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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRISONS BRANCH:  
**P R I S O N S     B O A R D**  
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1914

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

SIR,—1st May, 1915.  
I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1914.  
I have, &c.,  
The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.ROBERT STOUT, President.

**REPORT.**

DURING the year 1914 the Board held eight meetings. The following table shows the dates and places of meetings, and the number of cases considered at each meeting :—

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of		Total.
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons undergoing Reformative Detention.	
March 18 .. ..	Wellington .. ..	26	114	140
April 24 .. ..	" .. ..	..	1	1
May 11 and 12 .. ..	New Plymouth .. ..	36	45	81
May 14 and 15 .. ..	Auckland .. ..			
August 13 .. ..	Wellington .. ..	28	25	53
September 22 .. ..	Kaingaroa .. ..	3	59	62
" 23 .. ..	Waipa .. ..			
" 25 .. ..	Waikeria .. ..			
November 3 .. ..	Addington .. ..	22	84	106
" 3 .. ..	Lyttelton .. ..			
" 5 .. ..	Invercargill .. ..			
" 27 .. ..	Wellington .. ..	1	2	3
December 24 .. ..	" .. ..	1	2	3
Totals .. ..	.. ..	117	332	449

Many of the cases were those of persons who came more than once before the Board. The total number of distinct persons who came under the jurisdiction of the Board as habitual criminals was sixty-nine, and as undergoing reformative detention 190. These were dealt with as follows :—

Fifteen habitual criminals were recommended for release on probation, and were released; 101 persons undergoing reformative detention were recommended for release on probation, and were so released; four habitual criminals who had been released on probation were recommended for discharge, and were discharged; and two persons on probation under reformative detention were recommended for discharge, and were so discharged.