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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
In addition to the above	there v	vere-			
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The district constables at Herekino and Tokaanu have been replaced by regular members of the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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The principal increases during	ng the	year a <sub>]</sub>	ppear	under the following headings, viz.:-	-	
Burglary, breaking and entering,	&c.		97	Malicious injury to property		26
Cruelty to animals			43	Obscene language		119
Deserting wives and families			77	Obstructing and resisting police		43
Deserting merchant ships			55	Receiving stolen property		16
Disorderly and riotous conduct			17	Refusing to quit licensed premises		19
Drunkenness		1	,061	Suicide, attempted		13
Failing to support relatives			36	Theft by servants		33
False pretences			15	Theft from dwellings		38
Furious riding and driving			22	Trespass		20
Indecent exposure or behaviour			54			
The principal decreases were	<del></del>					
Abusive and threatening language	ge		14	Gaming offences		40
Assaults, common			131	6 7 1		39
Assaults occasioning bodily harm	ì		13	Introducing liquor into Maori pas		14
Assaults on police			13			35
Assaults and robbery			18	Soliciting prostitution		51
Bankruptcy offences			16	Stone-throwing		28
Breaches of the peace		• •	<b>5</b> 0			107
Forgery and uttering				Vagrancy		15
Fortune-telling	• •	• •	23			

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year 1910 was 95-39, the figures of the preceding year being 95-61.

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

	D	istrict.			Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses re- sulted.
Auckland					6,385	6,111	274
Thames	•••	•••		•••	726	700	26
Napier					2,070	2,027	43
Wanganui					2,563	2,498	65
Wellington					5,737	5,476	261
Greymouth					896	850	46
Christchurch		•••		٠	3,984	3,787	197
Dunedin					2,167	1,956	211
Invercargill	•••	•••	•••	•••	<b>578</b>	544	34
					25,106	23,949	1,157

Serious Crimes.

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

			19	09.	1910.		
Crime	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.			
Arson		•••	 28	27	29	23	
Assault and robbery			 57	55	39	<b>3</b> 8	
Burglary (breaking into sho	ps and	dwellings)	 364	242	461	359	
Forgery and uttering		•••	 186	176	142	130	
Murder	•••	•••	 7	7	6	5	
" attempted	• • •		 5	4	<b>2</b>	2	
Rape			 8	8	7	7	
Receiving stolen property			 35	35	51	51	
Shooting with intent	•••	•••	 6	6	l	1	
			696	560	738	616	

During the last ten years the number of serious crimes as above described has varied from 520 to 759, so that the present total (738) does not call for comment.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :-

	Crin	168.			1909.	1910.
Assaults, indecent			 		55	57
Bestiality			 		<b>2</b>	1
Carnally knowing g			 		18	22
Carnally knowing,	attempt	ed	 		7	3
Concealment of bird			 		4	3
Incest			 		2	5
Indecent exposure		viour	 		317	371
Rape			 		8	7
Rape, attempted			 	i	12	13
Sodomy			 		6	. 3
Sodomy, attempted			 	••	1	6
					432	491

## DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 1,061 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 37.81 per cent. of the males and 65.98 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 5.44 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1910, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

District.		Not I vious Convi	ly	One P vious C victio	on-	Two vious viction	Con-	Three vious viction	Con-	Four vious viction	Con-	Five vious viction	Con-	Over Prev Convic	ious	Total	ls.	Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Ves-
		М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	Nun Foreg were of Cre
Auckland		1,364	23	312	16	293	14	112	12	89	19	64	14	274	69	2,508	167	147
Thames		181	4	31		15		6		8		3		17		261		1
Napier		729	17	235	7	78	2	- 36	3	24	1	15	1	59	4	1,176	35	48
Wanganui		874	68	195	10	68	7	44	6	14	2	14		13	.5	1,222	98	4
Wellington		1,780	99	462	69	212	49	136	34	69	47	14	12	68	7	2,741	317	149
Freymouth		247	1	76	1	23		10		7		5		12		380	2	21
Christchurch		981	47	202	23	107	9	61	8	42	4	27	3	183	49	1,603	143	111
Dunedin		456	19	95	3	56	2	34	2	21	1	13	2	82	22	757	51	97
Invercargill	• •	165	1	36	1	15		7	1	7	••	4	••	16	•••	250	3	15
		6,777	<b>27</b> 9	1,644	130	867	83	446	66	281	74	159	32	724	156	10,898	820	598

The number charged with drunkenness in 1909 was 10,657 (9,875 males and 782 females), whereas in 1910 the number was 11,718 (10,898 males and 820 females).

RETURN showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1909 and 1910, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Increase in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1909.		Number arrested, 1910.		Number		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1910.		Total Increase in Arrests.	Total Decrease in Arrests.
	М.	F.	м.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs Wellington and suburbs Christchurch and suburbs Dunedin and suburbs	1,180 2,039 771 581	96 224 109 66	1,942 2,194 790 562	163 289 107 47	1,942 2,194 790 560	162 289 107 46	  2	1	829 220 17	
Totals	4,571	495	5,488	606	5,486	604	2	2	1,066	38

Total increase, 1,028.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1909 and 1910 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number 19		Number 19	arrested, 10.	Number o	convicted, 10.	Number discharged or otherwise deal with, 1910.	
	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.
Auckland and suburbs Wellington and suburbs	23 32	 6	13 33	5 7	13 33	5 7		
Christchurch and suburbs Dunedin and suburbs	19 9	$\frac{3}{2}$	15 11	$egin{array}{ccc} \dot{2} & \dot{1} & \end{array}$	15 11	· 2		
Totals	83	11	72	15	72	15	-	

The large increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness calls for notice, but no definite conclusions can be drawn from the figures. Offences of this nature are governed by a variety of conditions, such as increase of population, an influx of strangers, prosperity of the country, and last, but not least, the vigilance of the police.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population, for the years, 1907, 1908, and 1909, in Australia and New Zealand. These are the latest figures avail-

able at the time of writing :-

		1907.	1908.	1909.
Commonwealth	 	 $127 \cdot 7$	119.5	119.4
New Zealand	 	 110.8	112.2	110:1

#### PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (256) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 43 as compared with the preceding year.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against Publicans in each District during the Year 1910 as compared with 1909, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

	District.		Prosecutions, 1909.	Prosecutions, 1910.	Convictions, 1910.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1910.
Auckland	•••	 •••	49	40	10	30
Thames		 	8	16	7	9
Napier		 	13	12	i 7	õ
Wanganui		 	19	21	10	11
Wellington		 	28	47	20	27
Greymouth		 	55	82	45	37
Christchurch		 	24	22	13	9
Dunedin		 	16	16	10	6
Invercargill	•••	 	1		•••	
${f T}$	otals	 •••	213	256	122	134

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against Publicans within each Principal Centre during the Year 1910, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

	Centre.		Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with.
Auckland and suburbs Wellington and suburbs Christchurch and suburbs Dunedin and suburbs		 •••	 14 17 9 1	1 6 6 	13 11 3 1
Totals	•••	 •••	 41	13	28

#### SLY-GROG.

There were 196 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 117 convictions, against 235 prosecutions and 154 convictions during the preceding year.

The police are often blamed for failure to detect illicit sales of liquor, and I therefore repeat what I said in last year's report—viz., that "the difficulty in obtaining evidence in support of charges of sly-grog selling is increased by the disinclination of the general public to afford the police any assistance in this respect, and for this reason it is found necessary to resort to methods which are distasteful both to the public and the police. There is, however, no alternative unless the law-breakers are to be allowed to go their own way unchecked."

The legislation of last session has had a good effect in abolishing the bogus locker system, which was used in some districts to defy the law; while the extension to the "proclaimed Native areas" of the provisions of the Licensing Act requiring notice to be given of liquor sent into no-license districts has materially assisted the police in gaining control of the liquor traffic in these areas. I regret to observe, however, that there has been a disposition on the part of many dealers in liquor to disregard the provisions of the Act in this respect, or to regard them as vexatious requirements to be disobeyed or evaded. It is a very valuable provision, as it enables the police to promptly trace liquor consigned to persons within the prohibited districts, and to follow it up before it has been disposed of illegally. A number of prosecutions for breaches of this section have taken place, and as there can now be no excuse that the law is not generally understood, further prosecutions will follow whenever the circumstances warrant that course being adopted.

Legislation is required to control the output and sale of New Zealand wines. I have received reports which show that grave abuses result under the present law.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1910 amounted to £1,862, as against £2,358 15s. in 1909.

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

							£	s.	d.
$\mathbf{Auckland}$		 					412	0	0
Thames		 					267	10	0
Napier		 							·
Wanganui		 					302	0	0
Wellington		 					503	ö	ŏ
Greymouth		 						`	Ü
Christchurch		 				• •	295	10	0
Dunedin		 		• •	• •	• •	82	0	0
Invercargill	• •		• •	• •	• •	• •	02	v	U
in terement	• •	 • •	• •	• •	• •	• • •	• •		
	Total	 					£1.862 _	.0	

The direct cost to the Dominion in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £800 19s. 6d., this being £1,061 0s. 6d. less than the amount of fines imposed.

## GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 205 prosecutions, resulting in 169 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 239 prosecutions and 208 convictions in 1909.

The Gaming Act of last session has pretty well cleared the streets of the undesirables who hung about certain localities in the cities, and there has been a marked improvement in this respect. Betting still goes on, and will continue to go on; but it is confined to fewer individuals, and has been made more difficult. I regard the gaming law of 1910 as a distinct advance upon previous legislation.

## CRIMINAL REGISTRATION.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 10,905 offenders, being an increase of 986 on the previous year.

During the year 148 offenders, whose antecedents were unknown to the police of the districts in which they were in custody, were, by the means of their finger-impressions, identified as previously convicted persons, showing an increase of 8 over last year.

The following table shows the steady increase of the finger-print collection, and prisoners traced thereby for the past seven years:—

		Year.			Number of Prints in Col- lection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1905	4 .	 		 	4,200	700	72
1906		 		 	5,000	800	88
1907		 		 	6,151	1,151	104
1908		 		 	7,622	1,471	123
1909		 	٠.	 • •	8,718	1,096	138
1910		 		 	9,919	1,201	140
1911	• •	 		 • • •	10,905	986	148
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Finger-prints of persons in custody here have been identified in the Australian States and London as those of persons previously convicted in those places, while prints of persons in custody in the various States of Australia have been identified here as those of persons previously convicted in New Zealand.

As a detective agency the finger-print system is of great practical assistance to the general police, and in several instances it has been the sole means of establishing the identity of the offender and securing his conviction. In one case, which occurred during the early part of this year, no suspicion was attachable to any one, but a small finger-marked piece of glass which was found at the scene of the crime revealed to the finger-print expert the identity of a man whose presence in the district was unknown, and resulted in the subsequent apprehension and admission of guilt of the culprit.

The general police are now required to take the finger-impressions of all deceased persons whose identity is unknown, and submit them for search and comparison by the finger-print experts; and within a period of three months the identity of two such persons was ascertained in this way.

The system of registration of the criminal history of all finger-printed offenders has undergone material improvement during the year, and this section furnishes much valuable information to all branches of the Department.

During the year the portraits of 1,162 Australian criminals have been received, recorded, and distributed to the principal cities in the Dominion; those of 384 New Zealand criminals have been circulated and filed; and 653 photographs have been taken, for general police purposes, by the photographer at headquarters.

As the collection of finger-prints, criminal histories, photographs, &c., is increasing, the general search is becoming proportionately slower and more difficult, and the existent pressure of work in the bureau indicates the consistent expansion of the system of identification, the more general recognition of its value, and the increasing advantage which is being taken of its usefulness.

#### CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

Seventy-three men were taken on during the year, their nationalities, religions, and occupations being as follows:—Nationalities: Australia, 11; England, 6; Ireland, 14; New Zealand, 35; Scotland, 7. Religions: Church of England, 17; Methodists, 4; Plymouth Brethren, 1; Presbyterians, 30; Roman Catholics, 20; Wesleyan, 1. Occupations: Artillerymen, 2; asylum attendants, 2; baker, 1; blacksmith, 2; carpenters, 3; clerks, 2; coachsmith, 1; contractor, 1; creamery-manager, 1; drivers, 2; ex-constables, 16; farmer, 1; farm labourers, 8; gasfitter, 1; grocers, 2; joiner, 1; labourers, 15; miners, 2; painter, 1; ploughman, 1; railway porters, 2; salesman, 2; sawmill hand, 1; shepherd, 1; storeman, 1; tram conductor, 1.

# FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

During the year ended March, 1911, 66 probationers presented themselves, at the conclusion of their course of training at the depot, for examination in "first aid to the injured," the examinations being held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Of the 66 men who sat, all passed.

The maximum number of marks was gained in six cases, the average of those who passed being 88.45. (Maximum, 100; bare pass, 50.)

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

#### STATIONS, ETC.

During the year the following works have been completed :-

## New Buildings.

Pongaroa. Motueka. Greymouth (police gaol). Johnsonville.

Blackball.

Christehurch (Matron's quarters).

# New Buildings in course of Erection.

Wellsford. Frankton. Whangamomona (lock-up). Parnell.

Otakı.

Morrinsville (lock-up and office).

South Invercargill.

## Properties purchased.

Remuera	Station.	Islington Site.
Waitara	,,	Waitati ",
New Plymouth (Fitzroy)		Napier ,, (Inspector's residence).
Te Puke	Site.	Owhango ,,

# Additions, Improvements, &c.

Auckland, Eden Ter-		Cass	Hut erection.
race	Alterations, &c., made.	Waitotara	Painting.
Waverley	Additions, &c., in hand.		Outbuildings, &c.
Wellington, Manners		Mohaka	Lock-up.
Street	Additions made.	Dannevirke	Renovation and repairs.
Otautau	Additions, renovations,	New Plymouth (ser-	
	&c., in hand.	geant's quarters)	
Ongarue	Additions made.	Winton	Outbuildings.
	Additions and repairs.	Kawakawa	Repairs.
Whitianga	Renovations.	Pahiatua	Painting, &c.
Sumner	"	Wairoa	Additions.
Wellington, Thorndon		Waitara	Repairs.
Wanganui	Fire-prevention appliances	Westport	",
	installed.	Caversham	Painting, &c.
New Plymouth	Ditto.	Kaitangata	***
Palmerston North	,•	Napier	Painting and renovations.
Napier	**	Martinborough	Additions, &c.
Greymouth	27	Whangaroa	Cells moved, repairs, &c.,
Ohakune	Painting and repairs.		to station.

# GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

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

Year.	Officers.	Non-Commis- sioned.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Sum monses re- sulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	<u> </u>	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948	183	463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949	obtain-	484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136	1 7	500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158	Not	517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263	3/3	587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293	3/03/	613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266	3/2	625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69 69	18 17	395 388	502 487	1 to 1,265 1 to 1,328	$\frac{3/2\frac{1}{2}}{2/13}$	635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13				484	1 to 1,326	3/13	646,913 652,125	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65 66	17 13	389 403	494	1 to 1,347	$\frac{2}{10\frac{3}{4}}$	664.855	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,340	$\frac{2/10\frac{3}{4}}{2/11\frac{1}{3}}$	668.353	13,115 $12,674$	12,177	5,866
1891	$\begin{vmatrix} 7\\7 \end{vmatrix}$	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,373	$\frac{2}{112}$	675,775	13,153	11,748	5,416
$\frac{1892}{1893}$	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	$\frac{2}{9}$	692,426	13,165	12,187 $12.100$	5,360
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	$\frac{2}{0}$ $\frac{2}{1}$ $\frac{2}{1}$	714,258	13,100 $13,530$	$12,100 \\ 12,500$	5,251
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	$\frac{2}{6\frac{3}{4}}$	728,121	14,010	12,300 $12,435$	4,594
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	$\frac{2}{9}$	740,699	14,673	12,435 $13,171$	$\frac{4,636}{5,005}$
1897	7	45	$\frac{13}{12}$	453	517	1 to 1,461	$\frac{2}{1}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,005 $5,204$
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,204 5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	$\frac{2}{9}$	.783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/103	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	$\frac{2}{10\frac{1}{1}}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	$\overline{20}$	514	604	1 to 1,375	$2/10\frac{1}{3}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	$2/10\frac{1}{3}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	$2/10\frac{3}{1}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	$\frac{1}{2}/10\frac{1}{4}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	$2/10\frac{1}{3}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	$3/2\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	$3/4\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	$3/3\frac{1}{2}$	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	<b>3</b> 8	648	788	1 to 1,333	$3/4\frac{1}{2}$	1,050,410	•		, •

In addition to the strength of the Force as shown above, there are 17 district constables, 9 Native constables, 4 police surgeons (one in each city), and 4 matrons (one in each city).

## GENERAL.

Owing to the growth of population and the expansion of settlement, a considerable increase in the strength of the Force is required. Apart from requests made by local bodies. &c., the Inspectors have recommended the following additions to their present staffs, viz.:-

Auckland District		 	 	 	36
Thames District		 	 	 	3
Wanganui District		 	 	 	<b>2</b>
Wellington District		 	 	 	4
Greymouth District		 	 	 	3
Christchurch District	, ,	 	 		1
Invercargill District		 		 	1
	Total	 	 	 	50

I am sparing no endeavour to increase the staff wherever increases are necessary, but as only a limited number of recruits can be passed through the Training Depot in the year, and as all casualties in the Force have first to be provided for, it has not been possible, with the means at my disposal, to grant all the additions asked for at present. I hope during the present year to have more recruits available for necessary additions to strength, and I am very pleased to say that the Training Depot is to be enlarged so that it will accommodate a larger number of men than hitherto.

It will probably prove interesting to the public and to the Force to set out the principal recommendations made by the Royal Commissioner on the Police Force of 1909, and to show how they have been dealt with.

New Regulations.—New regulations have been drafted and submitted to the various Inspectors for suggestions, but owing to the magnitude of the work it has not been possible to finally settle the regulations and issue them. It is proposed to summon a Conference of Inspectors shortly to discuss these draft regulations, and I hope they will be in force before my next report is presented.

Training Depot.—A vote has been taken for the enlargement of the depot, including provision for a gymnasium. I am arranging with the Defence authorities to detach a drill instructor to give recruits "setting-up" drill and physical training, and if this arrangement does not work satisfactorily I propose to recommend that a competent drill instructor be permanently attached to the depot. The Royal Commissioner drew attention to the need of more supervision at night over the recruits in the depot. I entirely agree with his views on this subject, but to carry out the proposal would confine the appointment of the officer in charge of the depot to an unmarried man who would live on the premises. Up to the present, the practical difficulties in the way of giving effect to his recommendation have proved insuperable. There is no reason to suppose that any irregularities due to lack of supervision have occurred in the depot.

Enrolment.—Forms of application for enrolment are now supplied to every District Office; and, in addition, every candidate is first seen by an Inspector, who reports his opinion as to the candidate's suitability for the Force. Later on I propose to extend the time spent in the depot from two to three months, but I have not yet been able to do so owing to the necessity of filling vacancies and granting applications for additional police without delay. Married men now receive 7s. 6d. a day while in the depot.

Police Matters at Oamaru and Blenheim.—Both these matters have been dealt with.

Police Accommodation at Dunedin and Wellington.—The accommodation at Dunedin is admittedly inadequate, but there is little room on the present site for additions. The matter is engaging attention. At Wellington votes have been taken for additions at Lambton Quay and Mount Cook. The additions at Lambton Quay involve a complete rearrangement, and satisfactory plans have not yet been com-The additions at Mount Cook are in hand.

Thames District.—It has been deemed advisable to make no alteration in this district at present. Otago and Canterbury Districts.—The alteration of the boundaries of these districts, recommended by the Royal Commissioner, has been made.

Medical Examination on Promotion.—No promotion to the rank of sergeant is now made without

Senior Sergeants.—The rank of station sergeant has been abolished, and that of senior sergeant substituted.

Headquarters Staff.—The Headquarters Staff was broken up on my taking over the duties of Commissioner, and the Head Office is now manned by civilians.

Physical Training.—I attach much importance to the physical training of the Force, but time has not permitted me to formulate a scheme of training as yet.

House and Travelling Allowances.—A new scale of house and travelling allowances has been brought into operation. Sergeants now receive a house-allowance of 14s. a week instead of 10s. 6d., and constables receive 10s. 6d. a week instead of 7s. An increased scale of travelling-allowances has also been introduced, and the question of saloon or steerage passages when travelling by sea, and first-or second-class fares when travelling by rail, has been placed on a more satisfactory footing. I believe that these concessions were well deserved, and have been much appreciated.

Lamps.—A suitable pattern of electric lamp or torch for night duty cannot be obtained in New Zealand, and I am making inquiries in London. I have ascertained that the London Metropolitan Police Force uses the bull's-eye lantern; while in Melbourne the use of lanterns or lamps has been discontinued for a number of years.

Pay.—I have deferred any recommendation in respect of the pay of the Force because the increase in the house and travelling allowances caused a considerable addition to the annual vote for the Police 9 ·H.—16.

Department. My own opinion is that the present rate of pay is not inadequate, but that in some of the ranks the intervals between the regulation increments are far too long. It takes a constable sixteen years to rise from the minimum of 7s. 6d. a day to the maximum of 9s. 6d. a day. I think that if this period were shortened, and a small allowance made for long service and good conduct, good results would ensue. An alternative would be to fix a higher minimum and maximum rate, but the whole question is one of money, and later on it will receive careful consideration.

#### INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

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

F. WALDEGRAVE, Commissioner of Police.

#### EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

#### INSPECTOR CULLEN, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The criminal statistics which were forwarded to you in due time show that the total number of offences reported was 6,385, being an increase of 322 over that of the preceding year.

The casualties amongst the constables have been as follows: 2 died, 1 retired on superannuation on reaching the age-limit, 1 retired on superannuation as medically unfit, 5 resigned to better their positions, and 5 were called upon to resign on account of unsatisfactory conduct on their part. There were no casualties in any of the other ranks.

The strength of the district has been increased by 1 sergeant and 13 constables, who have been distributed as follows: The sergeant replaced a constable in charge at Dargaville, 4 constables were posted in Auckland Station, and 1 each to each of the following stations: Newton, Eden Terrace, Freeman's Bay, Hamilton, Huntly, Te Kuiti, Taumarunui, Remuera, and Herekino, the constable sent to the latter place replacing a district constable there.

The steady increase in population which has taken place and is still going on in the city and suburban areas as well as in the country townships makes a further augmentation to the strength of the police necessary during the current year, as shown hereunder:—

s	tations.			Ser- geants.	Con- stables.	Detectives.	Total.
Auckland Cit	y		 	 1	8	2	11
Queen Street			 	 	2	1	3
Ponsonby			 	 1	3		4
Newton			 	 	1		1
Eden Terrace			 	 	1	1	<b>2</b>
Newmarket			 	 	ı		1
Onehunga			 	 	ŀ		1
Otahuhu			 	 	l		1
Pukekohe			 	 	1		1
Hamilton			 	 	1	1	2
Huntly			 	 ì			1
Cambridge			 	 	1		1
Te Kuiti			 	 1			i
Taumarunui			 	 l			1
For new stati	ons as un	der -					
	d. Grev I		 	 	1		1
Mount A			 	 	i		Ī
Takapun			 	 	į		i
Owen's I	Road, Eps		 	 	1		1
Mount E	den Road	South	 	 • •	i	• •	1
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New stations have been opened at Remuera and Maungaturoto, and the station at Pahi, in the Maungaturoto district, has been closed. A site and residence have been purchased at Remuera for police purposes. A site has also been purchased at Maungaturoto, where station buildings are very much needed.

New stations should be opened at Richmond (Grey Lynn), Mount Albert, Takapuna, Owen's Road (Epsom), Mount Eden Road South. Sites for stations should be secured without delay in the abovenamed localities.

Sites for stations should also be secured at Freeman's Bay, Mount Roskill, Kingsland, Northcote, Hobsonville, Ohaeawai, Houhora, Herekino. Devonport, and Huntly, at all of which places except Hobsonville the Department is paying rents for the premises occupied as police-stations.

As the rank of station sergeant has not been a success, I beg to suggest that it be abolished altogether and that of senior sergeant substituted, and that a number of the most promising sergeants should be appointed senior sergeants, so that suitable men can be selected from their number to take charge of the large central stations when vacancies occur there from time to time. The present station sergeants should, of course, retain their present senior position at the head of the list of the senior sergeants.

## INSPECTOR WRIGHT, THAMES DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1911, the strength of the Force in this district was: 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants, 30 constables, 1 detective, 2 district constables, and 3 Native constables. During the year the strength at Opotiki and Tauranga has been increased by a constable at each place, and the district constable at Tokaanu has been replaced by a regular constable; at Waihi the strength has been reduced by 1 constable.

Increases are now required at Waihi, Te Aroha, and Rotorua, I constable at each station.

No new stations have been opened and none closed during the year.

There have been no deaths, retirements on pension, dismissals, or resignations during the year.

The return of offences for the year ending 31st December last does not call for special remark. There were 726 offences reported, as against 719 the previous year; of these, 700 were accounted for either by arrest or summons, thus showing the satisfactory result of 96.41 per cent. of offences detected.

There were 265 persons arrested for drunkenness, as compared with 245 the previous year, and considering that the district extends from Cape Colville to the East Cape, and includes such towns as Thames, Rotorua, Waihi, Tauranga, and Opotiki, I think the figures show that the district is a particularly sober one.

Of 51 persons committed for trial for indictable offences, 45 were subsequently convicted.

The conduct of all members of the Force during the year has, with so few exceptions as are not worth mentioning, been highly satisfactory; all are working together well, and seem well satisfied with the conditions under which they serve. The increased house allowance granted in January last The increased house allowance granted in January last has been much appreciated by the married constables unprovided with quarters.

I am not aware of any marked increase of population in any particular part of the district, but the Hauraki Plain is being steadily drained and settled, and there is now quite a number of settlers in that district who are bringing a considerable volume of trade to the Thames.

Work is also about to commence on the Rangitaiki Swamp. This will open up some 85,000 acres of what has the reputation of being extremely fertile land, which will no doubt attract close settlement.

The district shows every indication of being in a prosperous state, and the unemployed are an unknown quantity. The deep levels at the Thames are now being tested, and should pavable gold be discovered a large increase in population can be expected.

There have been no serious crimes of a violent nature during the year that deserve special mention. The Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, has still further strengthened the hands of the police in dealing with sly-grog selling in no-license districts, but there still remains an important amendment to be made as regards sly-grog selling in licensed areas; in the former it is an offence for any person to keep liquor for sale (section 146 subsection (a) ii), and under subsection (d) of same section the onus of showing that liquor proved to be kept is not intended for sale lies upon the accused. In licensed areas there is no such offence as keeping for sale (see section 195), and no such provision as that contained in subsection (d) of section 146; consequently, although the police may know that a person is getting more liquor that he would reasonably want for his own use, and is no doubt selling it in a discreet manner, yet they are helpless unless they can prove an actual sale, which is in most cases very difficult to do, and can only be done by adopting objectionable methods.

If the provisions regarding sly-grog selling in no-license areas were applied to licensed areas the police would be able to put down a class of sly-grog selling that there is every reason to believe obtains in some parts of the Dominion.

# INSPECTOR DWYER, NAPIER DISTRICT.

The offences return submitted to your office for the year ending 31st December last shows there were 2,070 offences of all classes reported, and of this number 2.027 were detected. The return shows an increase of 76 offences as compared with the previous year. The offences were of the usual class, none of them calling for any special remark.

There has been little or no sly-grog selling, and the licensed houses throughout the district, with

few exceptions, have been conducted in a very satisfactory manner.

During the year the police-station at Waikaremoana was closed, and a station opened at Mohaka, where it was much more needed.

The casualties during the year were: I sergeant and I constable retired on pension, I constable voluntarily resigned, and I constable called upon to resign.

The conduct of the sergeants, detectives, and constables during the year was, on the whole, very good, and greater vigilance and activity in the detection of crime was shown. The percentage of arrests made to the number of offences reported reflects credit on all hands.

The men fully appreciate the late increases in lodging and travelling allowances, and these con-

cessions have helped to create a feeling of satisfaction and contentment among them.

The legislation dealing with the supply of liquor to Natives for consumption off licensed premises is evaded in every conceivable form by the Natives, and I would suggest that the law be amended by making it an offence for Natives to be found with liquor in their possession.

# Inspector Wilson, Wanganui District.

The strength of the Force is 79-1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 8 sergeants, 64 constables, 3 detectives, 1 acting-detective, and 1 district constable.

New stations have been formed at Fitzroy and Whangamomona. The latter is the site of the principal railway-works on the Stratford-Ongarue Railway. At the present time there are some 600 men employed on these works.

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The principal towns - viz., Wanganui, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Feilding. Hawera, Stratford, Marton, Eltham, and Taihape—are growing very rapidly. Although building is being pushed

on, there is a continual demand for decent houses, which shows there is an ever-increasing population.

I would draw your attention to the necessity of establishing a police-station at Gonville, Wanganui.

This is a rapidly increasing suburb. The constable there would have control of that suburb and on to Castlecliff. The population of these two places numbers upwards of 3,000. A tramway system is being started to go through Gonville to Castlecliff, so that the need of a constable there is urgent.

At Wanganui at least one additional constable is required. A town of the size and importance of Wanganui should have a watchhouse-keeper on duty all night. This cannot be arranged with our present staff.

The population of this district is approximately 145,000. The present authorized strength is 80, so that on the population basis I should have more men.

The conduct of the men on the whole has been good: as a rule they have been zealous and attentive in the discharge of their duties. The detective staff has worked well, and their energy has resulted in a large number of serious cases reaching the Supreme Court.

The only serious crimes during the past year were a series of crimes committed by John Joseph Powelka at Palmerston North last April. In the pursuit and capture of this criminal I consider the police did a really smart piece of work in effecting his apprehension in a little over a week.

The criminal statistics for the past year-1910-show but a very small increase, viz., 9 offences. There were reported 2,563 offences, of which 2,498 arrests or summonses resulted, and were dealt with in the Courts, leaving 65 undetected offences, or about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the total. There has been a slight increase of the serious offences, of burglary, breaking into shops, &c., also in wife-desertion, failing to support, &c., and drunkenness; the latter is probably due to the more effective steps taken to keep the streets clear of drunken persons. There has been a slight falling-off in the convictions for slygrog selling, but the total amount inflicted in fines was much larger than in previous years. figures are—19 prosecutions. 14 convictions, and £302 in fines.

During the vear there were 21 prosecutions against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act,

resulting in 10 convictions and 11 charges being withdrawn or dismissed.

The number of offenders committed to the Supreme Court for trial or sentence continues about the same. In 1909 there were 92 committed and 42 convicted at the Supreme Courts; in 1910 there were 94 committed and 70 convicted; showing, I submit, that more care is being taken in the preparing and presenting of these cases in the Courts.

## INSPECTOR ELLISON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district on the 31st March, 1911, was 146, and the actual strength 143. The removal of 7 officers of the headquarters staff from the strength of this district during the year accounts for the difference in the authorized strength from that of the previous year.

During the last twelve months 16 recruits have been appointed to the district, whilst the transfers from other districts have been 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 sergeants. 1 detective, 1 acting-detective, and 4 constables. The transfers to other districts were 2 Sub-Inspectors, 3 sergeants, 2 detectives, 1 actingdetective, and 8 constables, whilst 3 constables retired on pension, 9 were discharged on resignation, 1 was dismissed, and 1 died.

During the year the new station at Pongaroa was completed, and a new station has been erected at Motueka. New buildings are in progress at Johnsonville and Otaki; the former is almost ready for occupation.

New cells have been erected at Manners Street, Wellington, which are a great convenience in regard to arrests in that central locality. Since the cells were completed on the 30th September, 1910. up to the 31st March, 1911, 398 prisoners were locked up there.

The erection of new buildings means a considerable reduction in the amount paid by the Department annually as rent. In this behalf I again beg to urge the necessity for a new station at Masterton.

and the purchase of houses at Island Bay, Kilbirnie, Eastbourne, and Brooklyn.

The increase of suburban population at Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, and Miramar will soon demand another constable in that locality. Lyall Bay has become a very popular seaside resort, and is visited by thousands of persons every week; in fact, the constable's time is fully occupied patrolling the beach amongst the bathers. I anticipate that another constable will be required there next summer.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1910, shows an increase of 229 offences reported, the total number being 5,737, as against 5,508 for the previous year. The undetected offences amounted to 261, but this includes 27 deserters from merchant vessels, and a number of persons wanted on summons, who could not be found, for disobeying orders of Court, and similar offences. actual undetected cases amount to about 150, including principally thefts of all descriptions. principal increases were in drunkenness, 165; failing to support relatives, 47; ship-deserters, 40; theft, 71; breaches of the peace, 38; cruelty to animals, 37. Decreases appear under—assaults, 38; deserting wives and children, 42; illegally on premises, 19; neglected children, 12; soliciting prostitution, 37.

The Gaming Amendment Act of 1910 has already had a good effect in reducing the number of undesirable semi-vagrants who are to be found idling about towns, living on what they can pick up at race meetings. Although the Act cannot be supposed to entirely stop betting or gambling, still it

keeps such business within better bounds than was the case hitherto.

The Licensing Act Amendment of 1910 also proves of advantage in curtailing to some degree the conditions under which liquor can be "stored" for friends or customers in no-license areas; but so long as no license prevails under existing conditions, so long will there be plenty of scope for the

ingenuity and activity of those who desire to circumvent the law.

The conduct of the Force during the past year in this district has been good. A few have been negligent or lazy, but it was found necessary to inflict fines in only eight cases during the past year. Considering the restrictions and sometimes arduous duties of a constable's life, this shows as good a result as could be expected. As usual, the detective staff, as well as many of the uniform men, have done a great deal of very good work.

I beg to ask that four additional constables may be provided for during the current twelve months viz., 3 for the head station at Lambton Quay, and 1 for assisting at Lyall Bay, Hataitai, Kilbirnie,

and Miramar next summer.

Three additional men are much needed at this station, as the frequent escorts, sickness, and relieving at country stations often leave the station short-handed.

# INSPECTOR BLACK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1911, was 1 Inspector, 5 sergeants, 35 constables, and 1 detective; total, 42, being an increase of 4 constables on previous year's strength.

New stations were opened at Blackwater and Globe Mine, Reefton.

The conduct of the men has, on the whole, been good during the last twelve months, although 11 have been fined for neglect of duty and breaches of regulations. I am pleased to state that with one exception there has not been a single case of intoxication or drunkenness amongst the men in this

The criminal statistics show 896 offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1910, being an increase of 92 on previous year's total. Out of 896 offences reported, 850 are accounted for by arrests and summonses, leaving 46 offences undetected, or about 5 per cent. of the whole.

During the year there were 82 prosecutions against publicans, resulting in 45 convictions, as against

55 prosecutions and 36 convictions in the previous year.

Another constable is badly wanted at Reefton. The town, which has about 2,000 inhabitants, is left without any police protection whatever from 1 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day. As there are only a sergeant and two constables stationed there, no other arrangement can be made. I hope that another constable will be sent there without delay.

A police-station should also be opened at Cobden, and a married constable stationed there. Cobden has a population of about 1,200. It has two hotels and a number of stores, and is growing

rapidly.

The inhabitants of Millerton have petitioned that a police-station be opened there as soon as possible, and the matter has been reported upon by the constable in charge of that subdistrict, by Sergeant Dew. who is in charge of the Westport subdistrict, and by myself. I hope the Department will see its way to send three extra constables to this district as soon as possible, one each for Reefton, Cobden, and Millerton. I put them down in the order I consider they are most required.

The new police-station at Blackball has been finished, and the constable stationed there has

taken possession of the premises.

# INSPECTOR KIELY, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was as follows: 1 Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 1 station sergeant, 13 sergeants, 101 constables, 8 detectives, 3 acting-detectives. There is a matron and a surgeon attached to the Christchurch Station.

The casualties during the year were as follows: Resignations, 8; discharged on superannuation, 3;

dismissed, nil; death, 1.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1910, was 3,984, and the number of persons apprehended or summoned 3,787. An increase of 492 offences is shown in comparison with the return for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

The principal increases in offences for the year are as follows: Absconding from industrial schools, burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings. 42: disorderly and riotous conduct, 14; drunkenness, 149; failing to support parents and near relatives, 28; illegally on premises, 13; obscene and profane language, 36; refusing to quit licensed premises, 17; theft. 59; theft by servants, 11; trespass, 54; and vagrancy, 47.

The principal decreases for the year are—assaults on police, 5; begging, 6; breaches of the peace, 7; disobeying orders on board ship, 22; disobeying orders of the Court, 11; indecent exposure or behaviour, 9; keeping disorderly houses and brothels, 4; perjury, 6; soliciting prostitution, 27;

and theft from dwellings, 7.

There were 694 prosecutions under the Christchurch City by-laws, resulting in 675 convictions and 19 dismissals. The number of bicycles reported as lost or stolen was 839; of this number, 659 were recovered, 634 claimed, and 25 are in the store unclaimed.

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During the year the amount of fines imposed in sly-grog cases was £295 10s. The rewards paid by the Department for the detection and prosecution of sly-grog sellers amounted to £88 10s.

The recent legislation providing for the suppression of street hetting, and the prevention of book-makers from plying their calling on racecourses, has had a beneficial effect in giving the police more control over this class of men, who, as a rule, will evade the law when it suits their purpose.

As the bookmaker has been prevented by law from plying his calling in public places, he will resort to "private betting," and it will be more difficult to detect him in the act than it was before; but no complaints have been made since the new Act came into force, and I think it will be a source of general satisfaction to the public to know that betting in a public place is no longer permitted.

I am pleased to say that the old building on the west of the Christchurch Station has been pulled down, and a new building for the matron has been erected in its place; it is in close proximity to the prisoners, and the conveniences provided are ample for modern requirements. Other old buildings which are in the last stages of decay will soon have to be pulled down, and buildings erected in place of them for stores and a gymnasium.

I am pleased to state that the conduct of the men in this district has been generally satisfactory; few complaints came from any outside source in regard to the men or the manner in which they have been performing their duties. The junior members of the service are willing to conform to the regulations, and discipline is not so difficult to maintain as it was a few years ago.

I am obliged to ask for an increase of one additional constable for Addington Station, the district having grown too large for supervision by one constable as at present.

## INSPECTOR MITCHELL, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was 106—1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 station sergeant, 12 sergeants, 1 chief detective, 4 detectives, 1 acting-detective, and 85 constables (1 surgeon and 1 matron).

During the year ended 31st December last 2,167 offences were reported, showing a decrease of 109 in the aggregate as compared with the preceding year. In the class known as burglary, house and shop breaking, there was, however, an increase of 48, but inquiries showed that boys were principally responsible, and were dealt with by the Courts. In drunkenness there was a decrease of 75 cases, and of sly-grog selling there were 7 convictions, with fines totalling £82.

Oamaru subdistrict (which includes Duntroon, Hampden, and Kurow) was transferred from Christchurch to Dunedin Police District as from the 1st September, 1910.

Inspector O'Brien and Constables Brennan and Walton have been retired on pension during the

I beg to suggest that Government quarters (either rented or otherwise) should be provided for the Inspector, Sub-Inspector, and station sergeant at Dunedin, as is done at Auckland and Christchurch.

# INSPECTOR O'DONOVAN, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

On the 22nd February ultimo I took charge of the district in succession to Inspector Mitchell, transferred to Dunedin. I found the Force throughout the district imbued with an excellent sense of discipline, which I shall endeavour to maintain.

The conduct of the men during the year appears to have been generally good; but in one instance misconduct (not of a public nature) resulted in the constable concerned being retired.

During the year 1910, 578 offences of all kinds were reported, as against 520 in 1909, an increase of 58. Of the offences reported, 544 were detected, being 94-11 per cent.

On the 25th February ultimo the district clerk, a constable, was transferred, and his place was filled by a sergeant.

On the 31st March ultimo the strength of the district was at the authorized maximum, as follows: 1 Inspector, 5 sergeants, 30 constables, 1 detective, 1 district constable, 1 female searcher.

The casualties were: Resignations—constables, I voluntary, I compulsory; death, I sergeant. Vigorous efforts, of which you are advised from time to time, have been made for the suppression of illicit dealing in liquor and other offences against the licensing laws in prohibited districts, and successful prosecutions have resulted. These, it is hoped, will have a salutary effect. These efforts are still well maintained. So far I see no reason to suppose that any large class of people are concerned in attempts to evade the existing licensing laws.

Throughout the district I find the police dwellinghouses require in some instances to be replaced by new buildings; in others, somewhat extensive repairs. On these cases I will report in detail as occasion requires; some you have already under consideration.

You have also under consideration the question of appointing a probationary detective to assist the only detective in this district, who is located at this station. If a local man is appointed a constable will be required to replace him here.

Further, in view of the rapid expansion of business places within the borough which is now going on, the increase in population, and the extensive municipal works in the construction of tramways, drainage, and waterworks about to be inaugurated almost immediately, I have to recommend an increase of another constable for this station. At present there is no watchhouse-keeper at night, but one will become urgently necessary when these works are being carried out. Hitherto telephone calls at night have been answered by the sergeant in charge of the station, an officer who is constantly on duty throughout the whole day from 9 a.m. This, in addition to visitation of men on night duty and calls to fires, is a severe strain upon the sergeant.

# APPENDIX A.

Return showing the Number of Offences reported, Persons apprehended, and Comparison of Crime during the Year ending 31st December, 1909, and Year ending 31st December, 1910.

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	N of all	of all	Number of Offences in w Arrests or S monses resu	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	Total of P appre or sun	M.	<b>F</b> .	Increase	Decrease.
Abandoning children	2 2	2	2	i		••		:	 1	2				2
Abetting attempted rape Abortion, procuring	4	2 2	2 2	2	2					2 2		··· ··· <sub>1</sub>	2	2
Abortion, attempt to procure Absconding from apprenticeship	2 4	1	1	1 	• •	• •				1	1	••		1 4
Absconding from bail	2 79	1 129	1113	1	• •	112	ì			113	1	• •	50	
Abusive and threatening language Administering drug to facilitate	217	203	203	• •	•••	135 	9	47	12	203		••	• •	14
the commission of a crime Arson	28	29 5	23 5	15 3	1	2 2		4	1	23 5	8 1	1	1	
Assault, aggravated	935	804	797	2 2	•••	580	16	174	25	797	î	• • •	2	131
Assaults, common Assaults, indecent Assaults occasioning bodily harm	55 52	57 39	54 39	46 23		1 11		7	20	54 39	33	••	2	132
Assaults on bailiffs	1 81	4 68	4 68	2	• • •	58	1	1 7	• •	68			 3	13
Assault and robbery Assisting prisoner to escape from	57	39	38	33 				4		38	19	••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	18
Custody Attempts to commit crimes	10 30	10 14	7	3	1	$\frac{2}{2}$		1		7 12	3 4	1	••	16
Bankruptcy offences Being in possession of house-breaking implements	5	3	12 3	10 2	• • •		::	ï		3	2	• • •	•••	16
Being in possession of sheep-skins with the ears cut off	••	1	1	••	••	1		• • •		1	:	••	. 1	
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Bigamy Boarding train while in motion	6	2	2	1		2	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		1	2			2	2
Breaches of the peace Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	629 364	579 461	578 359	283	8	491 34	9	76 33		578 359	235	8	97	50
Carnally knowing girls Carnally knowing girls, attempted	18	22 3	21	19 2	• • •			2 1		21	8		4	
Cattle-maining Coinage offences	8	5 2	4 2	$\frac{2}{1}$		•••	·· ··	2		4 2	1	• • •	5	
Concealment of birth Conspiring to defeat the course		3			2	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				2				2
of justice Conspiring to defraud Contempt of Court	5 4	4		. · ·			· · ·			,		٠.		
Counselling the commission of an offence	8	19	19		••	14		5		19			ii	
Cruelty to animals Cruelty to children	230	273 14	273 14		· · i	214 3	1 6	57 2	1 2	273 14			43 7	
Cutting and wounding Damaging police uniform	21 5	41	41	• • •		39		2		41		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	20	
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children	618	695	618	• •		436 34	12	170		618	•••	••	77	
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships Deserters and absentees from	93	148	35 94	·		91		3		35 94		•••	55	12
merchant vessels Detaining postal packets	5	5	5	4		1 1				5	4			
Discharging firearms Disobeying orders on board ships	44 42	47 43	47 43	1		43 39		3 4		47 43		• •	3	::
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	780	772	691	••	•••	502	3	181	5	691	٠٠.	••	••	8
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act Disorderly and riotous conduct	261	9 278	278	. 4	• •	255	6	17	•• 	278	. 4	••	17	2
Disorderly and riotous conduct Dissuading a witness from giving evidence	201	278	2 2	• • •	•••			1	ï	2 2	••		2	
Disturbing meetings and congregations	33	24	22	• •		20		2		22				g
Drunkenness Education Act, breach of (disturbing school)	10,657	11,718	11,718	• •		10,843	817	55		11,718		••	1061	::
Escaping from custody Failing to support parents and	17 324	15 360	15 330	7		7 213		95	16	15 330	6		36	2
near relatives False declarations	24	23	23	2	3	12	10	5	l	23	1 00	3	15	ı
False pretences	241 56	256 77	237	35	•••	162 70	12	26 7	2	237	26		15 21	::
Forgery and uttering	186 23	142	130	116				9	1	130	102		::	23
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# APPENDIX A-continued.

RETURN showing the Number of Offences reported, Persons apprehended, and Comparison of Crime during the Year ending 31st December, 1909, and Year ending 31st December, 1910—continued.

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Gaming offences  Habitual criminal failing to report himself	246	1	1	• •		1	••	••	•	1	••		1	
llegally on premises llegally pawning	219 2	180	179	2 ·:		153	10	14	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	179	3	• •	3	
ncest ndecent exposure or behaviour	2 317	371 2	361 2	5 9		327 1	10 1	15		361 2	1	••	54 2	
nfants Act, breach of ntroducing liquor into Maori pa Keeping disorderly houses and	28 17	14 29	14 29			12 5	1 16	1 2	6	14 29		• • •	iż	
brothels Killing animals with intent to	2	1	1	1			• • •	•••		1	1	••		
steal the carcases Legislature Act, breach of Malicious injury to property	2 490	516	504	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		 400	i. 15	85	2	504	1		26	
Maliciously killing animals Manslaughter	1 9	1 4		2	'n	• •		i		4		• •	• ::	
Murder Murder, attempted	7 5	8 2	5 2 203	4 2	::	 129	67	6	1	5 2 203	3 2	• •	· ·· 7	
Neglected and criminal children Obscene and profane language Obstructing and resisting police	196 863 178	203 982 221	979 221	3 		853 207	57 1	63 13	3	979 221	1	••	119 43	:
Obstructing railway-lines Obstructing railway officers	16	14 12	13 12			10 10	• • •	3 2		13 12	••		8	
Obstructing thoroughfares Offensive publications	61 12	64 1	64	i	::	62	::	2		1	1		3	١.
Opium, smoking or being in pos- session of	42 28	46 20	46 20	17		40		6	: ··	46 20	12	•••	4	
Perjury Permitting stallion to serve mare in a public place		2	2	••	•••	2				2	• •		2	•
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and communicating with prisoners) Rape	8	7	7	7				1		7	4			
Rape, attempted Receiving stolen property	12 35	13 51	12 51	9 7	•••	30	ì	12	'n	12 51	5 3		16	:
Refusing to quit licensed premises Rescuing cattle from being im-	138 22	157 33	155 33	• •		145 25		6 6	2	155 33		••	19 11	:
pounded Restricted immigrants, unlaw- fully landing		1	1	••		1		• • •	· • •	1		•	1	
Robbery under arms	2	1 4	1 4	1 4				• •	• •	1 4	4		. 1	:
Shooting with intent	6 <b>235</b>	1 200	1 196	• •		102	15	1 70	9	1 196		••		
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Sodomy, attempted Soliciting prostitution	1 122	6 71 1	71			•••	64	·	7	71			·i	;
tamp Act, breach of	105 43	77 47	75 47	 		55 47	i	19		75 47	;			
towing away on board ships	50	63 46	63 45	• •		46 25	10 1	4 18	3	63 45			13 	.
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worthy condition Theft (undescribed)	2,298	2,191	1,663	93 2	3	1,252 3	73	234 3	8	1,663 9	76 1		·	10
Theft as a bailee	12 13	13 12	9 10	2	::	5	 2	3 19		10 113	2 26		33	
Theft by servants Theft from dwellings	89 247	122 285	113 194	49 69	19	43 81	6	18	i	194	62	`i1	38	:
Theft from the person	53 60	49 58	41 41	25 23	2	$\frac{7}{9}$	• • •	7 9	::	41 41	13 17	• •	• •	
Theft of dogs	14 7	20	15	3		11		1	::	15		••	6	
heft of sheep	18 17	20 12	9 12	5 10		3 1		1 1		9 12	2 8		2	
Theft of post-letters	2	1 3	1 3	i		1	• •	i		1 3			••	
Threatening to shoot	5 48	33	33		••	29	3	i		33	•••	•••		
pay fares Crespass Vagrancy	117 760	137 745	136 740	·i	·. 2	110 437	5 194	20 91	1 15	136 740	1	··· <sub>2</sub>	20	
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# APPENDIX B.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the New Zealand Police Force on the 31st March, 1911.

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# APPENDIX B—continued.

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APPENDIX C.

RETURN showing the Proportion of Police to Population and Cost of Police per Inhabitant in each of the undermentioned Places.

Place	₽.	•	Number of Police.	Estimated Population (31st Dec., 1910).	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
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Queensland			977	593,234	1 to 607	7 61
Vestern Australia			480	285,253	1 to 594	8 21
asmania			233	187,195	1 to 803	4 41
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