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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:
PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1917.

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

SIR,—
I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1917.
The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

29th June, 1918.

I have, &c.,
ROBERT STOUT, President.

REPORT.

DURING the year 1917 the Board held meetings at Kaingaroa, Waikeria, Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, Addington, Paparua (Templeton), and Invercargill. The following table shows the dates of the meetings and the cases considered:—

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of			Totals.
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons undergoing Reformatory Detention.	Hard-labour Prisoners.	
Mar. 5 ..	Kaingaroa ..	75	130	..	205
„ 7 ..	Waikeria ..				
„ 9, 10 ..	Auckland ..				
May 25 ..	Wellington ..	5	22	..	27
July 6 ..	„ ..	2	4	..	6
Sept. 28 ..	„ ..	5	55	..	60
Oct. 26 ..	„ ..	1	5	..	6
Dec. 12 ..	Lyttelton ..	7	113	14	134
„ 12, 13 ..	Addington ..				
„ 12 ..	Paparua ..				
„ 14, 15 ..	Invercargill ..				
Totals	95	329	14	438

The total number of cases considered was 438, of which 95 were habitual criminals and 329 persons undergoing reformatory detention. Under the provisions of section 14 of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1917, the cases of 14 prisoners who were serving sentences of hard labour were also considered by the Board. The cases of several prisoners were brought before the Board on more