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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRISONS BRANCH

(REPORT ON), FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1907;

ALSO

### OPERATION OF "THE FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT, 1886"

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

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

SIR,—

Department of Justice, Prisons Branch, 1st May, 1908.

I have the honour to present this my twenty-seventh annual report on the prisons of the Dominion, together with the twenty-second annual report on the working of "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886," and as the past year shows a decrease in the daily average number of the prisoners, and a slight increase in the number placed on probation, I think these will be considered satisfactory when all surrounding circumstances are taken into consideration.

1. I have, as usual, periodically visited the several prisons, on the dates stated in the table marked I, and have succeeded in making many of them surprise visits, and have on all occasions found the various establishments kept scrupulously clean, the sanitary arrangements properly attended to, and a satisfactory state of discipline maintained without undue severity. I have carefully listened to all complaints and requests made by either officers or prisoners, and given full consideration to those which appeared to require it. There are always plenty of requests for special remissions and suchlike. It is surprising but gratifying to find how few complaints there are of real moment.

2. Extracts from the annual reports of Gaolers are as usual attached, and a perusal of them shows that there is a great demand for more warders' cottages, and no doubt to have a thoroughly efficient service it is necessary the married warders should reside in the immediate vicinity of the prisons in which they are serving. The Dunedin Gaoler comments on the number of cases of intemperates, acute alcoholics, and supposed lunacy still being sent to prison for medical treatment, which he rightly states are a cause of grave anxiety to the officials, and in support of his argument quotes a case of suicide. Though I am thankful to say, as the outcome of repeated protests, the practice of sending such cases to gaols has considerably diminished, yet it will be a matter for great congratulation when such cases are entirely excluded from the prison population of our Dominion. The Gaoler's remarks from Wanganui on a similar matter, in the case of a dying Maori sent from Shannon, and a case of a man sent in a dying state to Napier Prison, are worthy of consideration. The drainage alluded to by the Gaoler at New Plymouth is now in hand, and will be completed at an early date.

3. A reference to Table K shows that the First Offenders Act continues to give the usual satisfactory results, and it is believed that the Act has done more to save those just entering a career of crime from their downward course than could have been expected from its most sanguine promoters, and every credit is due to the Probation Officers, who have quietly and efficiently carried out their important duties under that Act.

4. The supplies for the various prisons, excepting the tree-planting ones, have, as usual, been tendered for, and the acceptance or refusal of tenders has been recommended by the Visiting Justices, and carried out, with the result that there have been few or no complaints from either the Department or the contractors. It has not been found that contractors could always supply good potatoes, but when they have been unable to supply them, such substitutes as rice, peas, haricot beans, &c., have been given, and the changes were appreciated. Supplies for tree-planting prisons are obtained locally as far as circumstances admit.

5. There were 13 escapes last year, as against 10 in 1906—viz., 4 from Lyttelton, 2 from Hokitika, 1 from New Plymouth, 2 from Hanmer, 2 from Waiotapu, and 2 from Point Halswell (Wellington). All the escaped prisoners were recaptured and tried in open Courts.

6. There was a slight increase in the daily average of prisoners on the sick-list—viz., 9,856 males and 1,32 females—an increase on the previous year of 0.19 males and 0.01 females. This increase is accounted for by epidemics of influenza, but the health of the prisoners generally has been very good.

7. Six deaths in prison occurred during 1907, as against 10 in 1906—viz., 1 at Auckland, 1 at Lyttelton, 1 at Napier, 1 at Wanganui, 1 at Gisborne, and 1 at Dumgree. In each case an inquest was held, and verdicts of deaths from natural causes returned, with the exception of the death at Dumgree, which was accidental, and a verdict returned "Death from drowning, and no blame attached to any person."

8. There were no executions: one prisoner was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment with hard labour for life.

9. From Table A it will be seen that at the commencement of the year there were 812 males and 79 females undergoing detention in the various gaols of the Dominion, while at its close there were 764 males and 83 females, a decrease of 48 males and an increase of 4 females. In 1907, 5,815 males and 663 females passed through the various prisons, as against 5,461 males and 585 females in the previous year, an increase of 354 males and 78 females; but if these numbers are accurately looked into it will be found that 739 males and 198 females are included more than once, so that the actual numbers of persons who passed through the prisons during the year 1907 were 5,076 males and 465 females, or a total only of 5,541 persons. This decrease is the more satisfactory when it is remembered that with each session legislation is brought in making imprisonment a penalty for offences which could previously have been dealt with by fines. It is impossible to make any reliable comparison of crime to population in the Dominion and other countries without taking into account the various statutes under which imprisonment can, or may, be awarded in the various countries concerned.

10. During the year 1907 the daily average number of prisoners in the different prisons of the Dominion has been 791.35 males and 80.90 females, a decrease of 10.73 males, and an increase of 0.17 females.

11. According to figures supplied by the Registrar-General, the population of the Dominion at the end of the past year was 524,408 males and 465,152 females, a total of 989,560, while the number of prisoners at the same date was 847. The average percentage, therefore, of prisoners to population was 0.0855, as against 0.0931 in the previous year.

12. During the year 1907, 27 male misdemeanants and 1 female in default of bail, and 46 male and 4 female supposed lunatics, were detained in the prisons, an increase of 1 male and 1 female in the former and an increase of 15 males and a decrease of 2 females in the latter, on the previous twelve months. The fact of fifty persons having been detained in prisons for the purpose of ascertaining their fitness or otherwise for mental hospitals is unsatisfactory alike to the persons under surveillance and to those who have to look after them. It seems clear from clause 67 of "The Lunatics Act, 1882," that it was never intended that such persons should be so treated.

13. Last year 714 males and 59 females were acquitted after remand, as against 696 males and 52 females in 1906, an increase of 18 males and 7 females. As it may be justly concluded that the majority of those persons were innocent, we may fairly deduct them as criminals from the number who passed through the prisons, which shows the real aspect on the increase of crime and criminals. As a further instance of how the number of persons who pass through the prisons can be increased, it may be pointed out that on the 13th November last a batch of no less than 12 persons was received into the Lyttelton Prison with sentences of one and two months for trespassing on a racecourse; but surely no one would dub such persons as criminals.

14. A reference to financial table marked B shows that prisoners in the town prisons were maintained last year at a gross cost per head of £50 0s. 6d., as against £47 8s. 7d. in the previous year. The gross totals are made up as follows: Staff supervision, £30 14s. 5d., as against £28 5s. 3d.; maintenance, £15 14s. 11d., as against £15 12s.; and incidentals, £3 11s. 2d., as against £3 11s. 3d. The increase, which it will be observed is in the staff supervision only, is easily accounted for by the increase of 6d. per diem granted last year to all the subordinate officers of the Department.

15. As showing the difference of prices at the various localities, it will be noticed from Table B that in Wellington it cost £1,578 7s. 8d. to feed a daily average of 145.37 prisoners, while in Auckland it only cost £1,883 13s. 9d. to provision a daily average of 246.85. At New Plymouth it cost £399 4s. 5d. for a daily average of 31.62, while in Wanganui it only cost £270 0s. 8d. for a daily average of 27.18, notwithstanding that rations are of the same quality and amount, and are tendered for in the same way all over the Dominion.

16. As regards the expenses of prisoners at tree-planting prisons, which are not included in Table B, at Dumgree (since abolished), where there were 3 officers and 28 prisoners, the gross annual cost per prisoner was £55 7s. 6d., made up as follows: Staff supervision, £16 17s. 1d.; maintenance, £31 12s.; and incidentals, £6 18s. 5d. At Waitapu, where there were 6 officers and 60 prisoners, the gross annual cost per prisoner was £44 3s. 11d., made up as follows: Staff supervision, £16 8s. 11d.; maintenance, £19 12s. 5d.; and incidentals, £8 2s. 7d. At Hanmer, where there were 3 officers and 24 prisoners, the gross cost per prisoner was £47 0s. 10d., made up as follows: Staff supervision, £18 15s. 6d.; maintenance, £23 6s. 1d.; and incidentals, £4 19s. 3d. At Waipa, where there were 3 officers and 25 prisoners, the gross cost per prisoner was £47, made up as follows: Staff supervision, £19 19s. 9d.; maintenance, £19 1s. 8d.; and incidentals, £7 18s. 7d. At present there are 13 officers and 109 prisoners employed at tree-planting prisons.

17. A reference to educational Table C shows that, out of a total of 5,003 males and 584 females received during the past year, 40 males and 1 female were of superior education, 4,663 males and 534 females were able to read and write, 88 males and 16 females could read only, whilst 212 males and 33 females could neither read nor write.

18. In comparing the number of previously convicted prisoners received last year with those received five years ago, it will be seen from Table E that in those once convicted there is an increase of 93 males and a decrease of 18 females: in those twice convicted an increase of 49 males and 10 females: while in those convicted thrice or oftener there is an increase of 303 males and a decrease of 32 females.

19. From Table J it will be seen that there was an increase of prison punishments of 53—viz., 188, as against 135 in 1906. Of these 185 were for minor offences and were dealt with by Visiting Justices, while only three were aggravated offences, and, after being first investigated by Visiting Justices, were finally dealt with by the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court. The percentage of prisoners punished was therefore only 2·85, and in those numbers it must be recollected that many individuals appear several times, so it cannot be for a moment argued with any truth that unnecessary punishments are inflicted by Visiting Justices. It has been found very seldom necessary to place offenders on bread and water for any length of time. Deprivation of remission marks, with loss of tobacco, &c., generally mete out sufficient punishments for the offences. There are a few dangerous and refractory prisoners who have to be kept under separate treatment, picking oakum or some other suitable work.

20. There were 15 reports against subordinate officers last year, as against 8 in 1906—viz., Auckland, 1 (absent without leave); Dunedin, 8 (1 absent from duty, 2 neglect of duty, 3 absent without leave, 1 going off duty without being relieved, 1 absent and drunkenness. The last-mentioned report and two of those of absence were against the same subordinate, whose services were dispensed with); Invercargill, 2 (both late for duty); Wellington, 3 (1 trafficking with prisoners, in which case the officer's services were dispensed with, 1 absent, and 1 leaving his work without permission); and Wanganui, 1 (improper conduct). On the whole, the conduct and supervision of the subordinate officers has been satisfactory.

21. A new Gaoler's house at Hokitika is much required, the present one being in a very dilapidated condition; and a new prison is wanted at Gisborne, where a site has been already purchased. The want of warders' cottages is much felt at Dunedin, but it is next to impossible to obtain suitable sites within reasonable distance of the gaol. An officer living at any distance from the prison is practically useless for any crisis that may arise during the night.

22. It was stated in last year's report that some suitable place should be selected for a reformatory under "The Habitual Criminals and Offenders Act, 1906," and a wing of the New Plymouth Prison has been selected for that purpose. So far, there is only one prisoner under detention as an habitual criminal, and he is not associated or confined with other prisoners, so that he is virtually undergoing solitary confinement; but this will be overcome in a few months, when others will come under detention in the reformatory. There is ample accommodation for all that are likely to be declared habitual criminals within the next few years at New Plymouth, and time will prove the necessity or otherwise of building a central reformatory in the Dominion. Since the Act became law some of the gaol-birds have flown from the Dominion, and others are earning an honest living, so that there is reason to hope the list of habitual criminals will never be a very long one.

23. As regards the employment of prisoners: In Auckland the building of the new prison has gone ahead, and a large party has been located, and constantly at work, at Fort Cautley on fortifications; in New Plymouth the prisoners have been employed making the Western Park, cutting down Marsland Hill, and putting down drains; at Wanganui they have been improving Cook's Gardens; at Napier, working in quarry and building warder's cottage; in Wellington and Point Halswell, making bricks, &c., altering and improving the prison, and fortification-work; at Hokitika, preparing the reserve for flax, and keeping the roads and grounds round the Hospital in order; at Lyttelton, quarrying and fortifications, as well as tailoring, shoemaking, &c.; in Dunedin, and at Taiaroa Heads, fortification-work and mat-making; and in Invercargill, building the new prison, with which specially good progress has been made.

24. It is satisfactory to be able to report that during the past year situations have been found for several deserving prisoners on their discharge on remission, and the system introduced by the Hon. the Minister of Lands of giving employment at tree-planting to those who have, by their industry and conduct, proved themselves worthy of it, is working out very satisfactorily both for the discharged prisoners and the Forest Department.

25. The amount of work done at the tree-planting prisons, as shown by the Gaolers' reports, is creditable to all concerned, and has given entire satisfaction to the Forest Department. It was pointed out in last year's report that one of the most difficult duties the Department has to carry out is to select men who, if sent tree-planting, are likely to reform. Directly an escape is reported, judgment is passed without evidence by those who know nothing about the matter and will not take the trouble to inquire. During the past year there have been 4 escapes from tree-planting prisons—viz., 2 from Waiotapu and 2 from Hanmer—and in each case the escapees were speedily recaptured; but it is thought that the Courts before which such offenders are brought do not always view the offence as seriously as the case deserves, and the penalty is therefore not deterrent.

26. The object of the Department has been to make the tree-planting establishments special prisons for good-conduct prisoners. It is possible that mistakes are sometimes made in the selection of prisoners for tree-planting, but the Department claims to be judged by results, and when it is found that 619 have passed through these establishments and 23 have escaped, while in no case has any person suffered any personal injury at the hands of any escapee, it must be admitted that these "dangerous prisoners" are not so bad as they are painted, and are not yet beyond the bounds of possible reformation. No human being is without some good characteristics in his nature, no matter how depraved he may have become; and it is for those in charge of prisoners to endeavour to the best of their ability to find the good qualities and cultivate them. The aim of the Department has been to help those who are trying to help themselves, and our energies have not been

wasted in many cases. If tree-planting prisons are for good-conduct prisoners, as they are intended to be, then it seems the question for consideration before sending a person there is not so much his offence and previous history as whether he is trying to reform; and the only judges can be those who have been supervising him, who are invariably consulted before transfers are made.

27. The Department has during the past year been, by death, deprived of a really good, conscientious, and experienced officer in the person of the late Mr. F. E. Severne, Gaoler of Mount Eden Prison, who had served continuously since April, 1872, and his loss is much to be regretted; and, from the same cause, Dr. Burns, Gaol Surgeon, Dunedin, who had faithfully served the Department since February, 1877. The services of Mr. J. A. Torrance have also been lost to the Department through his having to retire owing to ill health. This gentleman, who served for upwards of forty years as agent of the Patients and Prisoners Aid Society, Otago, was indefatigable in his work, and many a discharged prisoner has to thank Mr. Torrance for his help in getting a fresh start in life. It is hoped this gentleman may live many years to enjoy the rest he has so ably earned.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

Table K shows that 111 persons were placed on probation last year, as against 101 in 1906. Of the 111, 23 have satisfactorily carried out the terms of their licenses and been discharged, 6 have been rearrested, 3 absconded, and 79 still remain under the supervision of the Probation Officers.

The amount ordered to be paid by the various Courts amounted to £471 19s. 1d., of which £258 17s. 4d. has been already paid. The approximate cost of keeping these offenders had they been sent to prison would have been £3,648 1s. 6d., which sum, added to the amount of costs actually paid, makes a total saving of £3,906 18s. 10d.

Of the 1,980 persons placed on probation since the passing of "The First Offenders Probation Act, 1886," 1,676 have been discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses, 110 have been rearrested and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, 1 committed suicide, 4 died, 2 were sent to industrial schools, 42 absconded, and 143 still remain faithfully fulfilling the terms of their licenses. It appears, therefore, that, while a percentage of 84.64 have done well, a percentage of only 2.12 have eluded the vigilance of the Probation Officers and police by absconding.

The class of persons placed on probation is somewhat on a par with the class of persons sent to the Elmira Reformatory; and while the judicious working of the Probation Act produces the good results above quoted, its continuance is much preferable, for the Dominion, to keeping persons in any reformatory, however well administered.

I have, &c.,

A. HUME,  
Inspector of Prisons.

### GAOLERS' REPORTS FOR 1907.

#### AUCKLAND PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Auckland, 9th February, 1908.

I was appointed Gaoler on the 17th May last, and commenced my duties in that capacity on the 3rd of the following month.

On the first day of the year there were 249 males and 15 females in custody.

The total number of prisoners received was 1,340—viz., 1,205 males and 135 females, which numbers represent 923 and 90 individual persons of the respective sexes.

The total number of persons dealt with, inclusive of those in confinement at the beginning of the year, was 1,454 males and 150 females.

Discharges during the twelve months numbered 1,259 males and 120 females, leaving in custody at the end of the year 195 males and 30 females; total, 225.

Ten male and 1 female debtor were received, also 6 lunatics. Of the latter, 3 were transferred to the Mental Hospital, and the remaining 3 discharged.

One death occurred at the District Hospital, that of a male prisoner who had been an inmate of that institution, with but one short interval, since the year 1905. He died on the 18th February from a complication of diseases, including lung trouble. During the year 9 male prisoners were transferred to the Hospital, and were successfully treated for pneumonia, hernia, cataract growth in nose, phthisis, epilepsy, morphiomania, eye-injury, and cancer; the prisoner suffering from the last-mentioned disease is still under treatment there. The health of prisoners generally was good until the last quarter of the year, when a number suffered from influenza, which was very prevalent in Auckland. As many as 15 were on the sick-list from that cause at the one time, and so continued for a considerable period; as compared with the previous year, there was an increase of the daily average sick of 1.50.

The several contractors for rations and other supplies have given every satisfaction, all articles being of excellent quality. A few days before the close of the year a few complained of the quality of the potatoes issued to them, but it was elicited that it was more of a protest than a complaint, owing to the non-issue of extras on Christmas Day.

Forty-three males and 4 females were punished for the commission of various minor prison offences. Of these, 30 males and 2 females were sentenced to bread and water diet for short terms, and the remainder to forfeiture of from eight to eighty-four marks. With these exceptions, and a few cautioned by myself, the conduct and industry of prisoners of both sexes has been remarkably good. There were no aggravated offences committed.

Prisoners have performed a large amount of work during the year, and I have every reason to be satisfied with the results achieved. At Fort Cautley a large amount of excavating has been done and a large magazine for the storage of explosives and reserve stores built, only the finishing touches to the earthwork covering it, and the approaches thereto, requiring to be done. At the prison the usual quarrying operations have been continued, the stone-crusher has been in full work, and, in addition to a large quantity of stone dressed and used as building operations progressed, a fairly large quantity is in stock, ready for future requirements. The prison chapel has been roofed, and the interior, save a few small items, plastering, &c., finished. The dedication of the chapel took place on the 8th December, the Right Rev. Dr. Neligan, Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland, officiating. The archway and steps, approach to the main entrance of the prison, were completed, also a quantity of miscellaneous work in connection with fittings, &c., in the administrative and other portions of the building. The stone stable and wall enclosing the yard were completed, the stable occupied, and the old building demolished. The stone wall on the Normanby Road boundary of the Prison Reserve has been pulled down, the road widened, and a new wall erected on the road-level. Prisoners employed in the tailors', shoemakers', blacksmiths', and carpenters' shops have done good work and been fully employed. Female prisoners have done the washing and laundry work for the prison, besides the usual work in keeping the division clean, knitting stockings, and needlework.

The following changes in the subordinate staff have taken place: One officer was dismissed, 4 were transferred to other prisons, 1 resigned his appointment, and 1 was discharged. Two were transferred to this from other prisons, and 3 appointed probationers: of these, 2 passed a satisfactory examination, the third one resigned as noted above. One officer was fined for being absent from quarters without leave (his second offence). Generally speaking, the officers have carried out their duties satisfactorily. Of course there is always room for improvement, however little; nevertheless, I desire to express my appreciation of the support rendered me by all ranks of the present staff since the date of my assuming charge.

#### THE FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were 13 males and 4 females on probation at the beginning of the year. At the local Courts 13 males and 2 females were given the benefit of the Act, and 4 males were transferred to this from other districts, making a total of 30 males and 6 females dealt with during the twelve months.

Of these numbers, 13 males and 2 females completed their respective terms satisfactorily; 2 males were sentenced to terms of imprisonment—one for failing to comply with the conditions of the license, and the second for the commission of a fresh offence; 3 males were transferred to other districts, and 1 female was sent to the Mental Hospital: this left 12 males and 3 females on the register of this probation district at the end of the year.

Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

T. R. POINTON,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

#### DUMGREE PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Dumgree, 14th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report that the health of the prisoners for the past year has been good. We have got a splendid water-supply. The rations supplied have been very good. There have been no complaints nor any escapes. One prisoner was drowned accidentally in the Awatere River; inquest held in due form. A clergyman visits the camp once a week, and holds divine service. All vegetables required have been grown here, thus costing the Department nothing except the price of seed. The zeal and efficiency of the officers are beyond praise; only for that I could not have had such satisfactory results.

The work done during the year was:—Pitting: New area, 43,100; blanks, 37,046; spots, 69,356: total, 149,502. Marking, 42,200. Planting: New area, 107,140; blanks, 38,983: total, 146,123. Fire-breaks, 141 chains. Draining, 10 chains. Work was also carried out as follows: Cleaning trees, grubbing out gorse and briars, repairs to roads, repairs to tools, opening trenches, and heeling-in trees. The above can be verified by the Forestry Department.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

E. MURPHY, Gaoler.

#### DUNEDIN PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Dunedin, 6th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report that during the year 1907 the conduct and industry of the prisoners has been good, with a few exceptions. They were employed at Taiaroa Heads at stone-breaking, quarrying, road-repairing, and other miscellaneous work. The daily average this year has been higher than for a number of years. Six prisoners were punished for seven minor offences—an increase of three prisoners and three offences on last year. There were no escapes nor attempted escapes during the twelve months under review.

The health of the prisoners generally has been excellent, notwithstanding that an unusual number of prisoners have been received suffering from chronic ailments, such as epilepsy, inveterate skin-diseases, and poisoned wounds, and that a wave of influenza swept through the working-party at Taiaroa Heads and attacked some in the main prison. Then there has been the usual number of intemperates and acute alcoholics. The above causes have increased the drug account this year. Cases of delirium tremens and supposed lunacy are still being sent in on remand for medical treatment, and are a cause of grave anxiety and distraction of the officials. The suicide of W.M. by

hanging on the 28th August last is a case in point. He was received on remand simply as a helpless drunk for medical treatment. No hint was given of the signs of mental aberration which he had shown the previous evening which led to his being sent in on the above charge, nor did his condition on admission indicate either helpless drunkenness or lunacy; yet within two hours of his entry he had committed the deed which caused his death. The prison surgeon reported to me it was not a case of helpless drunkenness at all, but a pure case of lunacy from other causes.

The contractors for supplies have given every satisfaction: there have been no complaints.

Religious services were conducted regularly on Sundays. Ladies and gentlemen still kindly continue to give their services as organists, which is much appreciated. I regret to have to state that owing to age and infirmities our much-respected chaplain, Mr. J. A. Torrance, has been compelled to resign his positions. After being forty years chaplain of the prison and thirty years agent of the Patients and Prisoners' Aid Society, his severance from the prison will be greatly felt by those who came in contact with him. Mr. F. G. Cumming, assistant agent and chaplain, has been appointed to both positions.

I regret to have to report the death of Dr. Burns, the prison surgeon. The deceased gentleman was over thirty years medical officer of the prison, and was unflinching in his duties. Dr. Coughtrey has been appointed prison surgeon *vice* Dr. Burns, deceased.

Two hard-labour prisoners, one male and one female, were removed to the Mental Hospital. Both showed signs of mental aberration on admission.

There were 8 reports against subordinate officers, as against 2 in 1906—1 absent from duty, 1 going off duty without being relieved, 2 neglect of duty, 3 absent without leave, 1 absent without leave and drunk. Seven of the reports occurred at Taiaroa Heads, and one at Dunedin Prison. One officer was reported twice, and one three times: the latter was permitted to resign his position in the service.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were 2 males and 2 females on probation on the 1st January, 1907; 12 males and 1 female were placed on probation during the year. Seven males and 1 female were transferred to other districts; 1 male and 2 females completed their terms of probation satisfactorily; 2 males were arrested and sentenced to terms of imprisonment: thus leaving 4 males, no females, on probation at the end of the year.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

J. H. BRATBY,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

#### HANMER SPRINGS PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Hanmer Springs, 5th February, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of this prison for the year ended the 31st December, 1907.

In custody on the 1st January, 23 males; 32 males were received during the year, and 22 discharged, the average number in custody being 24.38.

Two prisoners escaped, but were speedily recaptured and sentenced to additional terms of imprisonment.

The rations have been of the best quality, and regularly supplied.

The conduct of the officers has been good.

Work done consisted of clearing scrub, digging pits, planting trees, and general maintenance of plantations.

Summary of work done: Digging pits, 420,000; clearing scrub, 30 acres; trees planted—*Larix Europea* 170,300, *Pinus laricio* 143,539, *Pinus ponderosa* 59,200, *Pinus Benthamiana* 20,400, *Pinus Austriaca* 37,220, *Pinus Jeffreyi* 150, *Pinus contorta* 1,200, *Pinus muricata* 9,650, *Betula alba* 945—total, 442,505.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

J. T. REID, Acting-Gaoler.

#### HOKITIKA PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Hokitika, 2nd January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith the annual returns for this prison for year ended 31st December, 1907.

There were 20 males and 1 female prisoner in custody at the commencement of the year; received during the year, 54 males, 5 females; discharged, 59 males and 4 females: leaving 15 males and 2 females in custody at the end of the year.

The health of the prisoners has been excellent, and there has been an almost complete immunity from sickness.

There were 10 males and 1 female received on remand suffering from delirium tremens, all of whom recovered and were discharged on paying costs of maintenance. One male prisoner under sentence of two months, who showed symptoms of mental aberration on admission and gradually became worse, was transferred to the Mental Hospital, where he still remains.

The conduct of the prisoners as a whole has been good, and punishments were few. Two prisoners escaped from the working-party in the vicinity of the prison; both were recaptured and dealt with by the Stipendiary Magistrate, each receiving an additional sentence of six months.

The rations supplied by contract during the year have been of excellent quality, and there has been a complete absence of the usual trivial complaints by prisoners.

The officers have performed their duties satisfactorily. One was transferred to another prison, and was replaced by a probationer who has now been appointed to the service.

The prisoners have been employed chiefly in digging, draining, and cropping the land attached to the prison, a good area of which is planted with potatoes and vegetables. The potatoes give every appearance of a good yield, and the daily supply for use of the prisoners is now being taken from them. The prison-yard has been gravelled, and the road through the prison-grounds widened and heightened. This necessitated a large quantity of gravel being got out of the gravel-pit, but the road is now in perfect order.

A new fence has been erected between the male and female portions of the prison, and a portion of the old timber in boundary-wall replaced with new. Gas has also been laid on to the cells, and is much appreciated by the prisoners.

Work has been done in cemetery, cleaning grounds at Supreme and Magistrate's Court, Customhouse, police-station, High School, and Hospital, as required.

It is proposed to plant the Prison Reserve with *Phormium tenax*, and a start has been made to drain and trench a portion of the ground, but little has yet been done: the season has been very wet, and, the land being all swampy, it is seldom dry enough to work on.

A new residence for the Gaoler is urgently required, the present one being in an advanced state of decay.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were two males placed on probation during the year: one completed his term in a satisfactory manner, the other was transferred to Westport.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

A. W. IRONSIDE,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

#### INVERCARGILL PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Invercargill, 10th January, 1908.

I was appointed Gaoler here on the 17th May last, and took over my duties on the 27th of the same month.

There were two reports against officers during the year, both for being late for duty. In one case a probation warder resigned; the other was dealt with by the Inspector of Prisons.

Two probation warders were appointed during the year, and, having passed the usual examination, have been permanently appointed.

There were in confinement on the 1st January, 1907, 15 male and no female prisoners; the number admitted during the year were 89 males and 4 females: making a total of 104 males and 4 females dealt with during the year, being 2 males and 2 females less than for 1906. Discharges for the same period numbered 81 males and 4 females; leaving 23 males in custody on the 31st December last.

One hard-labour prisoner was found to be insane, and was removed to a mental hospital; 5 male prisoners were received on remand suffering from the effects of drink. Satisfactory arrangements have now been made with the hospital authorities for the reception of such cases, on the gaol surgeon's recommendation, where he deems removal advisable or necessary.

Four male and 1 female lunatic were received on remand. I am pleased to state that, owing to the much more humane plan now being adopted of sending such cases to the hospital for examination as to their sanity, the number of such unfortunate persons received into the prison is very much less than formerly, and, when another padded room has been added to the present one now in use at the hospital, should cease altogether. It is nothing less than positively cruel to send such cases to a prison for treatment, even for a few days, and the Hospital Superintendent is deserving of the greatest commendation for receiving such cases into the institution under his control, often at great inconvenience and risk both to himself and his staff, in order that they may be properly treated. Certainly a gaol is no place for such cases, for even in their unfortunate mental condition the majority seem to realise that they are in a prison and feel consequently distressed, and it certainly has a tendency to increase their malady.

The rations supplied have been good. There have been no complaints, and, as we grow our own supply of potatoes and vegetables, we have no trouble on that score.

The conduct and industry of the prisoners generally has been very good, only three prisoners having been punished for minor prison offences during the year.

No deaths have occurred during the year. Two prisoners were removed to the public hospital for treatment, one suffering from a poisoned thumb, and the other for medical treatment for lunacy. Both were brought back again, one to complete his sentence, and the other for discharge.

Besides keeping the Post-office grounds in order, and doing some necessary work at the police-station as required, the prisoners have been constantly employed on the new prison and site. The building of the new prison continues to progress very satisfactorily, and at the present rate the concrete work should be pretty well completed by the end of 1908. Up to the present, about 2,700 yards of concrete and rubble have been mixed and placed in position, the whole of the shingle required for the same having been excavated and prepared by the prisoners from the deposits on the new-gaol site. In connection with the above, I have very great pleasure in testifying to the splendid work being done by a number of the prisoners, especially so when it is considered that the whole work of construction has been carried out by men who have had very little previous experience of that particular class of work. Men who are undergoing long sentences could, if they wished it, with safety to themselves, spoil a lot of valuable material; and yet never have I found any such attempt being made. The work of construction has up to the present progressed both rapidly and satisfactorily.

During the past year both the interior and exterior of the old prison has received a thorough overhaul and is now in first-class order, and with necessary care should not require any further expenditure, as it will meet all requirements until the new building is available.



## FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There was only one person on probation at the beginning of the year 1907, and he has since been transferred to another district. One was received on transfer and still continues to carry out the conditions of his release, having paid the full amount ordered by the Court, amounting to £10, and reported regularly. In this connection I have to thank Inspector Mitchell for his valuable assistance in the matter of obtaining information, in order to enable me to report on first offenders, and also enabling me to keep in touch with those already on probation but who are in country districts, as is often the case.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

M. HAWKINS,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

## LYTTELTON PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Lyttelton, 6th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of this prison for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

In custody on the 1st January, 1907, 121 males and 22 females; received during the year, 585 males and 84 females; discharged during the year, 587 males and 94 females: leaving in confinement at the end of the year 119 males and 12 females.

Two prisoners escaped from the prison works on the Governor's Bay Road, but were recaptured within forty-eight hours at Weedon's by warders. They were brought before the Stipendiary Magistrate, and were each sentenced to twelve months, concurrent with the sentences they were serving at the time of their escape.

Two prisoners (one of whom is referred to as having escaped from the Governor's Bay Road and previously from Hanmer) escaped from the prison workshops over the wall by means of a rope made from cuttings of moleskin and calico stolen from the tailor's shop where they were employed. The warder on sentry who witnessed the escape promptly rang the alarm-bell, and all the available officers within the prison went quickly in pursuit and recaptured them within five minutes after they got over the wall. For this escape they were sentenced by the Stipendiary Magistrate to six months' additional imprisonment.

A prisoner serving a sentence of ten years who became insane and was transferred to the Sunnyside Mental Hospital was returned to the prison cured, or supposed to be. He was sent to outside work and got on all right for a short time. One evening on returning from labour he rushed out of the ranks and made for a house close to the road. The front door being closed, he went right through a large pane of glass into the front room, and rushed upstairs, followed by the warders. He was brought before the Stipendiary Magistrate for attempting to escape, and sentenced to twelve months, concurrent with the sentence he was serving. He was at the time insane, or pretending to be; however, he is all right now, and at work.

The prisoners have been employed at Corsair Bay, where they have executed very useful and necessary works in building a very substantial jetty, and forming approaches to same, building walls, and clearing and levelling ground, all of which will prove a great boon to the residents of Lyttelton. Prisoners have also been employed at the artillery barracks on the Sumner Road and Ripa Island.

The conduct of the prisoners has been on the whole satisfactory. Twenty-eight male prisoners were punished by the three Visiting Justices, but no females.

The conduct of the prison officers has been very good, and they have performed their duties to my entire satisfaction.

The rations supplied were good, and, in consequence, no complaints were made by prisoners to you on your periodical visits.

Hanmer is principally supplied from here with prisoners for tree-planting, and every precaution is taken to send the best and most suitable for the work. Prisoners at Hanmer get extra marks and tobacco, which should act as a great incentive on their part to behave properly and give no trouble, and save the country the expense of sending them back to Lyttelton. I think, if a prisoner committed himself so badly as to necessitate his being sent back, he should forfeit all extra marks earned, and be deprived of tobacco during his imprisonment. I am of opinion that, if this suggestion could be acceded to, prisoners serving at Hanmer would think twice before committing such a breach of the regulations as would cause their removal back to Lyttelton. The smokers would especially be careful not to forfeit what they prize so much.

## FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were two probationers received here, on transfer from Wellington, one of whom reported himself, and asked for a transfer to Christchurch, which was granted. I was informed by the Probation Officer at Christchurch that he failed to report himself, and the next I heard of him was that he found his way to Blenheim and was sentenced to three months for theft. The other probationer fulfilled the conditions of his probation in a very satisfactory manner.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

M. M. CLEARY,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

## NAPIER PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Napier, 19th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of this prison for the year 1907.

In custody on the 1st January, 1907, 34 males and 2 females; received during the year, 297 males and 28 females; discharged, 301 males and 25 females; remaining in custody on the 31st December, 1907, 30 males and 5 females.



The conduct of the prisoners was good—only eleven punishments.

The health of the prisoners was good. Influenza was responsible for most of the sickness. There were several cases of helpless drunkenness, but after the usual remands all were turned out cured. Dr. Moore has been very successful in his treatment of those unfortunates. One man was received for attempted suicide and was sent to Napier Hospital; the hospital authorities engaged two men from the Home to watch him night and day at the expense of the Prisons Department. Another man was brought to the prison in a conveyance, but he looked so ill that I sent for the gaol surgeon, who ordered his removal to hospital at once, where he died one hour after he was received.

The rations were good, but towards the end of the year the potatoes were so bad that rice and peas were supplied in lieu.

The prisoners have been employed quarrying and stone-breaking. The old Asylum has been pulled down, and two neat cottages built by the prisoners for warders out of the material; this will mean a saving of £60 a year to the Government.

The officers have done their duty in a very satisfactory manner. One officer had to retire on account of bad health.

Divine service has been held every Sunday.

The state of this prison has been very satisfactory during the year.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

On the 1st January, 1907, there were 5 probationers reporting themselves at this prison: 4 have satisfactorily finished their terms, 1 committed suicide. Nine males and 2 females have been placed on probation during 1907, and 1 probationer was transferred from another district. Thanks are due to the police of this district for their assistance in carrying out the Probation Act.

MICHAEL FLANNERY,

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

Gaoler and Probation Officer.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.

H.M. Prison, New Plymouth, 13th January, 1908.

THERE were in custody at the commencement of the year, 32 hard-labour males and 2 awaiting trial; no females. Received during the year, 119 males and 3 females. Twenty of the males were merely passing through to the different tree-planting stations: leaving in custody at the end of the year, 24 hard-labour and 1 habitual criminal, male; no females.

The conduct of the prisoners throughout the year has been good. There was one escape from the works outside the prison. The escapee was speedily recaptured.

The general health of the prisoners has been excellent. There was one admission to the district hospital during the year, an operation being considered necessary. The man was, on the recommendation of the prison surgeon, removed to the hospital, where the operation was performed successfully, and the man is now quite well.

The rations throughout the year have been good, the fresh vegetables supplied from the prison-garden being much appreciated.

During the first four months of the year a party of prisoners was employed at Western Park. The Western Park Committee, however, being out of funds and unable to keep up their payments (£10 per month), the prisoners were, at the Committee's request, withdrawn.

The prisoners have since been employed digging drains to connect the prison with the town sewerage. The trenches are now completed, but I regret to say that the connecting is not yet done. This part of the work is under the control of the Public Works Department, and I would urgently request that the work be completed as soon as possible, so as to put the prison in a thoroughly sanitary condition.

A party of men has also been employed removing the hill at the eastern side of the Gaoler's residence. The Lands and Survey Department kindly agreed to allow the hill to be taken away, which will be a great benefit to the Gaoler's quarters.

A party of prisoners have several times during the year been employed working on Marsland Hill, but I regret to say that I have not sufficient men to spare to keep it as it should be kept.

The new cottage which was in course of erection at the close of last year has now been completed, and is occupied by the Principal Warder. It is thoroughly up to date. One of the old cottages has been thoroughly renovated and an additional room added. Another of the old cottages has been taken down, giving more ground to the one it adjoined. It is proposed to build one to replace it.

During the year the west wing was gazetted a prison for habitual criminals. Three new cells and a bath-room were erected of ferro-concrete, as was also a large workroom 30 ft. by 15 ft. The four old cells were altered to suit requirements. The wing will now accommodate seven prisoners, and is quite distinct from the rest of the prison. There is only one occupant at present, and he is employed making mats.

There are also considerable alterations being carried out in the female division. The windows of the female cells have been closed up, and the cells lighted by skylights. A new wash-house has also been erected, and the old concrete bath is to be replaced by an enamel one. A condemned-cell and two punishment-cells are also in course of erection in the male division, as well as one punishment-cell in the female division. A padded cell has been added to the male division in the south wing. Having had to deal with 11 male and 2 female lunatics during the year, it will be seen that this cell was urgently needed, the old concrete one being quite unfit for the purpose, particularly as several of the male lunatics were very violent.

A new carpenters', blacksmiths', bootmakers', and matmakers' shop has been erected to replace the old one, which was in a very dilapidated condition.

The conduct of the officers throughout the year has been most satisfactory. One officer who was on probation at the commencement of the year, having passed his examination satisfactorily, was appointed on the staff permanently.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were two persons admitted to probation during the year—one a Maori boy over thirteen years of age, who was after a few weeks on probation arrested on a charge of breaking and entering, and committed to Wellington for sentence. There was one received on transfer. Two who were on probation at the commencement of the year completed their term satisfactorily and were released, leaving two still on probation, and who are carrying out the terms of their license.

S. G. MILLINGTON,  
Gaoler, Probation Officer, and Manager.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

#### WAIOTAPU PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Waiotapu, 7th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of this prison for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Two prisoners escaped, and, after spending a night in the rain, were recaptured and sentenced to additional terms of imprisonment.

The health, conduct, and industry of the prisoners have been good.

The conduct of the officers has been good.

Summary of work done: Area cleared, 850 acres; pits dug, 1,218,025; road formed, 122 chains (15 ft. wide); 6 miles of fence erected; concrete reservoir constructed; new camp-site graded; trees planted—larch 1,489,400, *Pinus Austriaca* 226,650, *Pinus Beuthaniana* 55,825, *Pinus Burrayana* 8,000, *Pinus laricio* 621,475, *Pinus ponderosa* 172,225, *Pinus strobus* 8,750, *Pinus rigida* 6,200, *Pinus contorta* 2,100, *Pinus excelsa* 200, *Thuja gigantea* 400—total, 2,591,225; trees planted to replace failures in gums, 268,680; total planted for the year, 2,859,905: total planted since 1901, 6,932,929: total area planted, 2,547 acres; cleared, 3,321 acres.

A. W. ROBERTS,  
Principal Warder and Acting-Gaoler.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

#### WAIPA PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Waipa, 11th January, 1908.

I HAVE the honour to report on the working of this prison for the year 1907.

In custody on the 1st January, 1907, 24 males; received during the year, 26 males; discharged, 20 males; in custody on the 31st December, 1907, 30 males. The daily average was 24.69. Two men were transferred to Auckland Prison during the year.

The health of the prisoners has been good, and the rations supplied were of good quality: there were no complaints.

The officers have carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

The following is a summary of work done during the year: 97 chains of road and 227 chains of fire-breaks were formed; 70 acres were cleared for planting; trees planted—Larch 332,375, Oregon pine 22,225, *Pinus laricio* 557,625, *Juniperus Virginiana* 670; blanks planted—larch 95,000, eucalyptus 46,070, *Eucalyptus Stuartiana* 32,160, *Pinus muricata* 800; total number of trees planted, 1,086,925. There was also a considerable amount of work done repairing roads and fences, digging drains, grubbing gorse, weeding and digging around trees, making harness, planting bags and tents.

E. BYRNE,  
Principal Warder and Acting-Gaoler.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

#### WANGANUI PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Wanganui, 18th January, 1908.

THE number of persons received during the year was 227—viz., 196 males and 31 females; being an increase of 10 males and 7 females. The increase in males may be fairly attributed to the Main Trunk Railway, 43 having come from there. Of the 31 females, 23 came from Palmerston North, 5 from Wanganui, and 1 each from Feilding, Marton, and Auckland. Of the males, 18 had been in prison more than once—viz., 1 four times, 2 thrice, and 15 twice; of the females, 2 had been in prison four times and 3 twice: thus reducing the actual numbers by 31. There were in custody on the 1st January, 20 males and 8 females; on the 31st December, 27 males and 8 females. The daily average was 22.74 males and 4.44 females.

The conduct of the prisoners has been good, there having been only 11 punishments, as against 16 last year.

The prisoners have been employed during the year forming a recreation-ground at the upper part of the town.

There have been no escapes during the year, which speaks well for the officers in charge of the gang, considering the places where they were working. I am glad to say they are now working in an open place where there are no trees, and where escape is next to impossible.

There has been little sickness, and what there has been was nearly all brought into the prison. There was one death, and the unfortunate victim should never have been brought here. On the 4th November, at Shannon, a Maori named Tawa, who was in the last stage of tuberculous disease of the lungs, was brought before a Justice of the Peace charged with vagrancy, and sentenced to six months' hard labour. He was admitted to this prison on the 5th. I put the necessary machinery in motion and got him admitted to the hospital on the 6th, and he died there on the 9th. There is a consumptive hospital at Otaki and an ordinary hospital at Palmerston North, notwithstanding which this poor dying Native was haled to prison. Surely some one has blundered.

With one exception, the conduct and efficiency of the officers has left nothing to be desired.

Divine services have been held for the different denominations every Sunday.

For some years I wrote about the cruelty of sending delirium tremens prisoners to prison—cruelty to the patients themselves and cruelty to the other prisoners and the officers, who through no fault of their own have frequently this past year been kept awake night after night by the howlings of these men, and have to turn out next day to hard labour. As nothing was done in the matter, I desisted. Now I note that the Inspector-General of Hospitals wants the Boards to take charge of these cases. The Hospital Board here declined on the ground that their staff was composed "wholly of ladies"; but this does not appear to be a correct statement, as they have two men on the staff, besides the House Surgeon.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were only two first offenders admitted to probation by the Courts here during the year, and one remanded to Wellington for sentence, placed on probation, and sent back here. This last one did not seem to realise the seriousness of his position, but took it all as a joke; he was therefore rearrested and again brought before the Court. His friends then made good the stolen money, and he was readmitted to probation and transferred to the Auckland District, where his parents reside. One of the others absconded, and, although the police gave me every assistance in tracing him through both Islands, he eventually got away to Melbourne. The third was sent to his relations at Timaru.

After nearly nineteen years as a Probation Officer, and having passed through my books exactly 100 cases, I can say that as far as my district is concerned the Act has been a complete success, and I consider that those responsible for the Act conferred a boon on the Dominion. Of my 100 cases, only one absconded, less than 10 per cent. have been arrested, and at least 80 per cent. have turned out well, and, with the exception of the absconder, all have paid the various sums ordered by the different Courts. Lastly, the Dominion has been saved a large sum, and the working of the Act has cost nothing, for, although the Act provides for the remuneration of the Probation Officers, none of them have ever received any additions to their respective salaries, although in many instances it has meant a considerable increase of work.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

R. T. NOBLE BEASLEY,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

#### WELLINGTON PRISON.

H.M. Prison, Wellington, 31st January, 1908.

THE number of prisoners received during the year was 1,042 males and 193 females, total 1,235; an increase of 30 males and 42 females over last year. The actual number of individuals received was 927 during the year, 308 prisoners having been received more than once. The daily average, 121.94 males and 23.43 females, is respectively 16.06 less and 2.43 greater than last year. The total average, 145.37 of both sexes, is 13.63 less than last year.

The contractors' supplies were good, and punctually delivered. The potatoes were very inferior in December, and rice was issued for a few days; on the 21st December new potatoes were supplied. No other cause for complaint.

The health of the prisoners was good. Three male prisoners were admitted to the district hospital and returned on recovery; 1 female prisoner who had been over twelve months in hospital suffering from an incurable disease had the remainder of her sentence remitted; and one male prisoner was sent to the mental hospital.

Thirty-eight males and 5 females for medical treatment, and 4 supposed lunatics, were received during the year. As this subject has been brought to notice year after year, I feel sure some steps will be taken to remedy the matter at an early date.

The increase in minor prison punishments is due to the persistent misconduct of three or four prisoners who were recently received on transfer from other prisons. They not only misconducted themselves, but induced other prisoners who were previously well-behaved to break the regulations.

Two prisoners escaped from Point Halswell Prison. Both were recaptured and sentenced to additional terms of imprisonment.

Four prisoners received indeterminate sentences during the year, and one was so sentenced at the end of 1906, but not mentioned in my report for that year: total, 5 sentenced under "The Habitual Criminals and Offenders Act, 1906."

Two officers incurred report during the year: one of them was permitted to resign, the other was fined and cautioned.

The increase to salary is highly appreciated by all the officers.

All the warders' cottages (nine) were repaired and painted, and one new cottage was built and occupied during the year. There are eleven officers still unprovided-for in this respect.

During the year a new cookhouse and shoemaker's shop was built, and the old cookhouse pulled down, and a bath-room containing five baths and a shower was erected on the site.

The prisoners were employed at Mount Cook brickmaking, on defence works at Point Halswell, and for a portion of the year at Somes Island. The prisoners were withdrawn from the island on the 2nd September, on completion of the work. A number of old men and others incapable of doing hard work were employed about the garden.

A Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society was formed, and commenced their good work about the beginning of the year.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

There were 10 males and 1 female probationer on the register at the beginning of the year; 25 males and 1 female were admitted to probation during the year; 7 males and 1 female were received from other districts; 2 males and 2 females completed their terms of probation; 27 males were transferred to other districts; and 2 males absconded: leaving 11 males and 1 female on the register at the end of the year.

The Inspector of Prisons, Wellington.

ALEX. ARMSTRONG,  
Gaoler and Probation Officer.

Table A.  
NUMBER OF PRISONERS in the Dominion, and their Disposal, for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

State of the Prisons.	Auckland.		Dunmree.		Dunedin.		Hammer.		Hokitika.		Invercargill.		Lyttelton.		Napier.		New Plymouth.		Waikato.		Wairarapa.		Wellington.		Minor Gaols.		Totals.		Grand Total.			
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For trial, on remand, or <i>in transitu</i>	10	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
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One year's hard labour and upwards .. .. .	157	3	29	..	23	..	16	..	64	14	10	..	27	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	51	3	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Three months' hard labour and upwards .. .. .	55	11	..	..	7	..	2	..	34	7	12	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	12	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Under three months' hard labour .. .. .	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	6	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Simple imprisonment .. .. .	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Total .. .. .	249	15	29	..	23	..	20	1	121	22	34	2	34	..	24	..	56	..	20	8	145	21	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	891	
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For trial, on remand, or <i>in transitu</i>	255	18	..	..	..	15	..	..	134	8	87	7	73	1	..	..	..	..	46	1	205	23	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
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One year's hard labour and upwards .. .. .	75	17	25	..	23	..	4	..	36	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	68	4	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Three months' hard labour and upwards .. .. .	177	38	7	..	9	..	4	1	103	28	46	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	35	9	124	50	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Under three months' hard labour .. .. .	665	61	..	..	..	..	29	1	280	42	148	16	23	..	..	..	..	..	102	20	631	116	432	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Simple imprisonment .. .. .	17	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	32	..	3	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	2	..	95	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. .. .	1,205	135	32	..	32	..	54	5	585	84	297	28	119	3	26	..	54	..	196	31	1,042	193	838	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,587
Total for the year .. .. .	1,454	150	61	..	55	..	74	6	706	106	331	30	153	3	50	..	110	..	216	39	1,187	214	846	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,478
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Lunatics transferred to asylums .. .. .	3	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Acquitted after remand .. .. .	187	13	..	..	..	12	..	..	100	7	8	1	29	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
On remission of sentence .. .. .	124	18	33	..	21	..	7	..	43	22	26	1	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
On expiration of sentence .. .. .	813	86	..	..	..	61	..	..	382	55	184	19	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pardoned .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
On bail or probation .. .. .	13	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Transferred to other prisons or police .. .. .	108	..	3	..	13	..	7	..	61	9	70	1	30	..	2	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Died .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Executed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Absconded .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Committed suicide .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total .. .. .	1,259	120	37	..	35	..	59	4	587	94	301	25	128	3	20	..	57	..	189	31	1,050	199	837	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,631
In prison at end of year .. .. .	195	30	24	..	20	..	15	2	119	12	30	5	25	..	30	..	53	..	27	8	137	15	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	847
Total for the year .. .. .	1,454	150	61	..	55	..	74	6	706	106	331	30	153	3	50	..	110	..	216	39	1,187	214	846	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,478
Greatest number of both sexes at one time .. .. .	281	..	35	..	27	..	29	..	153	..	54	..	98	..	33	..	73	..	34	..	170	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Least number of both sexes at one time .. .. .	208	..	23	..	20	..	12	..	115	..	30	..	24	..	17	..	50	..	17	..	115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Daily average .. .. .	224.30	22.55	27.89	..	24.38	..	19.34	0.50	118.82	15.18	38.88	2.44	31.56	0.07	24.69	..	60.17	..	22.74	4.44	121.94	23.43	14.82	0.86	791.35	80.90	..	..	..	..	..	872.25
Prisoners ill forty-eight hours or upwards .. .. .	108	6	14	..	82	..	2	..	46	19	19	..	36	..	14	..	39	..	16	..	70	25.48	1	524	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	583
Prisoners admitted to hospital .. .. .	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Daily average on sick-list .. .. .	4.30	0.27	0.46	..	0.42	..	0.02	..	0.97	0.52	0.05	..	0.098	..	0.038	..	0.10	..	0.45	..	1.53	0.47	0.82	..	9.256	1.32	..	..	..	..	..	11.176

**Table B.**  
EXPENDITURE under the different Heads of Service for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Total.
Daily average number of (Male prisoners)	224-30 22-55	45-86 10-90	19-84 0-50	15-96 0-53	118-82 15-18	38-88 2-44	31-56 0-06	22-74 4-44	121-94 23-43	639-40 80-03
Total	246-85	56-76	19-84	16-49	134-00	41-32	31-62	27-18	145-37	719-43
<b>HEADS OF SERVICE.</b>										
<i>Staff:</i>										
Salaries and allowances	£ s. d. 5,693 1 10	£ s. d. 3,018 7 4	£ s. d. 746 19 4	£ s. d. 787 6 1	£ s. d. 3,435 9 7	£ s. d. 1,268 3 7	£ s. d. 1,129 9 10	£ s. d. 747 18 7	£ s. d. 4,440 18 5	£ s. d. 21,267 14 7
Uniforms	249 2 8	99 0 4	18 15 0	22 2 4	157 12 0	32 4 8	30 15 0	21 17 6	203 17 3	835 6 9
Total	5,942 4 6	3,117 7 8	765 14 4	809 8 5	3,593 1 7	1,300 8 3	1,160 4 10	769 16 1	4,644 15 8	22,103 1 4
Cost per prisoner	24 1 5	54 18 5	38 11 11	49 1 9	26 16 3	31 9 5	36 13 7	28 6 5	31 19 0	30 14 5
<b>Maintenance:</b>										
Rations	1,883 13 9	697 18 8	271 2 6	217 0 6	1,058 18 4	360 17 8	399 4 5	270 0 8	1,578 7 8	6,737 4 2
Fuel and light	313 14 0	78 13 4	83 9 8	68 15 2	281 9 6	105 7 2	106 9 9	86 2 1	356 14 0	1,480 14 8
Bedding, clothing, &c.	502 1 5	202 16 10	108 16 2	66 1 6	106 11 10	71 10 0	114 16 0	97 9 8	511 1 8	1,781 5 1
Medicines and medical comforts	94 16 1	47 12 10	3 0 4	..	59 12 5	40 1 10	42 11 11	23 0 7	107 3 7	417 19 7
Furniture	35 13 0	25 18 10	10 12 6	13 7 7	40 16 3	..	63 14 2	4 18 2	21 19 6	216 0 0
Soap and cleaning materials	47 19 8	29 17 8	11 9 10	9 0 9	28 13 10	12 11 2	13 13 5	22 6 3	41 6 6	216 19 1
Tobacco	161 10 0	32 9 0	13 4 0	11 18 3	93 10 0	21 18 0	29 14 8	22 0 0	92 3 3	478 7 2
Total	3,039 7 11	1,115 7 2	501 15 0	386 3 9	1,669 12 2	612 5 10	769 4 4	525 17 5	2,708 16 2	11,328 9 9
Cost per prisoner	12 6 3	19 13 0	25 5 9	23 18 4	12 9 2	14 16 4	24 6 5	19 6 11	18 12 8	15 14 11
<b>Incidental:</b>										
Rates, rent, &c.	120 12 0	..	..	7 0 0	52 0 0	45 2 4	12 0 0	..	54 16 0	291 10 4
Conveyance of officers and prisoners	168 16 9	34 12 4	10 3 4	32 16 9	64 3 11	76 6 9	32 15 6	57 4 8	161 14 2	638 14 2
Tools and materials for prison labour	195 16 0	..	4 4 3	2 7 7	162 18 3	69 2 0	36 13 7	..	45 2 8	516 4 4
Gratuities to prisoners on discharge	311 12 2	62 8 9	51 3 6	61 16 3	109 11 3	20 7 8	168 4 9	147 0 8	1 80 14 5	1,112 19 5
Total	796 16 11	97 1 1	65 11 1	104 0 7	388 13 5	210 18 9	249 13 10	204 5 4	442 7 3	2,559 8 3
Cost per prisoner	3 4 7	1 14 2	3 6 1	6 6 2	2 18 0	5 2 1	7 17 10	7 10 3	3 0 10	3 11 2
Gross total cost	9,778 9 4	4,329 15 11	1,338 0 5	1,299 12 9	5,651 7 2	2,123 12 10	2,179 3 0	1,499 18 10	7,795 19 1	35,990 19 4
Gross cost per prisoner per annum	39 12 3	76 5 7	67 3 9	78 16 3	42 3 5	51 7 10	68 17 10	55 3 7	53 12 6	50 0 6
<b>Deduct:</b>										
Cash received for maintenance, &c.	822 15 3	47 18 7	50 0 10	128 12 2	137 9 1	..	2 5 0	5 17 0	69 7 3	1,264 5 2
Work for other Departments, &c.	6,015 5 10	1,381 4 5	86 10 0	334 8 6	2,995 10 0	77 13 6	163 15 6	..	3,002 17 2	14,062 4 11
Total	6,838 1 1	1,429 3 0	136 10 10	463 0 8	3,132 19 1	77 13 6	171 0 6	5 17 0	3,072 4 5	15,326 10 1
Net total cost..	2,940 8 3	2,900 12 11	1,196 9 7	886 12 1	2,518 8 1	2,045 19 4	2,008 2 6	1,494 1 10	4,723 14 8	20,664 9 3
Net cost per prisoner per annum	11 18 3	51 2 0	60 6 1	50 14 8	18 15 7	49 10 3	63 10 2	54 19 4	32 9 10	28 14 6

**Table C.**  
EDUCATION of PRISONERS received during the Year 1907.

Prisons.	Superior Education.		Read and write.		Read only.		Unable to read or write.		Totals	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland.. ..	6	1	1,124	115	15	3	60	16	1,205	135
Dunmure .. ..	2	..	29	..	..	..	1	..	32	..
Dunedin.. ..	..	..	408	75	3	..	23	4	434	79
Hanmer Springs ..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..
Hokitika .. ..	..	..	45	5	2	..	7	..	54	5
Invercargill .. .	2	..	80	2	2	..	5	2	89	4
Lyttelton .. ..	2	..	532	84	39	..	12	..	585	84
Napier .. ..	4	..	279	28	2	..	12	..	297	28
New Plymouth ..	3	..	102	3	6	..	8	..	119	3
Waiotapu .. ..	6	..	46	..	..	..	2	..	54	..
Waipa Valley .. .	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	26	..
Wanganui .. ..	1	..	187	30	2	1	6	..	196	31
Wellington .. ..	3	..	989	179	8	8	42	6	1,042	193
Minor gaols .. .	11	..	784	13	9	4	34	5	838	22
Total .. ..	40	1	4,663	534	88	16	212	33	5,003	584

**Table D.**  
AGES of PRISONERS received during the Year 1907, and CAUSES of their DETENTION.

	Auckland.	Dunmure.	Dunedin.	Hanmer Springs.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	New Plymouth.	Waiotapu.	Waipa Valley.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Minor Gaols.	Total.
Under 10 years:															
Felony .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Misdemeanour ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minor offences ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debt or lunacy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10 to 15 years:															
Felony .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	6	12
Misdemeanour ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Minor offences ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	11
Debt or lunacy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years:															
Felony .. ..	46	..	22	..	2	2	18	22	6	2	1	6	35	25	187
Misdemeanour ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	20
Minor offences ..	7	..	16	4	2	3	8	4	2	..	..	..	13	9	68
Debt or lunacy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 25 years:															
Felony .. ..	77	12	20	..	2	11	25	23	4	8	8	16	59	62	327
Misdemeanour ..	74	..	..	..	1	3	21	6	..	..	..	..	19	18	142
Minor offences ..	28	..	54	9	4	5	30	8	6	..	..	13	49	26	232
Debt or lunacy ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	7
25 to 30 years:															
Felony .. ..	67	17	22	..	4	5	33	27	8	11	2	20	75	39	330
Misdemeanour ..	97	..	..	..	3	..	19	8	..	..	..	..	36	23	186
Minor offences ..	53	..	67	8	3	8	39	17	6	..	..	10	129	80	420
Debt or lunacy ..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	13
30 to 40 years:															
Felony .. ..	83	..	23	..	6	11	31	29	13	25	8	21	80	54	383
Misdemeanour ..	142	..	..	..	4	1	53	5	..	..	..	..	37	30	272
Minor offences ..	123	..	86	6	4	11	99	25	16	..	..	53	263	132	818
Debt or lunacy ..	3	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	5	..	..	2	2	9	25
40 to 50 years:															
Felony .. ..	52	3	13	..	1	7	19	19	17	6	6	3	35	30	211
Misdemeanour ..	99	..	1	..	3	2	23	6	..	..	..	..	29	15	178
Minor offences ..	135	..	81	4	7	6	88	64	10	..	..	41	185	96	717
Debt or lunacy ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	13
50 to 60 years:															
Felony .. ..	22	..	3	..	..	1	10	5	1	1	1	4	15	10	73
Misdemeanour ..	58	..	..	..	1	..	15	2	..	..	..	..	11	12	99
Minor offences ..	73	..	71	1	5	6	76	27	7	..	..	19	100	85	470
Debt or lunacy ..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	13
60 years and upwards:															
Felony .. ..	7	..	4	..	1	..	5	4	1	1	..	5	9	7	44
Misdemeanour ..	24	..	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	4	8	46
Minor offences ..	49	..	29	..	6	4	41	19	10	..	..	11	35	51	255
Debt or lunacy ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	4	13
Summary:															
Felony .. ..	355	32	106	..	16	37	142	131	51	54	26	75	309	233	1,567
Misdemeanour ..	501	..	1	..	12	6	146	29	..	..	..	..	139	111	945
Minor offences ..	468	..	404	32	31	43	381	164	58	..	..	147	774	489	2,991
Debt or lunacy ..	16	..	2	..	..	7	..	1	13	..	..	5	13	27	84
Total .. ..	1,340	32	513	32	59	93	669	325	122	54	26	227	1,235	860	5,587



Table E.

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS received during the Year 1907.

Prisons.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland .. .. .	135	3	82	8	430	88	647	99
Dumgree .. .. .	4	..	..	..	4	..	8	..
Dunedin .. .. .	43	4	20	2	180	43	243	49
Hammer Springs .. .. .	5	..	3	..	9	..	17	..
Hokitika .. .. .	6	1	2	..	15	2	23	3
Invercargill .. .. .	14	1	11	..	12	1	37	2
Lyttelton .. .. .	82	2	52	6	179	64	313	72
Napier .. .. .	34	1	31	1	59	5	124	7
New Plymouth .. .. .	5	..	2	..	17	..	24	..
Waioapu .. .. .	3	..	3	..	23	..	29	..
Waipa Valley .. .. .	4	..	1	..	10	..	15	..
Wanganui .. .. .	30	3	8	4	61	17	99	24
Wellington .. .. .	137	15	73	15	352	106	562	136
Minor gaols .. .. .	87	3	45	4	118	5	250	12
Total .. .. .	589	33	333	40	1,469	331	2,391	404

Table F.

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS for Five Years 1903-1907.

Year.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1903 .. .. .	496	51	284	30	1,166	363	1,561	421
1904 .. .. .	513	47	333	36	1,435	391	2,281	474
1905 .. .. .	477	41	347	15	1,381	359	2,205	415
1906 .. .. .	585	39	383	32	1,350	281	2,318	352
1907 .. .. .	589	33	333	40	1,469	331	2,391	404

Table G.

CRIMES of PRISONERS sentenced to HARD LABOUR for Twelve Months and upwards during the Year 1907.

Assault with intent to rob .. .. .	11	Larceny from the person .. .. .	4
Assault causing bodily harm .. .. .	3	Larceny from the dwelling .. .. .	4
Arson .. .. .	4	Manslaughter .. .. .	1
Abortion, procuring .. .. .	3	Murder, attempted .. .. .	1
Bastiality .. .. .	3	Obscene language .. .. .	1
Burglary .. .. .	4	Obtaining goods by false pretences .. .. .	21
Carnally knowing .. .. .	13	Perjury .. .. .	8
Conspiring to defraud .. .. .	1	Rape .. .. .	2
Demanding money by threats .. .. .	2	Rape, attempted .. .. .	3
Embezzlement .. .. .	2	Receiving stolen property .. .. .	2
False declaration re birth of child .. .. .	1	Robbery .. .. .	4
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	24	Robbery with violence .. .. .	7
Horse and cattle stealing .. .. .	3	Sodomy .. .. .	1
Housebreaking, and possessing implements for .. .. .	32	Suicide, attempted .. .. .	1
Incest .. .. .	2	Vagrancy .. .. .	43
Indecent assault .. .. .	13	Wounding .. .. .	1
Indecent exposure .. .. .	6		
Insulting language .. .. .	1		
Larceny not otherwise described .. .. .	63	Total .. .. .	295

Table H.

VISITS of the VISITING JUSTICES to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1907.

Prisons and Visiting Justices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
<b>Auckland:</b>													
Hon. T. Thompson, M.L.C.	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
T. H. White	2	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	8
J. H. Hannan	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	9
F. G. Clayton	5	1	4	..	1	1	2	1	..	4	1	..	20
Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C.	..	..	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	10
F. McGovern	2	2	4	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	27
<b>Dunedin:</b>													
W. L. Simpson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
R. Chisholm	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
J. N. Brown	..	..	3	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
R. Ewing	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	7
<b>Hokitika:</b>													
J. Bevan	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	4
H. L. Michel	1	1	1	..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	10
<b>Invercargill:</b>													
Hon. H. Feldwick, M.L.C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
F. G. Stone	1	..	2	..	..	3	1	..	1	2	1	1	12
W. Todd	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	5
<b>Lyttelton:</b>													
W. W. Collins	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	2	3	3	2	41
P. Pender	2	3	3	3	3	5	3	..	..	2	2	3	29
J. A. H. Marcel	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	21
<b>Napier:</b>													
J. S. Large	2	1	3	3	4	1	4	2	3	3	4	3	33
G. H. Saxby	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	11
<b>New Plymouth:</b>													
H. Weston	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	8
D. Berry	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
C. Ahier	1	1	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	12
E. Dockrill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Wanganui:</b>													
E. N. Liffiton	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	8
F. A. Krull	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
G. Carson	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
J. Thain	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	7
J. H. Keesing	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	5
<b>Wellington:</b>													
E. Arnold	9	3	6	3	5	6	3	5	5	3	7	2	57
T. Duncan	2	7	7	3	1	1	3	2	3	2	4	1	36
J. R. Blair	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
J. Lachman	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	2	1	9

Table I.

VISITS of the INSPECTOR of PRISONS to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1907.

Prisons.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
<b>Auckland</b>	..	..	8, 22, 23, 25	..	..	12, 20, 21, 22	..	..	..	..	16, 18, 19, 20	..
<b>Dumfries</b>	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
<b>Dunedin</b>	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
<b>Hanmer Springs</b>	..	5	..	..	30	..	..	..	8, 9,	..	..	..
<b>Hokitika</b>	..	..	..	..	24, 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Invercargill</b>	..	..	..	23, 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9, 10,
<b>Lyttelton</b>	23, 29, 31	1, 2	..	10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 30	..	1	..	..	6, 12, 13, 14	..	..	7
<b>Napier</b>	..	19	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	18
<b>New Plymouth</b>	15	7	..	..	..	11	..	22	..	11, 30	21	..
<b>Waiotapu</b>	..	..	12, 13, 14, 15	..	..	16, 17, 18	..	..	..	..	9, 11, 12, 13, 14,	..
<b>Waipa Valley</b>	..	..	10, 17	..	..	14, 15	..	..	..	..	5	..
<b>Wanganui</b>	14, 15	..	..	..	..	28	..	23	..	12	22, 23	..
<b>Wellington</b>	16	10, 24, 26	30, 31	..	3, 18	..	3, 5, 6	9, 30, 31	21, 29	27, 29	..	14

Table J.  
PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1907.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
AUCKLAND PRISON.				
F. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Prendergast ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
N. H. A.	Fighting on the works ..	Pl. Warder Molloy ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
T. J.				"
G. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder McKelvey ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	"
M. C.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Meehan ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
M. C.				2 days bread and water.
R. V. G.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Massey ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	Fined 8 marks.
V. S.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Coulston ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. F. U.	"	Acting Pl. Warder Ker	" ..	Fined 8 marks.
J. S. H.	"	Chief Warder Scanlon	" ..	3 days bread and water.
F. W. T.	Obscene language and disobedience of orders	Warder W. Stewart ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
D. I.	Damaging prison property	Chief Warder Scanlon	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. J.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Sweet ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	"
J. T.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder W. Stewart ..	" ..	Fined 24 marks.
T. K.	Ditto ..	Warder Massey ..	" ..	"
J. B. D.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warder Sweet ..	Hon. W. Beehan, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. M.	Leaving his work without permission	Chief Warder Scanlon	F. G. Clayton, V.J. ..	"
W. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder W. Stewart ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W. F.	Refusing to be searched ..	" ..	" ..	"
W. F.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	"
W. F.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	"
J. J.	Leaving his work without permission	Warder Munro ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	Fined 42 marks.
W. T.	Threatening and insulting language to an officer	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Chief Warder Scanlon	F. G. Clayton, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
E. W.	Ditto ..	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
E. W.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
A. S.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Brien ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	Fined 42 marks.
M. L.	Writing clandestine letters	The Matron ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
B. C.	"	" ..	" ..	Fined 84 marks.
F. N.	"	" ..	" ..	Fined 21 marks.
W. S.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warder Leech ..	" ..	Fined 42 marks.
J. M. S.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Massey ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
F. N. J.	Damaging prison property	Warder Johnston ..	Hon. W. Beehan, V.J.	"
R. W. P.	Writing clandestine letters	The Gaoler ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. N.	Smoking in his cell, and being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Macdonald ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. T.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Massey ..	" ..	"
R. W. P.	Sending clandestine letters	The Gaoler ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	Fined 24 marks.
J. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles and damaging prison property	Pl. Warder Molloy ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
P. K.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Pl. Warder Gideon ..	" ..	Fined 42 marks.
T. H. C.	Leaving his allotted place without permission	Warder McGill ..	" ..	"
L. S.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Macdonald ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	Fined 48 marks.
N. G.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison, quarrelling with a fellow-prisoner, profane language, and disobedience of orders	The Matron ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
A. N.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Foreman ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. R.	Idleness, obscene language, and disobedience of orders	Warder Ayling ..	" ..	"
W. F.	Insulting and filthy language	Pl. Warder Gideon ..	F. G. Clayton, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. F.	Threatening his officers ..	Warders Munro and W. Stewart	" ..	"
W. F.	Obscene language ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
W. C.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Leech ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. C.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warders Macdonald and Munro	" ..	"
W. C.	Resisting his officers ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
W. C.	Damaging prison property	" ..	" ..	"
F. G. A.	Smoking in his cell ..	Warder W. Stewart ..	" ..	"
F. G. A.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"

Table J—continued.

## PUNISHMENTS FOR PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1907—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
AUCKLAND PRISON—continued.				
J. R.	Smoking in his cell ..	Warder Richards ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. R.	Being in possession of prohibited articles ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. R.	Damaging prison property ..	Warder Ainsley ..	F. G. Clayton, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. H.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. H.	Improper language to his officer ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. H.	Obscene language ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. H.	Idleness ..	" ..	" ..	"
F. W.	Damaging prison property ..	Warder W. Stewart ..	F. McGovern, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
F. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles ..	" ..	" ..	"
L. S.	Assault on a fellow-prisoner ..	Pl. Warder Gideon ..	J. H. Hannan, V. J. ...	3 days bread and water.
W. G.	Writing a clandestine letter ..	Warder Johnston ..	F. McGovern, V. J. ..	2 days bread and water.
DUMGREE PRISON.				
Nil.				
DUNEDIN PRISON.				
A. P.	Disrespect to his officer and obscene language ..	Warder McGrath ..	R. Ewing, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. M.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison ..	Pl. Warder Harron ..	" ..	"
A. G.	Disobedience of orders ..	" ..	" ..	"
A. S.	" ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. F.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	R. Chisholm, V.J. ..	"
J. F.	Disobedience of orders ..	Pl. Warder Glover ..	" ..	"
H. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	"
HANMER SPRINGS PRISON.				
Nil.				
HOKITIKA PRISON.				
F.C.	Obscene and threatening language to an officer ..	Warder Smith ..	H. L. Michel, V.J. ..	24 hours bread and water.
R. B.	Disobedience of orders ..	Acting Pl. Warder Vincent ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
R. B.	Obstructing the officers in the execution of their duty ..	Warders Lee and McLoughlin ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
R. P. G.	Disobedience of orders ..	The Gaoler ..	J. Bevan, V.J., H. L. Michel, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. D.	Insolence to an officer ..	Acting Pl. Warder Vincent and Warder McLoughlin ..	J. Bevan, V.J. ..	"
F. O.	Obscene and threatening language to an officer ..	Warder McLoughlin ..	H. L. Michel, V.J. ..	24 hours bread and water.
F. O.	Idleness and obscene language ..	Warder Lee ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. C.	Assaulting two fellow-prisoners and threatening an officer ..	" ..	J. Bevan, V.J. ..	48 hours bread and water, and to forfeit 50 marks.
R. P. G.	Escaping from prison works ..	" ..	R. S. Acheson, S.M. ..	6 months' hard labour at expiration of present sentence.
J. D.	" ..	" ..	" ..	Ditto.
INVERCARGILL PRISON.				
W. H. L.	Damaging clothing ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins and Warder Partington ..	F. G. Stone, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. H. L.	Insulting, threatening, and indecent language to his officers ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins ..	" ..	"
W. H. L.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison ..	Warder Partington and Proby. Warder Topp ..	" ..	"
H. H.	Disobedience of orders ..	Pl. Warder Crook ..	W. Todd, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water on each charge, concurrent
H. H.	Wilful disobedience ..	Proby. Warder Gibson ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
H. H.	Making unnecessary noise after being ordered to desist ..	" ..	" ..	"
H. L.	Insolence to his officers ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins and Proby. Warder Topp ..	" ..	"
H. L.	Idleness ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
H. L.	Insubordination ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins and Warder Partington ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.

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## PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1907—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
LYTTELTON PRISON.				
R. McC.	Idleness ..	Warder Dickison ..	J. A. H. Marciel, V.J. ..	48 hours bread and water.
D. B.	Obscene and insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	24 hours bread and water.
A. W.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder Speight ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
H. M.	Ditto ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
A. P.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Spiers ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J., J. A. H. Marciel, V.J.	To forfeit 14 days marks.
P. F.	" ..	" ..	Ditto ..	" ..
A. P.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Parker ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. B.	Ditto ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
T. F.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
W. M.	Obscene and abusive language	Warder Budge ..	P. Pender, V.J. ..	24 hours bread and water.
J. B.	Insulting language to his officer	Warder Speight ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J.	" ..
J. B.	Being in possession of a prohibited article	Chief Warder Nicholson	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J., J. A. H. Marciel, V.J.	To forfeit 96 marks.
R. R.	Disrespect and insubordination	Pl. Warder Blatchford	P. Pender, V.J., J. A. H. Marciel, V.J.	To forfeit 48 marks.
R. R.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Speight ..	P. Pender, V.J. ..	" ..
D. S.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Dickison ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J., J. A. H. Marciel, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
J. F. C.	Insulting language and being in possession of a prohibited article	" ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J.	To forfeit 96 marks.
R. R.	Attempting to assault an officer with an axe	" ..	Ditto ..	" ..
W. H.	Obscene language, and being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. M.	Improper language to a fellow prisoner	Prisoner T. M. ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., J. A. H. Marciel, V.J.	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 14 days' marks.
M. L.	Making a false charge against a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler ..	W. W. Collins, V.J., P. Pender, V.J.	To forfeit 14 days' marks.
A. R.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warder Braddell ..	Ditto ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
A. R.	Assaulting his officer ..	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. R.	Damaging the paint of his cell	Chief Warder Nicholson	" ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
R. McC.	Damaging the door and floor of his cell	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
R. McC.	Obstructing prison officers..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
R. McC.	Damaging prison property	" ..	" ..	" ..
A. R.	Obstructing prison officers..	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. R.	Damaging prison property	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
NAPIER PRISON.				
J.M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Cook ..	J. S. Large, V.J. ..	Tobacco stopped during remainder of sentence.
P.C.	Leaving his place of labour without permission	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
V.P.	Ditto ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
D.B.	Disobedience of orders ..	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
P.A.D.	Idleness on the works and abusive language to an officer	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W.J.C.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warder Tester ..	" ..	24 hours bread and water.
W.E.	Stealing rations from a fellow-prisoner	Acting Warder Henderson	" ..	" ..
H.F.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Prisoner Dennison ..	" ..	" ..
P.C.	Obscene language to an officer	Warder Cook ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
B.C.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Prisoner Williams ..	" ..	24 hours bread and water.
NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.				
H.G.Q.	Smoking in the yard after being cautioned	Pl. Warder Hawkins	H. Weston, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to be kept separate until further orders.
W.C.	Refusing to allow the prison surgeon to examine him	Prison Surgeon ..	" ..	Ditto.
P.C.	Obscene language and attempting to assault an officer	Warder O'Grady ..	C. Ahier, V.J. ..	Separate treatment until further orders.
C.H.W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Pl. Warder Hawkins	" ..	To forfeit 7 days' marks, and 3 days bread and water.
P.C.	" ..	" ..	H. Weston, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
C.H.N.	Escaping from prison gang and destroying prison property	The Gaoler ..	The Stipendary Magistrate	To forfeit one months' marks, and 15 days close confinement in a light cell.
H.A.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins	C. Ahier, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.

Table J—continued.

## PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1907—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
WAIOTAPU PRISON.				
Nil.				
WAIPA VALLEY PRISON.				
Nil.				
WANGANUI PRISON.				
J. S.	Disobedience of orders ..	Gaoler and Acting-Warder Curran	G. Carson, V.J.	48 hours bread and water.
J. S.	Bad language ..	Warder Coyle and Acting-Warder Curran	"	"
C. S.	Insulting language to an officer	Acting-Warder Kimpton	"	"
D. H.	Smoking in his cell ..	The Gaoler	J. Thain, V.J.	24 hours bread and water.
J. S.	Insulting language to an officer	Warder Morgan ..	F. A. Krull, V.J.	48 hours bread and water.
J. S.	Secreting matches ..	Acting-Pl. Warder Ching	F. A. Krull, V.J.	"
W. S.	Smoking in his cell ..	The Gaoler and Acting-Pl. Warder Ching	J. Thain, V.J.	24 hours bread and water.
W. S.	Secreting matches ..	The Gaoler and Warder Morgan	"	"
W. C.	Gross insubordination ..	Warder Coyle and Acting-Warder Curran	R. L. Stanford, S.M.	48 hours bread and water.
W. C.	Filthy language ..	Ditto ..	"	"
E. D.	Marking cell-walls ..	Acting-Pl. Warder Ching	J. Thain, V.J.	24 hours bread and water.
E. D.	Disobedience of orders ..	Ditto ..	"	"
J. R.	Insulting language to the Gaoler	The Gaoler ..	E. N. Liffiton, V.J.	"
J. M.	Insulting and filthy language to an officer	Warder Coyle and Acting-Warder Curran	G. Carson, V.J.	"
WELLINGTON PRISON.				
P. H.	Threatening and insulting language	Warder Martin and Acting-Warder Blain	E. Arnold, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
T. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warders Creedon and Martin	J. Lachman, V.J.	Fined 42 marks.
T. S.	Disobedience of orders ..	Warder O'Shea and Chief Warder Coyle	"	3 days bread and water.
C. C.	" ..	Pl. Warder Knight ..	E. Arnold, V.J.	Fined 24 marks.
P. B.	Smoking in his cell and damaging hammock by fire	Chief Warder Coyle and Warder Weybourne	T. Duncan, V.J.	Fined 42 marks.
A. G.	Disobedience of orders ..	Pl. Warder Knight ..	E. Arnold, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
H. H.	Refusing to work ..	Chief Warder Coyle and Warder O'Shea	J. Lachman, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
T. F.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Martin and Pl. Warder Knight	T. Duncan, V.J.	Fined 3 days' marks.
O. V.	Shaving and being in possession of prohibited articles	Chief Warder Coyle ..	"	Fined 1 day's marks.
J. D.	Shaving, being in possession of prohibited articles, and threatening language	Warders Creedon and W. G. Brown	"	Fined 7 days' marks.
P. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles and shaving	Chief Warder Coyle and Warder W. G. Brown	"	Fined 2 days' marks.
J. D.	Ditto ..	" ..	"	Fined 3 days' marks.
C. C.	" ..	" ..	"	Fined 2 days' marks.
F. C.	Disobedience of orders and being in possession of prohibited articles	Chief Warder Coyle and Warder Beasley	J. Lachman, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
J. C.	Disgusting language ..	Warders Beasley and Leggett, and Chief Warder Coyle	"	2 days bread and water.
J. C.	Creating a disturbance ..	Ditto ..	"	"
J. C.	Damaging prison property ..	" ..	"	"
J. O'B.	Communicating with female prisoners	Warder Leggett ..	"	1 day bread and water.
A. J. D.	Writing a letter and conveying it out of the prison	The Gaoler ..	E. Arnold, V.J., T. Duncan, V.J.	Fined 24 marks.
J. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder O'Shea ..	Ditto ..	Fined 42 marks.
T. W.	Damaging prison property	Chief Warder Coyle ..	E. Arnold, V.J.	24 hours bread and water.
A. S.	Filthy language to his officer	Warders Martin and Roberts	"	3 days bread and water.

Table J—continued.

PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1907—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
WELLINGTON PRISON—continued.				
J. McL.	Idleness on the works ..	Warders Knight and Martin	T. Duncan, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. McL.	Ditto ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
J. McL.	Disobedience of orders ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. McL.	Creating a disturbance ..	" ..	" ..	"
A. D.	Making away with prison property	The Gaoler ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
R. B.	Ditto ..	" ..	" ..	"
A. J.	Disobedience of orders ..	Chief Warder Coyle ..	" ..	Fined 42 marks.
W. C.	Having a newspaper in his possession and bumping against an officer	Warders Beasley, Parkes, and Roberts	J. R. Blair, V.J.	3 days bread and water, and fined 42 marks.
W. C.	Fighting on the works ..	Warder Lodge ..	T. Duncan, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
W. C.	Insulting and threatening language	Warder Leggett ..	" ..	"
T. T.	Shaving and being in possession of prohibited articles	Chief Warder Coyle and Warder W. G. Brown	" ..	Fined 2 days' marks.
T. F.	Ditto ..	Ditto ..	" ..	"
P. C.	" ..	Chief Warder Coyle ..	" ..	Fined 4 days' marks.
T. T.	" ..	" ..	" ..	"
C. C.	" ..	" ..	" ..	"
T. F.	" ..	" ..	" ..	"
T. T.	Disobedience of orders, irreverent language, and being in possession of prohibited articles	Chief Warder Coyle, Warders Rosengrave and Attenbarrow	J. Lachman, V.J.	2 days bread and water.

Table K.

" FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT, 1886."

AGES and TERMS of PROBATION of OFFENDERS placed under the Act during the Year 1907.

Ages.	Four Months and under.	Six Months.	Nine Months.	Twelve Months.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Six Years.	Total.
Under 10 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
From 10 to 15 years ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
" 15 " 20 " ..	3	8	1	15	1	11	1	1	41
" 20 " 25 " ..	3	4	..	9	3	4	..	..	23
" 25 " 30 " ..	1	3	..	5	..	5	..	..	14
" 30 " 40 " ..	..	6	..	9	1	3	1	..	20
" 40 " 50 " ..	1	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	7
" 50 " 60 " ..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
60 years and upwards ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
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