

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

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 IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 22nd May, 1916.

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 916 of all ranks, being an increase of 5 during the year. The total is made up as follows :—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Senior sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	757
Chief Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	18

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Owen's Road (Auckland), Tuakau, Putaruru, Ngatapa, Kaponga, Miramar, Lower Riccarton, and Darfield.

The district constables at Tuparoa and Waikari have been replaced by regular members of the Force.

The stations at Hikuai, Matawai, Herbertville, Tewera, and Annat have been closed.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last : Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 10 ; retired as medically unfit, 1 ; died, 7 ; resigned voluntarily, 30 ; called upon to resign, 4 ; dismissed, 3 : total, 55. This is 12 more 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 849 on the figures of 1914. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·46 per cent., as against 2·40 the previous year.

The principal increases during the year appear under the following headings, viz. :—

Assaults, indecent	34	Failing to maintain wives, &c.	140
Cruelty to animals	40	False pretences	33
Discharging firearms	62	Mischief	53
Disobeying orders of Court or summonses ..	77	Obscene language	83
Drunkenness	78	Theft (undescribed)	234
Escaping from legal custody	46	Vagrancy offences	85

The principal decreases were,—

Assaults causing bodily harm	27	Furious riding and driving	80
Breaches of peace	28	Gaming offences	51
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	32	Obstructing and resisting police.. ..	43
Disobeying orders on board ships	59	Suicide (attempted)	30
Forgery and uttering	30	Theft from the person	27

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year 1915 was 95·36, the figures of the preceding year being 96·12.

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 :—

District.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	6,375	5,950	425
Hamilton	2,136	2,065	71
Napier	2,169	2,038	131
Wanganui	2,583	2,490	93
Wellington	6,921	6,591	330
Greymouth	834	812	22
Christchurch	4,110	3,962	148
Dunedin	2,417	2,340	77
Invercargill	867	848	19
Totals	28,412	27,096	1,316

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1914.		1915.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	16	16	20	17
Assault and robbery	29	27	20	16
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	443	328	411	289
Forgery and uttering	149	135	119	110
Murder	9	7	6	5
Murder, attempted	4	4	1	1
Rape	6	6	3	2
Receiving stolen property	53	53	63	63
Shooting with intent	2	2	1	1
Totals	711	578	644	504

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1914.	1915.
Assaults, indecent	57	91
Bestiality	2	7
Carnally knowing girls	27	30
Carnally knowing, attempted	12	15
Concealment of birth	1	1
Incest	2	6
Indecent exposure or behaviour	301	288
Rape	6	3
Rape, attempted	5	7
Sodomy	1	3
Sodomy, attempted	4	2
Totals	418	453

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 79 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 38·48 per cent. of the males and 55·56 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7·89 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion :—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1915, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

District.	Not previously convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland ..	1,245	73	388	42	127	14	109	17	60	8	56	7	276	27	2,261	188	225
Hamilton ..	566	13	84	2	53	14	26	3	20	..	6	2	36	..	791	34	3
Napier ..	493	20	175	9	103	3	74	..	37	..	25	..	48	5	955	37	17
Wanganui ..	895	39	192	7	99	6	50	4	37	..	24	..	69	1	1,366	57	4
Wellington ..	2,306	172	605	71	285	32	161	19	74	17	33	11	65	6	3,529	328	437
Greymouth ..	219	4	44	1	22	..	7	..	14	..	12	..	25	1	343	6	36
Christchurch ..	1,055	55	204	20	97	14	54	11	45	6	38	6	289	77	1,782	189	129
Dunedin ..	616	27	117	6	64	3	40	6	25	4	21	1	127	25	1,010	72	117
Invercargill ..	203	4	29	..	26	..	15	1	10	..	12	..	20	..	315	5	7
Totals ..	7,598	407	1,838	158	876	86	536	61	322	35	227	27	955	142	12,352	916	975

The number charged with drunkenness in 1914 was 13,189 (12,259 males and 930 females), whereas in 1915 the number was 13,268 (12,352 males and 916 females).

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1914 and 1915, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Increase or Decrease in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1914.		Number arrested, 1915.		Number convicted, 1915.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with 1915.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,283	121	1,334	97	1,334	97	..	..	27	..
Wellington and suburbs	2,587	380	2,771	308	2,771	308	..	..	112	..
Christchurch and suburbs	973	168	931	154	930	152	1	2	..	56
Dunedin and suburbs ...	810	60	755	69	755	69	..	..	..	46
Totals ...	5,653	729	5,791	628	5,790	626	1	2	139	102

Net increase, 37.

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1914 and 1915 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1914.		Number arrested, 1915.		Number convicted, 1915.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	23	...	18	...	18	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	50	4	77	6	77	6	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	14	1	13	...	13	...	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	7	...	6	1	6	1	...	...
Totals ...	94	5	114	7	114	7	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1910 to 1914 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
Commonwealth	... 126·0	133·2	143·5	139·5	139·9
New Zealand...	... 117·0	112·3	111·0	108·5	120·6

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (282) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 52 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1915 as compared with 1914, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Convictions, 1915.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.
Auckland ...	34	52	12	40
Hamilton ...	30	22	11	11
Napier ...	8	15	8	7
Wanganui ...	25	20	8	12
Wellington ...	38	46	29	17
Greymouth ...	32	72	41	31
Christchurch ...	35	20	10	10
Dunedin ...	17	25	13	12
Invercargill ...	11	10	5	5
Totals ...	230	282	137	145

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1915 as compared with 1914, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Convictions, 1915.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.
Auckland and suburbs ...	17	34	7	27
Wellington and suburbs ...	8	14	7	7
Christchurch and suburbs ...	12	3	1	2
Dunedin and suburbs ...	1	17	7	10
Totals ...	38	68	22	46

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 173 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 136 convictions against 171 prosecutions and 127 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1915 amounted to £2,715, as against £2,547 in 1914.

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

	£
Auckland	54
Hamilton	1,775
Napier	40
Wanganui	326
Wellington	180
Greymouth	55
Christchurch	50
Dunedin	145
Invercargill	90
Total	£2,715

The direct cost to the Department in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £567, this being £2,148 less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 214 prosecutions, resulting in 181 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 270 prosecutions and 228 convictions in 1914.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

This branch of the Department continues to be of great value to the Police Force.

During the year the finger-impressions of 2,972 prisoners were received, classified, searched, and filed, and 218 prisoners were identified as previous offenders in this Dominion, Australia, England, &c.; 537 photographs were taken; the portraits of 1,446 prisoners were dealt with; and 368 photographs of discharged prisoners were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*. The identity of one deceased person was established by his finger-prints. The *Police Gazette* increased in volume by 69 pages of printed matter.

In two noteworthy cases—viz., the attempt to break and enter the Bank of New South Wales at Eltham, and the breaking and entering of the Borough Council Chambers at Miramar, Wellington—the finger-print evidence was of the utmost importance and was responsible for bringing the four offenders concerned to justice.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 18,134 offenders, being an increase of 1,452 over the previous year.

The following table shows the increase of the finger-print collection since the introduction of the finger-print system of identification in March, 1903.

Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904	3,500	3,500	117
1905	4,200	700	72
1906	5,000	800	88
1907	6,151	1,151	104
1908	7,622	1,471	123
1909	8,718	1,096	138
1910	9,919	1,201	140
1911	10,905	986	148
1912	12,097	1,192	178
1913	13,552	1,455	183
1914	15,302	1,750	230
1915	16,682	1,380	270
1916	18,134	1,452	218

CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

Fifty-eight men were taken on during the year, their nationalities, religions, and occupations being as follows:—Nationalities: England, 13; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 10; New Zealand, 29; Australia, 2. Religions: Church of England, 21; Presbyterian, 12; Roman Catholic, 20; Methodist, 4; Church of Christ, 1. Occupations: Asylum attendant, 1; bakers, 2; butcher, 1; bushman, 1; carpenters, 7; carters, 4; contractor, 1; ex-constables, 10; ex-soldier, 1; farm labourers, 11; footman, 1; joiner, 1; labourers, 7; miners, 2; railway porters, 4; surfaceman, 1; railway fireman, 1; tram-conductor, 1; wheelwright, 1.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

During the year ended 31st March, 1916, 47 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 47 men who sat, all passed, the average number of marks gained being 82.29 (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.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

During the year the following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out by the Public Works Department:—

New Buildings erected.—Hamilton, Kaponga, Marton, Wellington (Taranaki Street), Ahaura, Coalgate, Darfield, Geraldine.

New Buildings in Course of Construction.—Wellington (Central station), Caversham.

Sites acquired.—Hohoura, Wellington Central Police Station (leased), Eastbourne, Waikari.

Alterations, Additions, Improvements, &c., have been effected at the following Stations.—Kawakawa, Russell, Aratapu, Mangonui, Auckland (Central), Birkenhead, Epsom, Mercer, Tauranga, Port Awanui, Motu, Waipawa, Hawera, Patea, Mount Cook, Petone, Thorndon, Greymouth, Hokitika, Ross, Denniston, Granity, Westport, Otira, Ashburton, Fairlie, Lyttelton, Oxford, St. Bathans, Gore, Bluff.

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 Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtain- able	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		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		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/1 $\frac{1}{4}$	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,873	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	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	3/5	1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	3/8	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	3/9	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	4/1	1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
1916	19	104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258	4/2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,152,669	...	...	...

REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

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

J. CULLEN,
Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

SUPERINTENDENT KIELY, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in the Auckland District on the 31st March last was 181, as against 179 the previous year, an increase of 1 sergeant and 1 constable. The actual strength on the 31st March last was 182.

A sergeant has been appointed to charge of Otahuhu Station, and a station was opened at Owen's Road, Epsom. A building has been purchased at Houhora for use as a police-station, where a house was formerly rented.

One constable was discharged medically unfit, 2 retired on superannuation, 3 were called upon to resign, and 5 resigned voluntarily.

The total number of offences reported during the year 1915 was 6,375, as compared with 5,535 for 1914, being an increase of 840. Of the 6,375 offences reported 5,950 resulted in prosecutions, so that over 93 per cent. of all the offences reported were detected. The principal increases occur under the following headings: Breaches of the peace, 19; common assaults, 62; indecent assaults, 21; deserting merchant vessels, 26; disobeying orders of the Court, 52; drunkenness, 134; failing to maintain wives and children, 66; gaming offences, 16; neglected children, 31; receiving stolen property, 24; soliciting prostitution, 28; theft (undescribed), 212; theft by servants, 28; theft from dwellings, 46; vagrancy, 106; murder, 2. Decreases: Disorderly and riotous conduct, 22; false pretences, 14; assaults causing bodily harm, 8; abortion, 2; sly-grog selling, 21; theft from the person, 12.

Ten constables were fined for breaches of the regulations, and one was removed from charge of a station and placed on beat duty in the city. With these exceptions the conduct of the members of the Force during the year has been good.

SUPERINTENDENT O'DONOVAN, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 1st October, 1915, Superintendent J. W. Ellison took up leave in view of his retirement; and on the 2nd November, 1915, I arrived on transfer from Dunedin to take charge of the district.

The strength of the Force in this district at the 31st March, 1916, was 1 Superintendent, 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 senior sergeants, 14 sergeants, 141 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 4 detective-sergeants, 4 detectives, 1 surgeon, and 1 matron; total, 173; being 3 constables short of the authorized strength.

The authorized strength has been increased by 5 constables. An additional constable has been stationed at Upper Hutt and another at Featherston, on account of the military camps at those places. A constable has been placed in charge of a new station at Miramar, and 2 constables are employed on plain-clothes duty.

A new station was built during the year in Lower Taranaki Street, to replace Manners Street Station, and was undergoing the finishing touches on the 31st March, 1916.

The casualties in the district have been as follows: Death, 1 constable; superannuated, 1 Superintendent; resignation, voluntary, 1 detective; resignations, compulsory, 4 constables.

The total number of offences reported for the year 1915 was 6,921, being a net increase of 357 in comparison with the returns for 1914. The increases recorded in the following groups account for the principal increase in the total: Failing to maintain wives, children, &c., 70; indecent language and conduct, 89; military, naval, and marine offences, 129; drunkenness, 286.

The conduct of all ranks has been very good. Only in five instances was it necessary to impose penalties under the regulations, but one of them was so serious as to result in the constable being compelled to resign. The officers and sergeants throughout the district have maintained a good standard of discipline, and set a good example in respect of conduct and zeal to their subordinates. All ranks have cheerfully carried out duties resulting from the condition of war.

SUPERINTENDENT DWYER, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1916, was 148, made up as follows: 1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 senior sergeants, 13 sergeants, 115 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 3 detective-sergeants, 4 detectives, and 2 acting-detectives. There are also 2 matrons and 1 surgeon.

I recommend that the second constable be taken away from Geraldine, as there is not sufficient work there now for 2 constables, and that he be stationed at Methven, where the police work has considerably increased of late.

The police-station at Annat was closed, and one opened at Darfield instead.

The casualties in the district during the year were 1 death, 4 resignations, and 1 retirement on superannuation.

The number of offences reported during the year 1915 was 4,110, as compared with 4,259 for the previous year. Of the 4,110 offences reported, in 3,962 cases persons were apprehended or summoned, leaving only 148 offences undetected. The principal increases in crime during the year were—false pretences, 10; gaming offences, 13; illegally on premises, 23; obscene language, 17; malicious injury to property, 9; sheep-stealing, 5; and vagrancy, 17. The principal decreases were—common assaults, 31; disorderly conduct, 19; indecent exposure, 18; obstructing and resisting police, 16; soliciting prostitution, 17; thefts (undescribed), 43; thefts from dwellings, 14; thefts from the person, 11; and trespass, 18. The decrease in the number of offences as compared with last year's return is spread over the various offences, and calls for no special mention.

The conduct of the men, with a few exceptions, has been very good during the year, and sergeants and constables have shown a desire to honestly discharge the various duties allotted them.

SUPERINTENDENT WRIGHT, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength in the Dunedin District on the 31st March, 1916, was 1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 10 sergeants, 89 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 1 detective-sergeant, 1 detective, 1 matron, and 1 surgeon. There has been no increase or decrease in the strength during the year, and I do not anticipate that any increase will be necessary during the coming year.

The casualties during the year have been 2 constables retired on superannuation, 1 medically unfit, 3 resigned, and 1 was dismissed.

The offence return for 1915 shows that 2,417 offences were reported, as compared with 2,482 in the previous year, a net decrease of 65. There have been small increases and decreases under different headings, but none of them are of sufficient importance to call for comment. Of the total number of offences reported (2,417) 2,340, or over 96 per cent., were accounted for either by arrest or summons. Of 88 persons committed for trial, 72 were subsequently convicted. There were no serious crimes during the year that call for special mention; in fact, the district has been particularly free from crime of a serious nature, and is, generally speaking, a very orderly and law-abiding community.

Sly-grog selling in this district is kept well in hand, and there is no reason to believe that an extensive trade is carried on. Last year the fines inflicted for this offence amounted to £145, as compared with £170 in 1914.

The conduct of the police during the year has been on the whole satisfactory. There have been some who have had to be punished and otherwise dealt with, and 1 was dismissed for serious misconduct. The present Force is doing good work willingly and well.

INSPECTOR PHAIR, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district on the 31st March, 1916, was 1 Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 5 sergeants, 57 constables, 1 detective-sergeant, 2 district constables, 3 Native constables. During the year the strength has been increased by 2 constables—1 at Hamilton and 1 at Taumarunui.

During the past year new and up-to-date station buildings were erected at Hamilton, a new station was opened at Putaruru, and the station at Hikuaui was closed.

Four constables were discharged on resignation, and 1 constable died in this district.

The offences return for 1915 shows that 2,136 offences were reported, as compared with 1,992 for the previous year, a net increase of 144. Increases appear under the following heads: Breaches of the peace, 12; counselling the commission of an offence, 18; disobeying order of Court, 15; disorderly and riotous conduct, 22; vagrancy, 24; malicious injury to property, 12; Neglected children, 24; sly-grog selling, 19; theft (undescribed), 91. Decreases were as follows: Burglary, 16; forgery and uttering, 12; indecent behaviour, 15; receiving stolen goods, 5; theft from dwellings, 17.

Sly-grog selling is still giving the police in the King-country and the no-license areas a good deal of trouble, notwithstanding the heavy fines inflicted upon those detected. The police are using every means in their power to check this illicit dealing in liquor. During the past year £1,775 was inflicted in fines, of which £1,570 was imposed in the King-country. During the previous year the total amount of fines inflicted was £1,157.

The conduct of all members of the Force during the year has, with one exception, been excellent. They have performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner, and no friction has existed either among themselves or with the general public.

INSPECTOR McGRATH, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength of the district was 66 of all ranks, being an increase of 3 during the year. The total is made up as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 4 sergeants, 53 constables, 1 detective-sergeant, 2 detectives, 2 district constables.

During the year the following increases were authorized: Napier, Gisborne, Hastings, and Dannevirke, 1 constable each; a sergeant has been placed in charge at Wairoa, and the district constable there has been appointed a regular member of the Force. At Tuparoa a regular member of the Force has been appointed to take the place of the Native constable who retired. A constable is still required at Te Araroa.

On the 1st April, 1915, a constable was reported missing, and is now believed to be dead, as no trace of him has been found. Three constables resigned voluntarily, 1 constable and 1 Native constable retired on superannuation, and 1 district constable was dismissed.

The total number of offences reported during the year 1915 was 2,169, as compared with 2,214 for 1914, showing a decrease of 45 for the year. Of the 2,169 offences reported, 2,038 resulted in prosecutions, leaving a total of 131 undetected offences for the year. Of all offences reported 93.9 per cent. were detected. The following are the principal increases and decreases: Increases: Abusive and insulting words or behaviour, 36; disobeying orders of Court and summonses, 16; failing to provide for wives and children, 25; false pretences, 20; forgery and uttering, 10; gaming offences, 15; theft (undescribed), 55; theft from dwellings, 13; theft of sheep, 11; Decreases: Arson, 6; burglary and breaking and entering, 16; drunkenness, 168; furious riding and driving, 22; neglected and criminal children, 10; obscene and profane language, 11.

The conduct of the police throughout the year has been good, and both the uniform and detective branches have performed their duties willingly and well.

INSPECTOR WILSON, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength is 1 Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 3 senior sergeants, 2 detective-sergeants, 6 sergeants, 73 constables, and 1 district constable. The additional sergeants at Palmerston North and Wanganui have proved a great benefit, the extra supervision having improved the efficiency and zeal of the men.

An increase of 1 constable is urgently required at Ohakune. The place continues to grow, and a great number of people travelling by the Main Trunk line make it a stopping-place, besides which a considerable number of men are employed on the Ohakune-Raetihi Railway construction-work.

During the year 4 constables resigned, 1 constable retired on superannuation, and 1 was dismissed.

A police-station was opened at Kaponga, and a station at Te Wera closed. Fine station buildings have been erected at Marton and Kaponga.

The conduct of the men, with one solitary exception, has been good, and they have shown keen interest in the discharge of their duties.

The offences return shows a small decrease in the number of offences reported and dealt with. Drunkenness has fallen off, there being 109 cases less this year than last. I am pleased to be able to say that no very serious crime has been reported during the year.

INSPECTOR CRUICKSHANK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1916, was 1 Inspector, 1 senior sergeant, 4 sergeants, and 37 constables. This total of 43 is 1 constable short of the authorized strength of 44. During the past year the strength at Greymouth has been decreased by 1 detective and increased by 1 constable.

During the year 2 constables resigned from the Service, 1 constable was dismissed, and 1 constable lost his life while endeavouring to save a woman from drowning.

The conduct of the members of the Force throughout this district has been good, only one member being fined.

There were 834 offences reported during the year, being a decrease of 59 on the number reported the previous year, the decrease principally being under the heading of "Thefts (undescribed)," and cases of abusive and threatening language. No crime of a very serious nature or worthy of mention took place.

INSPECTOR NORWOOD, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1916, the authorized strength of all ranks was as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 senior sergeant, 3 sergeants, 34 constables, and 1 detective sergeant.

Queenstown Station has been reduced by 1 constable, the police work there not being considered sufficient to employ two men. An additional constable has been stationed at Gore, in order to arrange for a night patrol.

Two constables died from ordinary illness during the year.

For the year ended the 31st December last, 867 offences were reported, as against 1,013 in the preceding year. Of the 867 cases reported, 848 resulted in prosecutions, including 36 cases committed for trial in the Supreme Court. There were increases under the following headings: Assaults (common), 5; cruelty to animals, 6; forgery and uttering, 4; gaming offences, 4; indecent publications, 4; malicious injury to property, 6. A general decrease covers all other classes of offences to the extent of 146 cases, the most notable decrease being under that of drunkenness—41 cases less than last year. None of the cases dealt with were of an abnormal character.

The conduct of all ranks of the Force in this district has been satisfactory. In only three instances had fines to be inflicted for breaches of the Police Regulations.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1914, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1915.

Offences.	1914.	1915.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
Abandoning children ..	1	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Abetting unlawful carnal knowledge ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abortion, procuring ..	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Abortion, attempt to procure ..	..	5	5	2	3	..	..	..	1	3	5	..
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absconding from bail ..	3	5	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..
Absconding from industrial schools ..	139	147	120	..	..	111	8	..	1	..	8	..
Absenting from military camp without leave ..	..	88	88	..	..	88	..	..	..	..	88	..
Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour ..	363	381	380	..	..	315	9	54	2	..	18	..
Administering noxious thing with intent to commit a crime ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Animals Protection Act, offences under ..	57	91	91	..	..	71	..	20	..	..	34	..
Arson ..	16	20	17	11	1	3	..	2	..	6	4	..	
Arson, attempted ..	5	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Assaults, common ..	824	825	810	3	..	635	27	132	13	..	1	..	
Assaults, indecent ..	57	91	86	80	..	2	..	4	..	43	34	..	
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	56	29	28	16	1	10	..	1	9	..	..	27
Assaults on bailiffs ..	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
Assaults on police ..	84	79	77	1	..	73	1	2	..	1	..	5	
Assaults and robbery ..	29	20	16	11	1	3	..	1	..	6	1	9	
Attempting to commit crimes not otherwise specified in this return ..	6	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	4
Bankruptcy offences ..	6	18	14	4	..	10	..	..	..	..	12	..
Being in possession of housebreaking implements ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Begging ..	51	44	42	..	..	41	1	..	..	..	..	7
Bestiality ..	2	7	7	6	..	..	..	1	..	6	5	..
Bigamy ..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Breaches of the peace not otherwise specified in this return ..	425	397	395	..	..	351	5	38	1	..	..	28
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	443	411	289	143	2	119	8	17	..	122	1	32	
Carnally knowing girls ..	27	30	28	22	..	..	..	6	..	8	3	..
Carnally knowing girls, attempted ..	12	15	12	10	..	..	..	2	..	4	3	..
Coinage offences ..	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Concealment of birth ..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Conspiring to defeat justice or corrupting juries or witnesses ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Conspiring to defraud ..	9	9	9	6	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	..
Contempt of Court ..	1	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..
Conveying liquor into military camp ..	..	27	27	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	27	..
Counselling the commission of an offence ..	14	44	44	..	..	39	1	3	1	..	30	..
Cruelty to animals ..	153	193	192	..	..	167	3	21	1	..	40	..
Cruelty to children ..	7	6	6	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	1
Damaging police uniform ..	56	48	48	..	..	48	..	..	..	..	..	8
Defacing brands and ear-marks ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Deserting from military Forces ..	..	55	22	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	55	..
Deserting or absenting from H.M. ships ..	33	14	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	19
Deserting or absenting from merchant vessels ..	246	270	224	..	..	219	..	5	..	..	24	..
Detaining postal packets ..	30	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	27
Discharging firearms ..	53	115	114	..	..	112	2	..	..	..	62	..
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	86	27	26	..	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	59
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses ..	877	954	878	..	..	705	30	130	13	..	77	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct ..	248	243	241	..	..	227	7	6	1	..	..	5
Disturbing meetings and congregations ..	50	33	33	..	..	25	1	7	..	..	..	17
Drunkenness ..	13,190	13,268	13,268	..	..	12,340	914	12	2	..	78	..
Escaping from legal custody ..	24	70	62	7	1	21	31	2	..	7	1	46	
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	25	37	25	..	..	24	1	..	..	..	12	..
Failing to provide adequate maintenance for wives, children, parents, or other near relatives ..	1,330	1,470	1,390	..	..	1,165	35	180	10	..	140	..
Fabricating evidence ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
False declarations ..	10	28	28	5	1	16	1	4	1	4	18	..	
False pretences ..	257	290	268	83	3	164	5	10	3	61	33	..	
Fisheries Act, offences under ..	64	39	39	..	..	34	..	5	..	..	..	25
Forgery and uttering ..	149	119	110	93	5	10	..	2	..	69	4	30	
Fortune-telling ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Furious riding and driving ..	229	149	149	..	..	140	..	9	..	..	..	80
Gaming offences ..	270	219	214	4	..	181	..	29	..	..	..	51
Habitual criminal failing to report himself ..	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..

APPENDIX A—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1914, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1915—continued.

Offences.	1914.	1915.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summons resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.		Increase.	Decrease.	
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.						
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Illegally on premises	171	186	185	..	..	153	18	14	..	..	..	15	..
Illegally pawning	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Incest	2	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	4	..
Inciting to riot .. ..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Indecent exposure or behaviour ..	301	288	282	10	..	243	17	12	..	7	..	..	13
Indecent Publications Act, offences under ..	7	16	16	..	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	9	..
Introducing liquor into Maori pa ..	27	35	35	..	..	31	1	3	..	..	..	8	..
Keeping disorderly houses or brothels ..	25	32	31	..	..	3	25	1	2	..	..	7	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses ..	3	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Libel .. ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Malicious injury to property ..	396	410	401	4	..	353	22	22	..	..	..	14	..
Maliciously killing or maiming animals ..	11	12	9	1	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	1	..
Manslaughter	13	7	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6
Mischief not otherwise specified in this return ..	121	174	170	4	..	143	4	19	..	3	..	53	..	
Murder	9	6	5	2	2	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	3
Murder, attempted	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Neglected and criminal children ..	235	255	249	..	..	143	99	3	4	..	..	20	..
Obscene and profane language ..	974	1,057	1,048	4	..	927	79	33	5	..	..	83	..
Obstructing or resisting police ..	249	206	205	..	..	200	..	4	1	..	..	..	43
Obstructing railway-lines	13	24	24	..	..	22	..	2	..	..	..	11	..
Obstructing railway officers ..	19	7	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Obstructing thoroughfares	83	70	70	..	..	65	4	..	1	..	..	..	13
Opium, smoking or being in possession of ..	54	65	65	..	..	53	..	12	..	..	..	11	..
Perjury	10	12	12	9	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	2	..
Personating electors .. ..	..	4	4	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	..
Poison-laying	6	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Prohibited immigrants, unlawfully landing ..	6	10	10	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	4	..
Rape	6	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
Rape, attempted	5	7	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	2	..
Receiving stolen goods	53	63	63	5	1	29	1	27	..	5	1	10	..	
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	77	69	69	..	..	65	3	1	..	..	..	..	8
Rescuing cattle from being impounded ..	23	11	11	..	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	12
Robbery or extortion	3	6	6	2	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	
Sending false telegrams	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Shooting with intent	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sly-grog selling	173	179	173	..	..	126	10	29	8	..	..	6	..
Smuggling	13	14	14	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	1	..
Sodomy	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Sodomy, attempted	4	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
Soliciting prostitution	108	83	83	..	..	..	82	..	1	..	..	..	25
Stone-throwing	93	113	112	..	..	102	..	10	..	..	..	20	..
Stowing away on board ships	50	37	36	..	..	34	..	2	..	..	..	..	13
Suicide, attempted	82	52	52	..	..	29	17	6	..	..	..	..	30
Sureties of the peace	46	41	41	..	..	20	5	15	1	..	..	..	5
Theft (undescribed)	2,562	2,796	2,219	123	..	1,762	134	182	18	91	..	234	..	
Theft as a bailee .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Theft, attempted	22	17	15	2	..	7	1	5	..	2	..	..	5
Theft by servants	97	118	103	58	3	34	1	6	1	58	3	21	..	
Theft from dwellings	271	275	147	56	4	72	4	10	1	52	4	4	..	
Theft from the person	50	23	17	10	1	6	..	..	..	5	1	..	27
Theft of cattle and horses	42	48	31	14	..	11	..	6	..	6	..	6	..	
Theft of dogs	7	6	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Theft of pigs	2	8	8	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	6	..
Theft of sheep	16	30	22	14	..	6	1	1	..	9	..	14	..	
Theft of post-letters	18	32	29	17	..	10	1	..	1	12	..	14	..	
Threatening letters	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Threatening to commit arson .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Threatening to shoot	3	7	7	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	4	..
Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares ..	47	39	37	..	..	33	2	2	..	..	..	..	8
Trespass	129	114	113	..	..	88	3	21	1	..	..	..	15
Vagrancy offences not otherwise specified in this return ..	766	851	844	2	1	533	226	74	8	2	..	85	..	
Wearing military uniform without authority ..	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Wounding with intent	5	2	2	2	2	3	
Totals	27,563	28,412	27,096	884	37	22,967	1,855	1,248	105	630	25	1,554	705	
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APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE
31st MARCH, 1916.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Auckland District—												
Auckland ..	1	1	1	1	6	64	1	1	6	82	..	..
Aratapu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Avondale	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Birkenhead	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Cowes	1	..
Dargaville	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Devonport	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Ellerslie	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Epsom	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Freeman's Bay	3	..	..	..	3	..	..
Grey Lynn
Helensville	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Herekino	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hikurangi	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hobsonville	1	..
Houhora	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Howick	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaikohe	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaitia	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Kawakawa	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kingsland	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mangawai	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mangonui	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Maungaturoto	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mercer	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Albert	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Eden	1	7	..	..	..	8	..	..
Mount Eden South	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Roskill	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Newmarket	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..
Newton	1	3	10	..	1	15	..	..
Northcote	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ohaeawai	1	..
Okupu (G. Barrier	1	..
Onehunga	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Otahuhu	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Owen's Road	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Panmure	1	..
Papakura	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Parnell	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Ponsonby	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..
Pukekohe	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Queen St. Wharf	1	7	..	..	..	8	..	..
Rawene	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Remuera	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Russell	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Takapuna	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tuakau	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waiuku	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Warkworth	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wellsford	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whangarei	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Whangaroa	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Totals ..	1	1	1	3	19	148	1	1	7	182	5	4
Hamilton District—												
Hamilton	1	..	1	..	7	..	..	..	9	..	..
Cambridge	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Coromandel	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Frankton Junction	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Huntly	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Karangahake	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Katikati	1	..
Kawhia	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kihikihi	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kirikiriroa	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Matiere	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Morrinsville	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ngaruawahia	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ongarue	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Opotiki	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Otorohanga	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Paeroa	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Putaruru	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Raglan	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Raurimu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rotorua	2	2	..	..	..	4	..	..
Taumarunui	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Hamilton District—												
<i>continued.</i>												
Taupo	1	..	..	..	1	..
Tauranga	2	..	..	..	..	2	..
Te Aroha	2	..	..	..	..	2	..
Te Awamutu	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Te Kaha	1
Te Kuiti	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Te Puke	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Whaiti	1	..
Thames	1	4	..	1	..	6	..	..
Thames South	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tokaanu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waihi	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..
Waikino	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whakatane	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Whitianga	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Totals	1	..	2	7	55	..	1	..	66	2	3
Napier District—												
Napier	1	..	1	1	11	..	1	..	15	..	..
Carlyle Street	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Oliver	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dannevirke	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Gisborne	1	1	..	9	..	..	1	12	..	..
Hastings	1	6	..	..	..	1	8	..	..
Havelock North	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mohaka	1	..
Motu	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ngatapa	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nubaka	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ongaonga	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ormondville	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Patutahi	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Porangahau	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Port Awanui	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Spit (Napier)	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Taradale	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Karaka	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tokomaru Bay	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tolaga Bay	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tuparoa	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipawa	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipiro Bay	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipukurau	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wairoa	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Weber	1	..
Whataupoko	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Woodville	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals	1	1	2	4	53	..	1	2	64	2	..
Wanganui District—												
Wanganui	1	..	1	1	12	..	1	..	16	..	..
Aramoho	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ashhurst	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Bull's	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Eltham	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Feilding	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Fitzroy	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Foxton	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Gonville	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hawera	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Hunterville	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Inglewood									

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District— <i>continued.</i>												
Rahotu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rongotea	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Shannon	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. John's (Wanganui)	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Stratford	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Taihape	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waitara	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waitotara	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wanganui East	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waverley	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whangamomona	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waldegrave St. (Palmerston N.)	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals	1	2	3	5	73	..	2	..	86	1	..
Wellington District—												
Wellington ..	1	1	1	1	5	43	1	4	3	60	..	..
Blenheim	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..
Brooklyn	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Carterton	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Clyde Quay	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Collingwood	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Eastbourne	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Eketahuna	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Featherston	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Greytown North	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Havelock	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Island Bay	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Johnsonville	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Karori	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kilbirnie	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Levin	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Lower Hutt	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Mahakipawa	1	..
Mangatainoka	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Manners Street	3	18	..	..	..	21	..	..
Martinborough	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Masterton	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Miramar	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Motueka	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Cook	1	3	20	..	..	1	25	..	..
Nelson	1	7	..	..	..	8	..	..
Otaki	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Pahiatua	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Petone	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Picton	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Pongaroa	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Richmond	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Seddon	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Takaka	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Nui	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
The Port	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Thorndon Quay	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tinakori Road	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Upper Hutt	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Wakfield	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wellington South	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	4	14	140	1	4	4	170	1	..
Greymouth District—												
Greymouth	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	8	..	..
Ahaura	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Blackball	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Blackwater	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Brunnerton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Charleston	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Cobden	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Denniston	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dunollie	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Globe Mine	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Granity	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hokitika	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Karama	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kumara	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Greyouth District— <i>continued.</i>												
Murchison	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Okarito	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Otira	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Reefton	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..
Rimu	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ross	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Seddonville	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Stafford	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waitata	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Westport	1	5	..	..	..	6	..	..
Totals	1	..	1	4	37	..	..	..	43	..	..
Christchurch District—												
Christchurch ..	1	..	1	2	5	47	1	2	3	62	..	..
Addington	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Akaroa	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Amberley	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ashburton	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..
Belfast	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Bealey Flat	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Bingsland	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Chatham Islands	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Cheviot	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Coalgate	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Culverden	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Darfield	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Fairlie	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Fendalton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Geraldine	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Glenavy	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Islington	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaiapoi	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Kaikoura	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Leeston	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Lincoln	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Linwood	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Little River	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Lower Riccarton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Lyttelton	1	5	..	..	1	7	..	..
Methven	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
New Brighton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Oxford	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Papanui	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Phillipstown	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Pleasant Point	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rakaia	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rangiora	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Riccarton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. Albans	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. Andrew's	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Southbridge	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Sumner	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Sydenham	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..
Temuka	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Timaru	1	1	1	9	..	1	..	13	..	..
Waikari	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waimataitai	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waimate	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Woolston	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals ..	1	..	2	4	13	117	1	3	4	145	..	..
Dunedin District—												
Dunedin ..	1	..	1	1	5	35	1	1	1	46	..	..
Alexandra	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Anderson's Bay	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Balclutha	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Caversham	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Clyde	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Cromwell	1						

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Dunedin District— continued.												
Middlemarch	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Milton	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mornington	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mosgiel	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Naseby	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
North Dunedin	1	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
North-east Valley	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Oamaru	1	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
Ophir	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Outram	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Owaka	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Palmerston South	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Port Chalmers	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Portobello	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ranfurly	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ravensbourne	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Roslyn	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Roxburgh	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. Bathans	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. Clair	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
St. Kilda	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
South Dunedin	1	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
Waikouaiti	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waitahuna	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waitati	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Woodhaugh	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	2	10	89	1	1	1	1	106	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—												
Invercargill	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	15	..	..
Arrowtown	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—continued.												
Bluff	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
Clinton	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Gladstone	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Gore	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Half-moon Bay	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Lumsden	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mataura	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nightcaps	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
North Invercargill	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Orepuki	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Otautau	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Pembroke	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Queenstown	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Riverton	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
South Invercargill	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tapanui	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waikaia	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Winton	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wyndham	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	3	34	1	40	..	..	..	40	..	..
Attached to head- quarters staff	2	1	4	..	..	..	7	..	..
On leave prior to retirement	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Lent to Cook Islands Administration	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
On indefinite leave (Army Reservists)	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Grand totals ..	4	7	8	24	80	757	4	14	18	916	11	7

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., 1915).	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand ..	916	1,152,669	1 to 1,258	s. d. 4 2½
Victoria ..	1,735	1,417,803	1 to 817	5 0½
New South Wales ..	2,535	1,869,084	1 to 737	6 0½
Queensland ..	1,090	680,446	1 to 624	8 1½
South Australia ..	563	439,222	1 to 780	6 3
Western Australia ..	495	318,016	1 to 642	8 1½
Tasmania ..	230	201,025	1 to 874	4 9½

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