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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			
December 24	"	1	2	3
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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.