arrested or proceeded against by summons during the year was 1,853. This shows an increase of 289 offences for the year, many of which may be attributed to the conduct of juveniles, there being, however, an increase of 141 in drunkenness. The latter I attribute to the continued prosperity and high wages ruling in the district during the year.

The principal increases during the year were—Burglary, 15; disobeying orders of Court, 49; indecent exposure, 15; mischief, 20; vagrancy, 20: while a decrease is shown in sly-grog selling, 10; stone-throwing, 10; theft as bailee, 16; and trespass, 13.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force in this district was—1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 station-sergeant, 11 sergeants, 74 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 2 detectives, 3 acting-detectives, 2 district constables, and 1 matron.

The casualties were—Retired under Police Provident Fund Act, nil; died, 1; dismissed, nil; discharged on resignation, 7.

There has been an increase of 141 in the number of persons dealt with for drunkenness during the year under review. This may be attributed to continued prosperity and high wages ruling for the working-classes. Juvenile drunkenness has from time to time been the subject of comment by the local Press, both anonymous and otherwise. I am satisfied from my personal observations and from facts gathered from the officers serving under me that much of the offence referred to is more apparent than real. It must, however, be stated that youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years are occasionally found to be actually intoxicated, which is much to be regretted. I am therefore of opinion that, in the interests of the youths themselves, no liquor should be sold to them till they have attained the age of twenty-one years.

There have been 13 prosecutions for sly-grog selling during the year, and fines aggregating £290 have been imposed. As regards that portion of the Clutha District (no-license area) in this police district, I have much pleasure in stating there has been but 1 prosecution during the year, and there is evidence of the offence being reduced to a minimum. There have been 9 prosecutions for gaming offences during the year, and since the Gaming and Lotteries Act of last session came into force there has been a considerable diminution in the worst phases of the offence—namely, frequenting offices for the purpose of betting and wagering on the result of horse-races, street betting, and that infatuating game known as “two up.” Jockey clubs are observing the law in respect of totalisators, and the licensing of respectable bookmakers has so far given satisfaction. On the 31st December last the administration of the Infant Life Protection Act was transferred from the Police to the Education Department. The existing infant-homes (59) and their inmates were then in a satisfactory condition.

Licensed hotels have, with very few exceptions, been well conducted during the year; and there seems to be a disposition on the part of the majority of licensees to observe the law to the letter, and in this connection the amendment of the licensing law making it an offence for persons who are not lodgers to be found on such premises during the time they are directed to be closed has been found most beneficial. There have been 10 prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year, resulting in 5 convictions.

Sunday trading in shops is not so prevalent as hitherto. There have been 7 prosecutions for such offences during the year, resulting in 6 convictions. I am still of opinion that in order to more effectually check this class of Sunday trading the penalty should be increased from £1 to £5.

During the year the conduct of the members of the Force, with very few exceptions, has been exemplary, and very few punishments have been found necessary. The men have performed their various duties in a manner conducive to the public welfare and creditable to themselves.

INSPECTOR MITCHELL, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Two events of importance occurred in this district: (1.) On the 21st June, 1907, a fire in progress in the Nightcaps Company's coal-mine caused the death of three miners, named William Duncan, Patrick Walsh, and William Carson, through white-damp—the mine-manager, John Lloyd, was charged with manslaughter, but the jury disagreed. (2.) On the 3rd September, 1907, a miner called Harry Reid shot a girl named Lydia Gibbon, and then shot himself, at Nightcaps. The apparent cause was jealousy. Both lingered for some days, and then died.

Though there has been a slight increase in the number of several classes of offences, such as breaking and entering, assault and robbery, and false pretences, still, in the aggregate, there has been a decrease in the number of offences reported.

Two constables have resigned, and 1 has retired.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been good, and their attention to duty is indicated by the fact that 95 per cent of crime in this district has been detected.

The brewery depots at Waikiwi, on the border of the no-license district, have been closed, but are in two instances being replaced by breweries. This is to be regretted, seeing that the latter are under less restrictions as to conduct, being able to sell irrespective of hour.

There have been 11 prosecutions for sly-grog selling, resulting in 8 convictions; at the present time there is no evidence that such sales are being carried on to any appreciable extent in either Invercargill or Mataura Electorates, or in Tapanui or Clinton Sub-districts.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1906, and Year ending 31st December, 1907.

Offences.	1906.	1907.										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	4	5	4	..	2	..	..	..	2	4	..	1	1	..
Abduction	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring	1	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	3	..
Abortion, attempt to procure ..	7	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	3
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Absconding from bail	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Absconding from industrial schools ..	131	113	102	..	..	88	10	4	..	102	..	..	..	18
Abusive and threatening language ..	242	254	253	..	..	174	6	60	13	253	..	..	12	..
Arson	17	12	12	8	1	1	1	1	..	12	7	1	..	5
Arson, attempted	17	5	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	12
Assaults, common	814	926	919	7	..	609	20	264	19	919	5	..	112	..
Assaults, indecent	65	46	41	29	..	5	..	7	..	41	20	..	..	19
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	47	50	50	18	..	20	1	11	..	50	8	..	3	..
Assaults on bailiffs	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Assaults on police	105	72	72	1	..	67	..	4	..	72	..	..	..	33
Assaults and robbery	55	47	43	28	..	..	..	16	..	44	15	..	..	8
Assault on sheriff .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Attempts to commit crimes	3	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..
Bankruptcy offences	18	12	8	5	..	3	..	..	..	8	4	..	..	6
Being in possession of house-breaking implements ..	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Begging	20	17	17	..	..	16	1	..	..	17	..	..	..	3
Bestiality	7	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	4
Bigamy	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Breaches of the peace	528	693	689	..	..	599	1	86	3	689	..	..	165	..
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	315	350	242	114	5	93	4	24	2	242	93	3	35	..
Carnally knowing girls	21	37	36	27	..	..	..	9	..	36	16	..	16	..
Carnally knowing girls, attempted ..	8	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	6	4	..	..	2
Cattle-maiming	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Coinage offences	1	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	3	..
Concealment of birth	2	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Conspiring to defraud	8	7	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	1
Contempt of Court	8	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4
Counselling the commission of an offence	22	13	13	..	..	10	..	2	1	13	..	..	..	9
Cruelty to animals	169	214	214	..	..	153	..	61	..	214	..	..	45	..
Cruelty to children	4	10	10	..	1	1	4	2	2	10	..	1	6	..
Cutting and wounding	3	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	1
Damaging police uniform	19	27	27	..	..	26	..	1	..	27	..	..	8	..
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children ..	588	600	544	..	..	363	3	177	1	544	..	..	12	..
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships	97	94	29	..	..	26	..	3	..	29	..	..	..	3
Deserters and absentees from merchant vessels	84	132	112	..	..	98	..	14	..	112	..	..	48	..
Detaining postal packets	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	..
Discharging firearms	49	50	49	..	..	48	1	..	..	49	..	..	1	..
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	43	65	65	..	..	62	..	3	..	65	..	..	22	..
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	513	649	598	..	..	404	8	183	3	598	..	..	136	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	13	19	15	4	..	11	..	..	..	15	4	..	6	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct ..	346	368	368	..	..	343	3	21	1	368	..	..	22	..
Dissuading a witness from giving evidence	2	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..
Disturbing meetings and congregations	42	31	31	..	..	27	1	3	..	31	..	..	..	11
Drunkenness	9,210	10,203	10,203	..	..	9,344	831	24	4	10,203	..	..	993	..
Escaping from custody	15	17	17	1	..	11	5	..	..	17	1	..	2	..
Failing to support parents and near relatives	311	359	344	..	..	233	16	91	4	344	..	..	48	..
False declarations	24	18	18	12	3	1	..	2	..	18	9	2	..	6
False pretences	210	272	244	51	2	148	9	33	1	244	40	1	62	..
Fish, illegally taking	74	57	57	..	..	44	..	13	..	57	..	..	..	17
Forgery and uttering	103	98	87	73	4	1	4	5	..	87	61	3	..	5
Fortune-telling	5	6	6	..	..	1	4	..	1	6	..	..	1	..
Found armed by night with felonious intent .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Found by night disguised with intent to commit a crime .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Furious riding and driving	73	86	86	..	..	74	1	11	..	86	..	..	13	..
Game, illegally shooting	57	40	40	..	..	35	..	5	..	40	..	..	..	17
Gaming offences	146	198	193	6	..	138	..	48	1	193	4	..	52	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE on the 31st March, 1908.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Station-Sergeants.	Sergeants-major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Acting Detectives.	Total.	Probationers.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Auckland District—														
Auckland	1	1	1	6	37	7	3	56					1	1
Aratapu					1			1						
Avondale					1			1						
Birkenhead					1			1						
Cambridge					1			1						
Cowes					1			1			1			
Dargaville					1			1						
Devonport					3			3						
Eden Terrace				1	3			4						
Ellerslie					1			1						
Epsom					1			1						
Freeman's Bay					1			1						
Hamilton				1	2			3						
Helensville					1			1						
Herekino					1			1			1			
Hikurangi					1			1						
Hobsonville											1			
Hohoua											1			
Howick					1			1						
Huntly					1			1						
Kaikohe					1			1						
Kaitiaki					1			1						
Kawakawa					1			1						
Kawhia					1			1						
Kihikihi					1			1						
Kingsland					1			1						
Mangawai											1			
Mangonui					1			1				1		
Mercer					1			1						
Mount Roskill					1			1						
Newmarket				1	2			3						
Newton				4	10	2		16						
Ngaruawahia					1			1						
Northcote					1			1						
Ohaeawai											1			
Okupu (G. Barr'r)											1			
Onehunga				1	2			3						
Ongarue					1			1						
Otahuhu					1			1						
Otorohanga					1			1				1		
Pahi					1			1						
Panmure											1			
Papakura					1			1						
Parnell					3			3						
Ponsonby					3			3						
Port Albert					1			1						
Pukekohe					1			1						
Queen St. Wharf				1	6			7						
Raglan					1			1						
Raurimu					1			1						
Rawene					1			1				1		
Russell					1			1						
Taumarunui					1			1						
Te Awamutu					1			1						
Te Kuiti					1			1						
Tuakau												1		
Waipu					1			1						
Waiuku					1			1						
Warkworth					1			1						
Whangarei					1	2		3						
Whangaroa					1			1						
Totals	1	1	1	16	114	9	3	145			8	4	1	1

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Station-Sergeants.	Sergeants-major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Acting Detectives.	Total.	Probationers.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Napier District—														
Napier	1				1	8		1	11					
Carlisle Street					1	1			1					
Clive					1	1			1					
Dannevirke					1	2			3					
Frasertown					1						1			
Gisborne					1	6	1		8			1		
Hastings					1	3		1	5					
Herbertville											1			
Ormondville					1				1					
Porongahau					1				1					
Port Awanui					1				1					
Sende					1				1					
Spit					1				1					
Taradale					1				1					
Te Karaka					1				1					
Tolaga Bay					1				1					
Tuparoa													1	
Waipawa					2				2					
Waipiro Bay					1				1					
Waipukurau					1				1					
Wairoa					1				1					
Weber											1			
Woodville					2				2					
Totals	1				4	36	2	1	44		3	2		
Wanganui District—														
Wanganui	1				1	10		1	13					
Aramoho					1				1					
Ashhurst					1				1					
Bull's					1				1					
Eltham					1				1					
Felding					1	2			3					
Foxton					2				2					
Hawera					1	2			3					
Hunterville					1				1					
Inglewood					1				1					
Kimbolton					1				1					
Manaia					1				1					
Mangaweka					1				1					
Marton					1				1					
Moawhango											1			
Mokau					1				1					
New Plymouth					1	5	1		7					
Normanby					1				1					
Ohakune					1				1					
Opunake					1				1					
Patea					1				1					
Palmerston N.					1	9	1		11					
Raeitihi					1				1					
Rahotu					1				1					
Rongotea					1				1					
Shannon					1				1					
Stratford					3				3					
St. John's (Wan.)					1				1					
Taihape					1				2					
Terrace End					1				1					
Waitara					1				1					
Waitotara					1				1					
Waverley					1				1					
Whangamomona														
Willis Street (Palmerston N.)					1				1					
Totals	1				6	59	3		69		1			
Wellington District—														
Wellington	1	2	1		8	35	5	5	57				1	1
Brooklyn					1				1					
Clyde Quay					1				1					
Island Bay					1				1					
Kilbirnie					1				1					
Manners Street					1				1					
Mount Cook					5	16	1		22	14				
Thorndon					1				1					
Tinakori Road					1				1					
Wellington S.					3				3					
Blenheim					1	4			5					
Carterton					2				2					
Collingwood					1				1					
Cullensville											1			
Eketahuna					1				1					
Featherston					1				1					
Greytown North					1				1					
Havelock					1				1					

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

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Station-Sergeants-major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	Probationers.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Macons.	Surgeons
Wellington District— <i>contd.</i>													
Johnsonville	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Levin	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Hutt	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Mangatainoka	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Martinborough	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Masterton	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Motueka	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Nelson	1	6	1	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..
Otaki	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Pahiatua	2	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Petone	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Picton	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Pongaroa	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richmond	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Seddon	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Spring Grove	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Takaka	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Te Nui	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
The Port	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Upper Hutt	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	2	1	15	106	6	6	138	14	1	..	1	1
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth ..	1	..	..	2	4	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
Ahaura	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Blackball	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Brunnerton	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Charleston	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Denniston	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunollie	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Granity	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hokitika	1	3	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Kanieri	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Karamea	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Kumara	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lyll	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Murchison	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Okarito	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Otira	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Reefton	1	2	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Ross	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Seddonville	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stafford	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Westport	1	4	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	..	..	5	29	1	..	36	..	1	..	..	..
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	1	1	6	39	4	5	57	..	..	1	1	..
Addington	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Akaroa	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Amberley	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	1	5	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Belfast	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bingsland	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cheviot	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coalgate	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Culverden	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Chatham Islands	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fairlie	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Geraldine	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Glenavy	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hampden	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kaipoi	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Kaikoura	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kurov	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Leeston	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lincoln	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Linwood	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Little River	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton	1	5	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Methven	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
New Brighton	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ngapara	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Oamaru	1	6	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Oxford	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Papanui	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Phillipstown	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Point	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rakaia	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Christchurch District— <i>contd.</i>													
Rangiora	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Riccarton	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
St. Albans	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
St. Andrew's	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sheffield	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Southbridge	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sumner	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sydenham	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Temuka	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Timaru	1	..	1	8	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
Waimate	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Woolston	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	2	1	13	110	6	5	138	..	..	..	1	1
Dunedin District—													
Dunedin ..	1	1	1	6	30	3	3	45	..	..	..	1	1
Alexandra South	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Anderson's Bay	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Balclutha	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Broad Bay	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Caversham	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clyde	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Cromwell	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Green Island	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kaitangata	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
King Street	1	5	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Lawrence	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Middlemarch	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Milton	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mornington	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Mosgiel	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Naseby	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
North-east Valley	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ophir	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Outram	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Owaka	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Palmerston S.	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port Chalmers	1	4	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Portobello	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Ravensbourne	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Roslyn	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
St. Bathans	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
St. Clair	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
South Dunedin	1	5	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouaiti	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Waitahuna	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Waitati	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Woodhaugh	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	11	74	3	3	94	..	2	..	1	1
Invercargill District—													
Invercargill ..	1	..	..	2	9	1	..	13	..	..	..	..	..
Arrowtown	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bluff	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX C.

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

Place	Number of Police.	Population.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand	734	977,215	1 to 1,331	s. d. 3 2½
Victoria	1,557	1,258,140	1 to 808	4 5½
New South Wales..	2,464	1,571,267	1 to 638	5 10
South Australia ..	387	396,028	1 to 1,023	4 0
Queensland	920	546,467	1 to 594	7 1½
Western Australia	506	263,846	1 to 521	9 4
Tasmania	229	179,994	1 to 786	3 10

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