

leading honest lives. I do not think that there is the slightest ground for a general accusation of this sort. On the contrary, there is evidence that the police—and with them I include the detectives—have done much to keep men straight after a lapse, and have assisted to get them suitable employment. It is inevitable that a certain class of criminals should be always under surveillance by the detectives, and when a crime is reported inquiries are frequently made at once amongst this class, wherever they may be. I believe that this duty is carried out, as a rule, with a minimum of injury to the particular class.

Strength.

To show the growth of the Police Force from 1899 to 1909, I have caused to be prepared a comparative return, which gives all the required information.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Inspectors	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9
Sub-Inspectors	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	6	6	6	7
Station Sergeants .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	4
Sergeant-major	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sergeants	51	54	54	56	58	58	64	66	73	78	82
Chief Detectives	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Detectives	11	16	16	16	16	17	21	21	25	27	30
Constables	475	499	504	514	522	534	553	540	561	586	619
Acting-detectives .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	16	18	14
Totals	534	586	591	604	613	626	655	667	699	734	771
In addition to the above there were,—											
Police Sergeants	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Matrons	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
District constables	20	19	20	22	20	22	22	21	18	20	20
Native constables	7	7	7	7	11	11	9	9	9	9	10

District Constables.

There are twenty district constables doing duty in various parts of the Dominion. The following is a return showing where they are stationed, their rate of pay, and their length of service :—

Number.	Police District.	Station.	Rate of Pay per Annum.	Length of Service.
8	Auckland	Cowes	£ 60	Yrs. mos. 0 10
		Herekino	50	1 11
		Hobsonville	75	1 1
		Hohoura	65	3 7
		Mangawai	100	4 7
		Ohaewai	75	9 11
		Okupu	60	14 1
		Panmure	62	8 3
3	Thames	Katikati	62	20 11
		Te Whaite	50	9 1
		Tokaanu	75	0 4
3	Napier	Fraser Town	137	10 9
		Herbertville	50	1 10
		Weber	62	1 2
1	Wanganui	Moawhango	50	2 10
1	Wellington	Cullensville	30	12 9
1	Christchurch	Waikari	40	0 10
2	Dunedin	Broad Bay	50	10 2
		Portobello	40	1 7
1	Invercargill	Half-moon Bay	75	9 1