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THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

The Commissioner of Police to the Hon, the Minister of Justice.

Police Department, Wellington, 18th July, 1911.

I have the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force, for the year ended the 31st March last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 788 of all ranks, being an increase of 13 during the year. The total is made up as follows:-

Inspectors			 	 	 9
Sub-Inspectors			 • • •	 	 6
Station sergeants			 	 	 4
Sergeants			 	 	 88
Constables			 	 	 634
Chief detectives			 	 	 5
Detectives			 	 	 33
Acting-detectives			 	 	 14
addition to the above	there v	rere-			
Police surgeons			 	 	 4
Matrons			 		 4
District constables			 	 	 17
Native constables			 	 	 9

STATIONS.

New stations have been opened at Blackwater, Duntroon, Fitzrov, Globe Mine, Maungaturoto, Mohaka, Remuera, and Whangamomona.

The district constables at Herekino and Tokaanu have been replaced by regular members of the

Force, and the following stations have been closed: Ngapara, Pahi, and Waikaremoana.

The boundaries of the Christchurch and Dunedin districts have been altered so that the Oamaru subdistrict, comprising Oamaru, Duntroon, Hampden, and Kurow stations, which formed portion of the Christchurch district, is now included in the Dunedin district.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended the 31st March last: Retired under Public Service Superannuation Act, 13; died, 9; resigned voluntarily, 24; dismissed, 1; called upon to resign. 13: total, 60. This is 3 less than in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with all offences reported to the police during the year ended the 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 1,176 on the figures of 1909. The proportion of offences to the population was 2.39 per cent., as against 2.32 the previous year.

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