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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 IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 26th July, 1925.

I HAVE the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force for the year ended 31st March, last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of permanent members of the Force of all ranks was 1,006, being a decrease of three during the year. The total is made up as follows :—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	5
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	13
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	5
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	29
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	92
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	811
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	7
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	8
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	36

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	6
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	4

There were, however, twenty-four probationers in the training-depot who had completed their course of training and who were appointed as constables on the 1st April, bringing the total permanent strength on that date up to 1,030.

There were also twenty temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919; four of these were recruits undergoing a period of probationary service with a view to permanent appointment; the remaining sixteen were temporary constables appointed during the war period who were over age or otherwise unsuitable for permanent appointment.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Taneatua, Kaiti, Arapuni, and Ohura, and the station at Matiere has been closed.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 8; retired as medically unfit, 7; died, 5; resigned voluntarily, 37; called upon to resign, 6; dismissed, 2: total, 65. This is the same number as in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 906 on the figures of 1923. The proportion of offences to the population was 1·95 per cent., as against 1·93 the previous year.

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

Unnatural offence	27	Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting police ..	70
Indecent assault on males	23	Unlawfully using motor-cars	84
Indecent assault on females	23	Gaming offences	35
Theft (undescribed)	242	Failing to maintain wives, &c.	150
Theft from dwellings	44	Ship-desertion, absence without leave, &c. ..	136
Mischief	35	Being on licensed premises after hours ..	366
Drunkenness	434		

There were decreases in the following :—

Assault (common)	149	Cruelty to animals	26
Theft by clerks or servants	66	Vagrancy offences	32
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	231	Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one ..	65
Receiving stolen property	35	Illegally supplying liquor to Natives	33
Forgery	48	Breaches of Arms Act	82

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 :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	808	798	10
Auckland	6,637	5,982	655
Hamilton	2,212	2,109	103
Gisborne	1,039	1,024	15
Napier	1,293	1,249	44
New Plymouth	802	737	65
Wanganui	1,065	1,011	54
Palmerston North	1,239	1,165	74
Wellington	4,486	4,202	284
Greymouth	1,230	1,214	16
Christchurch	3,176	2,745	431
Timaru	772	706	66
Dunedin	1,326	1,208	118
Invercargill	940	898	42
Totals	27,025	25,048	1,977

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1924 was 92·68, the figures of the preceding year being 93·25.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1923.		1924.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	8	3	19	16
Robbery and aggravated robbery	10	8	3	3
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	743	498	512	294
Forgery and uttering	242	230	213	208
Murder	7	6	8	7
Murder, attempted	1	1	3	3
Rape	9	9	6	5
Receiving stolen property	121	121	86	73
Wounding with intent	3	3	3	3
Totals	1,144	879	853	612

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:—

Offences.	1923.	1924.
Unnatural offence	6	33
Unnatural offence, attempted	3	...
Indecently assaulting a male	42	65
Incest	9	15
Indecent acts	27	19
Concealment of birth	5	2
Assault, indecent	90	113
Rape	9	6
Rape, attempted	12	4
Carnally knowing girls	30	34
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	7	10
Abortion, procuring, &c.	28	17
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	232	211
Totals	500	529

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 435 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1924 was 7,470 (7,129 males and 341 females), whereas in 1923 the number was 7,035 (6,665 males and 370 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1924 as compared with 1923:—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1923.	Number of Prosecutions, 1924.	Increase.	Decrease.
Whangarei	211	308	97	...
Auckland	1,609	1,921	312	...
Hamilton	567	609	42	...
Gisborne	210	253	43	...
Napier	333	402	69	...
New Plymouth	140	141	1	...
Wanganui	365	343	...	22
Palmerston North	309	352	43	...
Wellington	1,513	1,473	...	40
Greymouth	218	200	...	18
Christchurch	765	762	...	3
Timaru	295	225	...	70
Dunedin	341	294	...	47
Invercargill	159	187	28	...
Totals	7,035	7,470	635	200

From the following table it will be observed that 36·13 per cent. of the males and 61·29 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 5·47 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1924, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

Police 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.	
Whangarei ..	212	1	74	..	15	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	307	1	9
Auckland ..	897	30	119	8	155	11	102	8	86	13	68	11	363	50	1,790	131	137
Hamilton ..	450	2	71	..	28	..	21	..	9	..	2	..	26	..	607	2	1
Gisborne ..	121	1	43	1	33	1	13	1	6	..	..	..	32	1	248	5	5
Napier ..	242	7	56	2	28	..	18	..	9	..	11	..	28	1	392	10	22
New Plymouth ..	118	8	6	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	132	9	..
Wanganui ..	271	6	30	1	6	2	7	..	5	..	2	..	13	..	334	9	..
Palmerston North ..	219	4	39	3	12	..	6	1	6	..	4	..	54	4	340	12	..
Wellington ..	957	36	187	9	89	5	56	3	18	2	20	2	71	18	1,398	75	70
Greymouth ..	142	..	36	..	14	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	199	1	16
Christchurch ..	438	25	46	6	33	7	26	3	26	3	23	..	103	23	695	67	67
Timaru ..	163	3	20	..	12	..	3	..	6	..	5	..	13	..	222	3	19
Dunedin ..	181	9	22	..	21	1	17	1	13	1	1	..	23	4	278	16	26
Invercargill ..	142	..	7	..	11	..	10	..	4	..	4	..	9	..	187	..	18
Totals ..	4,553	132	756	31	459	28	287	17	189	19	147	13	738	101	7,129	341	390

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1923 and 1924, 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, 1923.		Number arrested, 1924.		Number convicted, 1924.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	919	81	1,112	82	1,110	82	2	...	194	...
Wellington and suburbs	1,115	76	1,106	71	1,106	71	...	...	...	14
Christchurch and suburbs	457	70	471	59	471	58	...	1	3	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	251	18	187	17	187	17	...	...	...	65
Totals ...	2,742	245	2,876	229	2,874	228	2	1	197	79

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1923 and 1924 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1923.		Number arrested, 1924.		Number convicted, 1924.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	46	5	47	6	47	6	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	23	2	32	1	32	1	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	9	1	15	2	15	2	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	6	...	5	...	5	...	...	...
Totals ...	84	8	99	9	99	9	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1919 to 1923 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Commonwealth ..	79.5	92.7	96.9	101.8	102.9
New Zealand ..	67.6	71.6	69.0	48.4	52.2

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (487) against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 14 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1924 as compared with 1923, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1923.	Prosecutions, 1924.	Convictions, 1924.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924.
Whangarei ...	1	3	3	...
Auckland ...	44	29	13	16
Hamilton ...	12	27	21	6
Gisborne ...	16	12	6	6
Napier ...	22	29	18	11
New Plymouth ...	38	24	17	7
Wanganui ...	13	11	6	5
Palmerston North ...	73	36	17	19
Wellington ...	76	86	38	48
Greymouth ...	101	106	41	65
Christchurch ...	48	62	38	24
Timaru ...	34	11	6	5
Dunedin ...	18	27	19	8
Invercargill ...	5	24	13	11
Totals ...	501	487	256	231

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1924 as compared with 1923, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.			Prosecutions, 1923.	Prosecutions, 1924.	Convictions, 1924.	Discharged or otherwise deal with, 1924.
Auckland and suburbs	...	...	23	27	12	15
Wellington and suburbs	...	...	13	37	14	23
Christchurch and suburbs	...	...	23	44	30	14
Dunedin and suburbs	...	...	7	5	5	...
Totals	...	...	66	113	61	52

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were sixty-seven prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in forty-four convictions, and there were also seventy prosecutions, resulting in fifty-nine convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1924 amounted to £1,195.

The amount of fines in the various districts is as follows :—

	£		£
Whangarei	50	Greymouth .. .. .	..
Auckland	121	Christchurch	100
Hamilton	396	Timaru	50
Gisborne	35	Dunedin .. .. .	..
Napier	20	Invercargill .. .. .	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	
Wanganui	278	Total	£1,195
Palmerston North .. .. .	..	
Wellington	145		

The direct cost to the Department in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £283, this being £912 less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 467 prosecutions, resulting in 386 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 435 prosecutions and 358 convictions in 1923.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

The finger-impressions of 2,764 persons were received, classified, searched, and filed during the year; 267 persons were identified as previous offenders either in the Dominion, the Australian States, or England, and two unknown deceased men were identified by their finger-prints; 1,065 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the branch; the photographs of 1,903 prisoners (8,038 photographs) were dealt with, and 632 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

Photographic enlargements were prepared and produced as exhibits in the Supreme Court as required.

In eighteen cases of breaking and entering, finger-prints left by offenders when committing the crime were identified.

During the year a fair amount of revision work has been accomplished.

Two coded finger-print classifications were received by cablegram from the London police, and a search in the local finger-print collection revealed the fact that these offenders' prints had not been recorded here. The cablegrams were then repeated to the Sydney police, and they identified each offender and cabled their records direct to London. This is believed to be the first occasion on which coded finger-prints have been received by cablegram in Australasia, and by means of them the London police were able to produce the Australian records of the two offenders in the London Court within a few hours of their arrest.

On the 31st March the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 33,802 persons, an increase of 1,873 on last year's figures.

The following table shows the increase in 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.	Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904 ..	3,500	3,500	117	1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176
1910 ..	9,919	1,201	140	1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232
1911 ..	10,905	986	148	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267

APPOINTMENTS TO POLICE FORCE.

Sixty-two men were permanently appointed to the Force during the year, their birthplaces, religions, and occupations being as follows: Birthplaces: New Zealand, 40; England, 13; Scotland, 4; Ireland, 3; Australia, 2. Religions: Church of England, 30; Presbyterian, 19; Roman Catholic, 8; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 1; Plymouth Brethren, 1. Occupations: Baker, 1; butcher, 1; carpenters, 4; clerks, 4; confectioner, 1; engine-cleaner, 1; ex-constable, 1; farrier, 1; farm labourers, 16; gardener, 1; ironmoulder, 1; labourers, 12; mental-hospital attendants, 2; machinist, 1; miner, 1; motor-drivers, 3; motor mechanic, 1; postal messenger, 1; saddler, 1; seamen, 3; shepherd, 1; slaughterman, 1; sauce-manufacturer, 1; vulcanizer, 1; wool-sorter, 1.

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-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	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 obtainable	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 $\frac{3}{4}$	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,373	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	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	24,920	23,848	10,833
1917	20	108	36	734	898	1 to 1,280	4/3	1,150,002	21,724	20,701	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	878	1 to 1,319	5/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,158,156	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	21	114	38	743*	916	1 to 1,325	4/11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,214,184	26,106	24,718	8,979
1921	23	112	47	768*	950	1 to 1,310	6/4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,244,620	26,551	25,054	8,671
1922	22	118	43	826*	1,009	1 to 1,289	6/3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,300,967	24,699	22,843	6,409
1923	23	118	44	818*	1,003	1 to 1,321	5/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,325,301	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924	23	120	47	837*	1,027	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,347,853	27,025	25,048	7,470
1925	23	121	51	831*	1,026	1 to 1,344	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,379,487	...	...	...

* Includes temporary constables.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

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

New police-stations were erected at Denniston, Foxton, Leeston, Mercer, The Port (Nelson), Rāhōtu, and Rawene; a lock-up at Kerepehi, and an office at Kurow. The constable's residence at Clyde, office and lock-up at Ruatōrea, and additions to offices at Wanganui were completed. Houses for use as police-stations were purchased at Linwood and North-east Valley.

Renovations, alterations, and improvements were effected at Russell, Cambridge, Ellerslie, Frankton, Hamilton, Huntly, Kihikihi, Morrinsville, Ngāruawāhia, Ōtāhanga, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, Waihi, Warkworth, Whitianga, Tāncatua, Tauranga, Opatiki, Katikati, Ruatōrea, Tolaga Bay, Motu, Rangaroa, Stratford, Normanby, New Plymouth, Waitara, Fitzroy, Eltham, Hawera, Kaponga, Aramoho, Hunterville, Marton, Taihape, Ohakune, Raetihi, Patea, Moawhango, Wanganui, Napier, Woodville, Porangahau, Palmerston North, Nelson, Motueka, Richmond, Takaka, Oxford, St. Andrew's, Coalgate, Geraldine, Ashburton, Rakaia, Fairlie, Methven, Belfast, Christchurch, Lyttelton, Caversham, Cromwell, Dunroon, Kurow, Lawrence, Milton, Mosgiel, Palmerston South, Pembroke, Portobello, Ranfurly, Roxburgh, South Dunedin, and Waitahuna.

GENERAL.

Arms Act.—This Act continues to prove useful. A considerable number of revolvers have been surrendered during the year by persons who realize that they are of no practical utility, and do not care to take the trouble to notify their change of address. In course of time it is hoped that this dangerous weapon will be practically eliminated, as very few of them are now imported.

Buildings.—Repairs to stations have been carried out at many places during the year, and I am pleased to say that police-stations are fast approaching a satisfactory condition. The expense has been heavy owing to the accumulation during the war and since, when expenditure had to be cut down below normal.

Candidates.—During the year 229 applications to join the Force were received. Of these 73 were rejected, 110 placed on the list, and 46 are still under inquiry. During the previous year only 215 applications were received. Inquiry into the antecedents of candidates is very exhaustive, and it may be safely asserted that every man taken into the Force has an absolutely clean character. The class of men offering is quite satisfactory, but their number does not allow of such a good selection being made as was the case some years ago, with the result that men who can only just come up to the standard height and chest-measurement have to be accepted.

Detective Branch.—This branch continues to do good work, and has been very successful in dealing with crime during the year, very little of a serious nature remaining undetected. With the view of raising the status of the branch, the Chief Detective at Wellington was promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspector during the year, and I have reason to believe that this departure from custom has given general satisfaction.

Discipline.—Discipline has been well maintained with ease, very few members of the Force have been punished, and only two dismissed. A few men of short service proved to be unsuited, and were called upon to resign or their services dispensed with. The fact that serious misconduct invariably entails dismissal or enforced retirement is a powerful aid in maintaining discipline and the prestige of the Force.

Drunkenness.—There has been an increase of 435 in the number of persons charged with drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year, but, as the total number (7,470) is less than the average for past years, no importance can be attached to the small increase this year.

Gaming Act.—The police have been successful in obtaining many convictions against bookmakers (large and small) during the year, and substantial fines have been inflicted; but, as I have remarked in a previous report, the police do not get much assistance from the public, and have to continually adopt fresh tactics to obtain necessary evidence.

Legal.—The amendment to the Police Offences Act of last session has already proved of considerable use; its provisions cured many defects in the law, and provide the police with a better weapon to deal with offenders. The same may be said of the amendment to the Police Force Act.

The Motor-vehicles Act also has proved itself of use in regard to deaths caused through negligent driving. Already a jury has availed itself of convicting under the new Act in preference to convicting of manslaughter.

Promotions.—During the year the following officers have been promoted: Sub-Inspectors D. J. Cummings, J. McIlveney, and A. S. Bird to be Inspectors; Senior Detectives A. Cameron and T. S. C. Kemp, and Senior Sergeants J. W. Hollis and S. Rawle to be Sub-Inspectors. Two sergeants were promoted to the rank of Senior Sergeant, and six constables to the rank of sergeant. Two detectives were promoted to the rank of detective-sergeant and seven acting-detectives to the rank of detective.

Strength of Force.—On the 31st March last the actual strength of the Force was 1,006 permanent members and 20 temporary, as compared with 1,009 permanent and 18 temporary last year, a net decrease of one. As during the year the population increased by about twenty-seven thousand, it will be seen that the Force has not been increased proportionately. Parliament voted the pay of twenty-five additional constables last year, which somewhat relieved the pressure. Officers in charge of districts apply for eighty-nine more men, but that number would bring the strength of the Force up to considerably more than the standard attained for many years past, and higher than I am inclined to recommend at present. The authorized strength of the Auckland City and suburban police has been increased by twelve men recently.

This year at least twenty-five more men will be required, and I am pleased to say that Cabinet has authorized that increase.

Training-depot.—During the year sixty-two recruits passed through the depot and were added to the strength. The three-months course of instruction in theoretical and practical police work is of the highest importance and of great value to the Department. The system not only ensures that the men have a good knowledge of their powers and duties before being actually placed on the beats, but is also the means of sorting out unsuitable men.

I append extracts from reports of officers in charge of districts.

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Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR EMERSON, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

The strength of Force in this district on the 31st March, 1925, was one Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, two sergeants, twenty-five constables, one detective, and two Native constables. I recommend that a sergeant be added to the strength for the purpose of inquiries and supervision of constables on beat duty at Whangarei.

No stations were opened or closed during the year.

The number of offences during the year total 808, as against 827 last year, being a decrease of 19. There has been no serious crime during the year.

I am pleased to report that the conduct of the police throughout the district has been good.

The population is on the increase, and there is a marked prosperity in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT HENDRY, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

During the year the strength has been increased by two constables at Freeman's Bay Station and three constables at the Queen Street Wharf Station, a total increase of five constables during the year. An increase of strength is required at the following stations:—

Auckland Station: An increase of twenty constables is required at this station to enable all beats and fixed points to be filled and to make up for daily loss of men through sickness, escort, relieving duty, leave, and other causes.

Devonport Station: An increase of one constable is required for this station. The population of the borough is increasing; it is the base of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy; and, besides, a large number of people frequent the many beaches there during the summer months. An extra man is required so that a more regular patrol can be kept up in the borough and beaches.

Newmarket: Three extra constables are rather urgently required at the station to enable regular patrol in the business centre. Newmarket is one of the gateways of Auckland, and a constable should be on patrol duty during the whole day and night. With the present strength this cannot be done.

Newton: An increase of six constables is required at this station, being an additional constable for each of the three reliefs, and three men as watchhouse-keepers. The Newton district is thickly populated, and Karangahape Road as a shopping and business centre is second only to Queen Street in importance. The present strength only allows for one constable to patrol the whole of Karangahape Road and to relieve the three men on fixed points between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. A watchhouse-keeper should be on duty at the station all day and night.

Onehunga: An increase of one constable is required at this station to enable a regular patrol to be kept in the main street of the borough; with the present strength this cannot be done.

Ponsonby: An increase of one constable is required at this station to enable a patrol to be kept in parks and beaches in the sub-district, and to cope with increasing work at the station.

Queen Street Wharf: Three extra constables are required at this station to enable a relief of three constables with watchhouse-keeper to be kept throughout the twenty-four hours.

St. Heliers Bay: One constable is required for a new station at this bay as soon as a building can be secured.

Point Chevalier: One constable is required for a new station in this district as soon as buildings can be secured.

No new station has been opened during the year, and the Hobsonville Police-station has been closed.

Casualties amounted to thirteen—viz., discharged on resignation, nine constables; dismissed, three constables; retired medically unfit, one sergeant.

The offence returns for the year ended 31st December, 1924, show the total number of all offences committed during the year to be 6,637, an increase of 516 over the previous year. Of the offences reported, 5,982 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 655 offences undetected. Of the cases dealt with, 263 males and 21 females were committed for trial or sentence, 4,942 males and 393 females were summarily convicted, and 345 males and 18 females were discharged. Of those committed for trial, 214 males and 16 females were convicted.

There were five cases of murder reported, but there was no special feature in any of them. Four of the offenders were prosecuted, and the other committed suicide immediately after the crime. Other offences reported call for no special comment.

The conduct of the police during the twelve months has been satisfactory on the whole. Two sergeants and nineteen constables have been punished for breaches of Police Regulations, none of which was of a serious nature. The police generally of all ranks have shown zeal, and in many cases considerable ability, in the discharge of their duties.

Traffic-control is becoming a serious problem. The increase in motor-vehicle traffic is considerable, and the good concrete roads laid down in the city and suburbs of Auckland lead to fast and in many cases reckless driving of speed vehicles. During the year six females and thirteen males have been killed by motor-vehicles; fourteen of these deaths were caused by motor-cars, two by motor-trucks, and three by motor-buses, while 113 persons were injured by motor-vehicles, some very seriously. There were also 153 collisions between motors and motors, motors and trams, and motors and safety-zones.

During the Christmas holidays, when very large crowds attended the races at Ellerslie and the trots at Epsom, in addition to the seven city fixed points sixteen constables were placed at fixed points along the traffic routes, and as a result there was not a single motor accident while the roads were so policed.

The population of the district continues to steadily increase. Work and money appear to be plentiful—as witness the increase in drunkenness and the totalizer receipts at race meetings in and about the city during the year.

INSPECTOR WOHLMAN, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength was one Inspector, two Senior Sergeants, four sergeants, sixty-three constables, and two detectives, a total of seventy-two, being an increase of four constables compared with the 31st March last year. This increase has been distributed as follows: One constable to Hamilton and Te Kuiti as permanent increase, and one each to Tauranga, Putaruru, and Arapuni as a temporary increase due to large number of men employed in these districts on railway-construction and hydro-electrical works. The constable for Hamilton was taken from the strength at Waihi.

The casualties during the year were—died, one constable; dismissed, one constable; resigned medically unfit, two constables; resigned voluntarily, two constables.

The conduct of members of the Force in this district has, with one or two exceptions, been good.

As recommended in 1923 and 1924, a sergeant should be put in charge at Frankton Junction, and the present strength of constables there increased by one to provide for at least one constable being on duty throughout the twenty-four hours. This is necessary owing to growth of this important part of Hamilton, and the increasing railway and motor traffic, particularly at night, when, at present, no constable is on duty.

A station has been temporarily opened at Arapuni consequent on the large number of men employed at hydro-electric works there.

The prosperity of the district is being maintained, and, except in the mining areas, population is increasing. The building trade has been active, and there has been little or no unemployment.

The right of trial by jury given to bookmakers continues to be one of the chief difficulties met by the police in their efforts to suppress the betting evil.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1924, shows 2,212 offences reported, compared with 2,036 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 176. Of the offences reported 2,109, or 95.3 per cent., were accounted for by arrest or summons. Of 132 persons committed for trial, 115 were convicted.

The sly-grog selling evil is being effectively dealt with. During the year fines totalling £396 were imposed.

INSPECTOR HUTTON, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Police Force in the Gisborne District on the 31st March, 1925, was one Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, three sergeants, one detective, twenty-six constables, and two Native constables, a total of thirty-four. During the year the strength of the Force has been increased by one constable, who is stationed at Kaiti.

During the year a suitable house was purchased at Taneatua and a new station opened there. A new station was also opened at Kaiti, a suburb of Gisborne. No stations have been closed.

There has been no casualty during the year.

For the year ended 31st December, 1924, the total number of offences reported was 1,039, as against 945 for the previous year, an increase of 94. Arrests or summonses resulted in 1,024 cases, leaving 15 unaccounted for. Of the cases dealt with, 76 were committed for trial, and 73 resulted in convictions. 878 were summarily convicted, and 70 discharged.

The general conduct of the police has been good, and their duties satisfactorily performed, during the year.

The population of the district is slightly increasing, and there is a marked degree of prosperity and spending-power over late years observable. Owing to the improvement in the roads and highways in the district there is a breaking-down of that isolation which in the past has retarded this district's advancement and success.

INSPECTOR MATHIESON, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1925, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was fifty-two, made up as follows: One Inspector, two Senior Sergeants, four sergeants, one detective-sergeant, one detective, thirty-nine constables, two temporary constables, one district constable, and one police surgeon. The strength has not been increased or decreased since last annual report.

A sergeant is required at the Spit, also an extra constable at the same place. There is a very large amount of merchandise stored there, and the amount of shipping is increasing. Two more constables are required at Hastings, also an officer of higher rank than a sergeant. This is growing a very important station, with a population of about fifteen thousand.

There has been no new station opened and none closed during the year.

Three constables voluntarily resigned during the year.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1924, shows a total of 1,293 offences reported, as compared with 1,244 during the previous year, making an increase of 49. Of the offences reported 1,249 are accounted for by arrests or summonses, leaving 44 cases undetected. Of the cases dealt with 64 were committed for trial, 1,078 summarily convicted, and 107 dismissed; 49 of those committed for trial were convicted.

There has been no serious crime in this district during the year.

The police duties in this district during the past year have been carried out in a satisfactory manner. The conduct of the police has been good. There were not many breaches of the Police Regulations requiring to be dealt with.

The population of this district is increasing. The town of Hastings is growing very fast, and requires more police supervision, as already stated.

INSPECTOR MURRAY, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the police in this district on the 31st March last was one Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, four sergeants, one detective-sergeant, twenty-six constables, and one temporary constable, there being an increase of one constable to New Plymouth Station.

As stated in my last report, another constable is required at Stratford. The population of this subdistrict is increasing and the present strength—one sergeant and three constables—does not provide a sufficient day and night patrol. The subdistrict is large, and the time of one constable is almost fully taken up making inquiries, collecting agricultural statistics, &c.

Another detective is also required at New Plymouth to assist the detective-sergeant. Although there has been marked success in the detection of crime, there is sufficient work to warrant the services of another detective in the district.

During the year one sergeant and one constable were retired on superannuation, the latter being medically unfit for further duty.

The offences return for this district shows that in 1924 a total of 802 offences was reported, as compared with 764 the previous year; 737 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 65 undetected.

The conduct of the police has been good, and the duties satisfactorily performed.

The population of New Plymouth is steadily increasing and the large amount of produce being handled at the Breakwater is evidence of the prosperity of the district.

INSPECTOR McILVENY, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March last past was forty-two, which, since last return was furnished, shows an increase of one, at Taumarunui. Wanganui being the Dominion's fifth civic centre, the population now having passed the twenty-five thousand mark, necessity for an increase in the strength of the Force for the proper carrying-out of city police work naturally follows. So far there has not been a sergeant in charge of the night-duty section, and in my opinion the time has arrived for better supervision in this respect. There are only two detectives here to attend to plain-clothes and criminal work throughout the district, which number is insufficient to successfully cope with same. I respectfully recommend that the city strength be increased by one sergeant, one detective, and three constables, with a view to efficient service owing to growing population.

During the year a new station was opened at Ohura, and a married constable placed in charge. Matiere, which was a single man's station in the same district, has consequently been closed.

The number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1924, was 1,065, as against 1,138 for the year 1923, a decrease of 73. This return considering the population and area of the district, shows little serious crime during the year, and the number of offences detected displays aptitude on the part of both branches of the service.

The conduct of the Force generally during the year has been satisfactory, there being only three defaulters dealt with under the Police Regulations.

The district is prosperous, and the population is increasing, more especially in the city and suburbs.

INSPECTOR SIMPSON, PALMERSTON NORTH.

On the 31st March, 1925, the authorized strength of the Force in the Palmerston North District was forty-three: including one Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, one detective-sergeant, two detectives, three sergeants, thirty-four constables, and one temporary constable.

As recommended in my previous report, three additional constables are required at Palmerston North to fully staff the beats and at the same time make the necessary allowances for escort duties, leave, sickness, &c. An additional constable is required at Feilding, so that a night patrol of the town may be provided. The necessity of a new station at Marton Junction, as recommended for the past

three years, is becoming more urgent because of the increasing population and the growth of railway traffic at this important railway junction. The work of the constable stationed at Otaki is still too much for one man, and, as I suggested in my last report, the opening of a new station at Paekakariki would be the best means of relieving the situation.

The casualties for the year were as follows: Three constables resigned voluntarily, one constable resigned compusorily, and one constable retired on superannuation.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1924, shows the total number of offences reported as 1,239, in comparison with 1,282 for the year 1923—a net decrease of 43. Of the offences reported, 1,165 were dealt with either by arrest or summons, leaving 74 undetected offences. Of the cases dealt with, 58 persons were committed for trial, of whom 47 were convicted. The offences reported were of the ordinary kind, and there has been no very serious crime to call for special comment.

The conduct of members of the Force has been good during the year, only four constables having been dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

The population of most towns and rural districts continues to increase steadily, the growth of the Town of Palmerston North being very apparent, and the prosperity of the district is general.

SUPERINTENDENT MCILVENEY, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1925, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was 191. During the year there was an increase of five to provide for contingent details at the Central Police-station, Wellington. Of these, two are for the Detective Branch, one as a special patrol constable for the regulation of pedestrian traffic and enforcement of by-laws within the City of Wellington, one for the supervision of traffic on the Hutt Road, and one for point duty at Courtenay Place.

I beg to renew my recommendation for an early increase of two sergeants and twelve constables, to meet requirements at the Central and Taranaki Street Police-stations and at Blenheim.

Since last annual report no stations have been opened or closed in this district.

The casualties were eleven constables by voluntary resignation, one constable by compulsory resignation, two temporary constables by discharge, two constables by retirement as medically unfit, and one constable by discharge on pension.

For the year ended 31st December, 1924, the total number of offences reported was 4,486, as against 4,335 for the previous year, and increase of 151; and 4,202 prosecutions resulted. The increase does not call for any special remark, as it was not due to serious crime: in fact, the absence of serious crime during the period has been noticeable.

The general conduct of the police has been very satisfactory. All branches of the service have contributed of their best towards harmonious working, efficiency has been maintained, and the general result has been commendable.

The population continues to increase, and suburban stations are required at Kelburn and Wadestown.

The recent amendments to legislation are proving satisfactory.

INSPECTOR ECCLES, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force on the 31st March last was one Inspector, two Senior Sergeants, three sergeants, one detective-sergeant, and thirty-seven constables, including one temporary constable. This total of forty-four is the same as compared with last year's return, and one constable short of authorized strength of the district.

I recommend an increase of one constable for police-station, Greymouth, as a constable is urgently required for duty as day watchhouse-keeper, and he could also assist the Senior Sergeant in the Arms Office.

No new station was opened during the year, and none was closed.

The constable in charge of the Rimu subdistrict is at present residing at Kanieri, and a new police-station is now being erected at the latter place. I recommend that the name of police-station "Rimu" be altered to "Kanieri."

One sergeant retired on pension during the year.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1924, shows the total of all offences reported to be 1,230, as compared with 1,236 for 1923, a net decrease of 6. Of the offences reported, 1,214 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 16 undetected, a very small percentage. Of the cases dealt with, 6 were committed for trial, 1,023 were summarily convicted, and 185 discharged. Of those committed for trial, 4 were convicted and 2 acquitted.

The conduct of the police has been very good, and no fines were inflicted during the year.

The population of the district shows a very slight increase, and there appears to be plenty of employment, and the people are fairly prosperous.

SUPERINTENDENT MACKINNON, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1925, was 122, made up as follows: One Superintendent, one Inspector, one Sub-Inspector, two Senior Sergeants, eleven sergeants, ninety-one constables, five temporary constables, one Chief Detective, one detective-sergeant, three detectives, and five acting-detectives. This is four less than last year.

An addition of one constable has been made to the strength of Lyttelton Station, and a constable has been stationed at Leeston. Christchurch Station is considerably understaffed, and I must reiterate my request of last year for an increase of one sergeant and ten constables to meet requirements.

Leeston Station was reopened during the year: this has filled a much-needed want.

The casualties during the year were one constable died, one Inspector and three constables resigned voluntarily, and two constables were called upon to tender their resignations.

The offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1924, numbered 3,176, compared with 3,235 in 1923, a decrease of 59.

A case of attempted murder was reported during the year. A man attempted to murder his wife by pushing her over a cliff some 60 ft. in height, the only witness being a child of tender years. Had he succeeded in killing his wife the happening would undoubtedly have been credited to accident. Fortunately the woman was not seriously hurt. The obtaining of corroboration of the wife's statement and the preparation of the case reflected great credit on the police officers concerned, and was the subject of favourable comment from the Judge and the Crown Solicitor.

Save that a few of the younger members of the Force had to be fined for minor breaches of the regulations, the conduct of the non-commissioned officers and constables (including the Detective Branch) has been good.

The prosperity of the district has been well maintained, and the population is still steadily increasing.

INSPECTOR WILLIS, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force at this station on the 31st March last was forty, being the same as last year.

During the year one detective retired from the Force as medically unfit, and one constable resigned.

The number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December last was 772, as against 854 for the previous year, being a decrease of 82. The figures do not call for any special comment beyond the fact that offences of a bestial nature and indecency were responsible for the principal increases, whilst theft (undescribed) and drunkenness accounted for the principal decreases.

There were no crimes of a very serious nature reported during the year.

The conduct of members of the Force has been uniformly good, with one or two exceptions, which were dealt with under the regulations.

The population of the district continues to steadily increase, and a lot of building—both residential and business premises—is going on.

The several amendments of the Police Offences Act of last session are working very well, and have already proved to be of much assistance to the police in the carrying-out of their duties. The Motor-vehicles Act supplies the police with much-needed authority for controlling this very important traffic, but the Act has not been sufficiently long in operation to enable a definite opinion to be formed on its working.

SUPERINTENDENT NORWOOD, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1925, was one Superintendent, one Sub-Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, eleven sergeants, eighty constables, one Chief Detective, five detectives, three acting-detectives, two matrons, and one surgeon, there being an increase of one detective in view of the approaching Exhibition.

No new station was opened and no station closed during the year.

The casualties were two deaths (two constables from ordinary illness) and three constables voluntarily resigned.

The total number of offences reported was 1,326, as against 1,267 for the previous year, an increase of 59 cases; and 1,208 prosecutions resulted.

With the exception of one charge of murder, in which the accused was found guilty of manslaughter, there have been no crimes of so serious a nature as to call for special mention. The staff have done good work in the detection of same.

The conduct of the police in the Dunedin District has been satisfactory, all ranks are working harmoniously in the discharge of their duties.

INSPECTOR BIRD, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force on the 31st March last was one Inspector, one Senior Sergeant, one detective-sergeant, three sergeants, thirty-nine constables, one female searcher, and one surgeon.

Two additional constables are required for the better policing of the town, and to take the place of one who is now exclusively employed in dealing with the Arms Act and one who is employed in the Detective Branch.

The casualties during the year were one Inspector retired medically unfit; one constable retired on superannuation; two constables resigned voluntarily; and one constable died from injuries received while on duty, caused by colliding with an express train at a level-crossing while riding his motor-cycle.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1924, was 940, as against 835 for the year 1923, being an increase of 105. There has been no serious crime.

The conduct of all ranks in this district has been good, only one constable being dealt with for a minor breach of regulations.

The population of the district is steadily increasing; building is going on, and the suburbs are spreading out. There are practically no unemployed.

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 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1923, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

Offences.	1923.	1924.										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.		Increase.	Decrease.
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.		Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
Seditious offences .. .. .	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Misleading Justice.													
Perjury and false oaths	6	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
False statements and declarations ..	49	51	51	17	7	19	7	1	..	12	6	2	..
Attempt to defeat justice	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Escapes and Rescues.													
Breaking prison	11	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	23	25	20	4	..	16	..	..	..	3	..	2	..
Offences against Religion.													
Disturbing public worship	12	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Offences against Morality.													
Unnatural offence	6	33	33	32	..	..	..	1	..	30	..	27	..
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Indecently assaulting a male	42	65	64	57	..	4	..	3	..	46	..	23	..
Incest	9	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	6	..
Indecent acts	27	19	19	2	..	14	..	2	1	1	..	..	8
Publishing obscene matter .. ..	..	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	4	..
Offences against the Person, &c.													
Murder	7	8	7	4	2	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	..
Murder, attempted	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Manslaughter	15	16	15	13	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	1	..
Suicide, attempted	65	55	53	1	..	42	4	4	2	..	..	..	10
Concealment of birth	5	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	24	20	19	14	..	1	..	4	..	8	..	..	4
Causing actual bodily harm under circumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter	3	9	9	4	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	6	..
Assault, indecent	90	113	104	84	..	15	..	5	..	65	..	23	..
Assault with intent to commit a crime ..	..	6	6	2	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	6	..
Assault	803	654	644	6	1	547	13	69	8	4	1	..	149
Rape	9	6	5	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	3
Rape, attempted	12	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	8
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	30	34	34	30	..	1	..	3	..	23	..	4	..
Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	7	10	10	8	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	3	..
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carnally know idiots or imbecile women, attempts to	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Defilement of women or girls, procuring, permitting, or conspiring to induce, &c.	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abortion, procuring													
Abortion, procuring	10	8	7	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	15	9	9	6	2	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	6
Abortion, procuring own	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Bigamy	16	12	11	9	1	1	..	..	..	7	1	..	4
Abduction	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stealing children under fourteen years	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unlawfully detaining children	16	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Assault, aggravated	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assault with intent to commit rape ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Offences against Rights of Property.													
Theft (undescribed)	3,856	4,098	3,122	188	12	2,536	195	187	4	165	..	242	..
Theft, attempted	12	21	21	..	..	19	1	..	1	..	..	9	..
Theft from the person	23	40	30	11	2	17	6	1	17	..
Theft from the person, attempted ..	2	1	1	1	1

APPENDIX A—continued.

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Offences.	1923.	1924.										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.		Increase.	Decrease.
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.—continued.													
Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.													
Theft from dwellings	221	265	158	30	3	111	10	3	1	30	1	44	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted ..	5	6	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..
Theft by clerks or servants	205	139	131	104	1	18	4	4	..	100	1	..	66
Theft of animals (specified)	52	52	43	20	..	19	1	3	..	20	..	..	..
Theft of animals, attempted	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
False pretences	507	516	467	114	..	256	70	26	1	108	..	9	..
False pretences, attempted	41	17	17	2	..	8	5	2	..	2	..	..	24
Obtaining credit by fraud	21	34	34	3	..	13	17	1	..	3	..	13	..
False accounting by officials or clerks	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
False statements by officials or public officers	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Conspiracy to defraud	15	23	18	18	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	8	..
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Robbery and aggravated robbery ..	10	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7
Assault with intent to rob	7	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5
Extortion by threats	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Burglary	109	41	21	17	..	3	..	1	..	8	..	..	68
Burglary, attempted	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
House or shop breaking, &c.	595	455	267	172	8	79	2	6	..	148	7	..	140
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	31	15	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	16
Being found in dwellinghouse by night	9	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	121	86	73	31	2	21	13	5	1	25	2	..	35
Forgery	200	152	150	117	27	3	..	2	1	113	27	..	48
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	42	61	58	42	10	2	..	3	1	40	10	19	..
Sending false telegram	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Possessing forged bank notes .. ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Personation	12	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	8
Arson	8	19	16	13	1	..	..	2	..	8	1	11	..
Arson, attempted	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	1	8	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Placing explosive with intent to destroy buildings, ships, &c. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Mischief	542	577	555	5	1	497	16	36	..	4	..	35	..
Mischief on railways and tramways ..	11	11	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Possessing or making explosive substance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sending threatening letters	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Threatening acts with intent to intimidate	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Counselling the commission of an offence	1	13	13	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	12	..
Destroying Government documents ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	476	512	506	..	..	443	19	44	..	..	..	36	..
Cruelty to animals	208	182	182	..	..	153	1	28	..	..	..	..	26
Drunkenness	6,547	6,922	6,922	..	..	6,586	329	7	..	..	..	375	..
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	182	208	208	..	..	195	5	8	..	..	..	26	..
Drunk and disorderly	306	339	340	..	..	328	7	5	..	..	..	33	..
Soliciting prostitution	11	12	12	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	1	..
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	232	211	204	11	..	183	5	3	2	6	..	..	21
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	649	640	640	2	..	589	25	23	1	..	..	..	9
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	649	617	617	1	..	476	60	62	18	..	..	..	32
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c. ..	183	253	253	..	..	247	..	6	..	..	..	70	..
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts ..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	11	5	5	5	6
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	124	208	202	1	..	182	..	19	..	1

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Offences.	1923.	1924.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
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				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
POLICE OFFENCES ACT—continued.													
Imitating Court documents	1	1	1	1	..
Sunday trading	72	67	67	..	..	47	18	2	..	..	..	..	5
GAMING ACT.													
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c. ..	10	31	31	..	..	29	..	2	..	..	..	21	..
Found in a common gaming-house ..	129	161	161	..	..	140	..	18	3	..	..	32	..
Gaming with instruments	51	46	46	..	..	35	..	11	..	..	..	..	5
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races ..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c. ..	79	51	51	..	..	17	..	34	..	..	..	..	28
Betting, unlawful	84	96	90	..	..	82	..	8	..	..	..	12	..
Trespass on racecourse	75	84	83	..	..	79	2	2	..	..	..	9	..
Holding illegal race meeting .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Gambling on railway-train	3	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Following occupation of a bookmaker ..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.													
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets ..	20	8	8	2	..	..	4	2	..	2	..	..	12
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c. ..	45	36	36	11	..	25	..	..	..	11	..	..	9
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets ..	7	18	17	1	..	16	..	..	..	1	..	11	..
Unlawfully opening mail-bags	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	7	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Posting indecent postcards or letters ..	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..
False statement re posting postal packets ..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Damaging telephones	1	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
Fraudulently using postage-stamps	5	8	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Damaging insulators	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.													
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	1,627	1,696	1,560	..	..	1,179	8	371	2	..	..	69	..
Failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance moneys ..	1,640	1,721	1,526	..	..	1,386	16	121	3	..	..	81	..
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force ..	20	19	19	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act ..	9	14	13	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	5	..
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.													
Misconduct endangering his ship or lives of persons thereon ..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Assault by officer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ship-desertion	80	122	93	..	..	90	..	3	..	..	..	42	..
Absent without leave	22	72	47	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	50	..
Offences against discipline	93	137	137	..	..	136	..	1	..	..	..	44	..
Wilfully damaging ship, stores, or cargo ..	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Embezzling cargo	13	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Harbouring deserters	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Stowing away	41	43	35	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
LICENSING ACT.													
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct ..	12	11	11	..	..	5	1	5	..	..	..	..	1
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons ..	17	9	9	..	..	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	8
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c. ..	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times ..	476	502	502	..	..	250	40	176	36	..	..	26	..
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years ..	92	27	27	..	..	15	3	8	1	..	..	..	65
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons ..	41	54	53	..	..	43	3	7	..	..	..	13	..
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises ..	1	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar ..	5	7	7	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	2	..
Employing minors in bars	6	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives ..	56	23	23	..	..	17	2	4	..	..	..	..	33
Selling adulterated liquor	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1925.

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Whangarei District—													
Whangarei ..	1			1	1	6			1	10			
Aratapu ..						1				1			
Dargaville ..					1	1				2	1		
Hikurangi ..						1				1			
Houhora ..						1				1			
Kaikohe ..						1				1			
Kaitiaki ..						2				2			
Kawakawa ..						1				1			
Mangawai ..						1				1			
Mangonui ..						1				1			1
Maungaturoto ..						1				1			
Ohaeawai ..										1			
Pukehuia ..						1				1			
Rawene ..						2				2			
Russell ..						1				1			
Waipu ..						1				1			
Whangaroa ..						1				1			1
Totals ..	1		1	2	23				1	28	2		2
Auckland District—													
Auckland ..	1	1	1	2	8	60	3	1	8	85	3		
Avondale ..						1				1			
Birkenhead ..						1				1			
Cowes ..											1		
Devonport ..				1	3					4			
Ellerslie ..						1				1			
Epsom ..						1				1			
Freeman's Bay ..				1	4					5	1		
Grey Lynn ..						1				1			
Helensville ..						1				1			
Henderson ..						1				1			
Howick ..						1				1			
Kingsland ..						1				1			
Mercer ..						1				1			
Mount Albert ..						1				1			
Mount Eden ..				1	8					9			
Mount Eden South ..						1				1			
Mount Roskill ..						1				1			
Newmarket ..				1	5					6			
Newton ..				1	3	12		1		17	2		
Northcote ..						1				1			
Okupu (G. Barrier) ..											1		
Onehunga ..				1	4					5			
Otahuhu ..				1	2					3			
Panmure ..											1		
Papakura ..						1				1			
Parnell ..				1	3					4			
Ponsonby ..				1	4					5			
Pukekohe ..				1	2					3			
Queen St. Wharf ..				1	10			1		12			
Remuera ..						1				1			
Takapuna ..						2				2			
Tuakau ..						1				1			
Waiuku ..						1				1			
Warkworth ..						1				1			
Wellford ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1	1	1	3	21	139	3	2	9	180	6	3	
Hamilton District—													
Hamilton ..	1			1	1	13			2	18			
Arapuni ..						1				1			
Cambridge ..						2				2			
Coromandel ..						1				1			
Frankton Junction ..						2				2			
Huntly ..						2				2			
Katikati ..						1				1			
Kawhia ..						1				1			
Kerepehi ..						1				1			
Kihikihi ..						1				1			
Kirikiriroa ..						1				1			
Matamata ..						1				1			
Morrinsville ..						1				1			
Ngaruawahia ..						2				2			
Otorohanga ..						1				1			
Paeroa ..						1				1			
Putaruru ..						2				2			
Raglan ..						1				1			
Hamilton District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
Rotorua ..						1				4			5
Taupo ..						1				1			1
Tauranga ..						3				3			3
Te Aroha ..						2				2			2
Te Awamutu ..						2				2			2
Te Kuiti ..						1				3			4
Te Puke ..						1				1			1
Te Whaiti ..													1
Thames ..						1				3			4
Thames South ..						1				1			1
Tokaanu ..						1				1			1
Waihi ..						1				4			5
Whitianga ..						1				1			1
Totals ..	1			2	4	61			2	70		1	
Gisborne District—													
Gisborne ..	1			1	1	11			1	15			
Kaiti ..						1				1			
Motu ..						1				1			
Opotiki ..						1				2			1
Patutahi ..						1				1			
Port Awanui ..						1				1			
Ruatorua ..						1				1			
Taneatua ..						1				1			
Te Araroa ..						1				1			
Te Karaka ..						1				1			
Tokomaru Bay ..						1				2			
Tolaga Bay ..						1				1			
Waipiro Bay ..						1				1			
Whakatane ..						2				2			1
Whataupoko ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	3	26			1	32			2
Napier District—													
Napier ..	1			1	2	12			1	17	2		
Carlyle Street ..						1				1			
Clive ..						1				1			
Dannevirke ..						1				3			
Hastings ..						1				6			1
Havelock North ..						1				1			
Mohaka ..						1				1			
Nuhaka ..						1				1			
Ongaonga ..						1				1			
Ormondville ..						1				1			
Petane ..						1				1			
Porangahau ..						1				1			
Spit (Napier) ..						2				2			
Takapau ..						1				1			
Taradale ..						1				1			
Waipawa ..						1				1			
Waipukurau ..						1				1			
Wairoa ..						1				2			3
Weber ..													1
Totals ..	1			2	4	38			1	47	2	1	
New Plymouth District—													
New Plymouth ..	1			1	2	7			1	12	1		
Eltham ..						1				1			
Fitzroy ..						1				1			
Hawera ..						1				4			5
Inglewood ..						1				1			
Kaponga ..						1				1			
Manaia ..						1				1			
Mokau ..						1				1			
Moturoa ..						1				1			
Normanby ..						1				1			
Opunake ..						1				1			
Rahotu ..						1				1			
Stratford ..						1				3			4
Waitara ..						1				1			
Whangamomona ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	26			1	33	1		

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Constables.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	1			1	2	13			2	19			
Aramoho ..						1				1			
Castlecliff ..						1				1			
Gonville ..						1				1			
Hunterville ..						1				1			
Mangaweka ..						1				1			
Manunui ..						1				1			
Moawhango ..												1	
Ohakune ..						1				1			
Ohura ..						1				1			
Ongaue ..						1				1			
Patea ..						1				1			
Raetihi ..						1				1			
Raurimu ..						1				1			
St. John's (Wanganui) ..						1				1			
Taihape ..					1	2				3			
Taumarunui ..					1	3				4			
Waitotara ..						1				1			
Wanganui East ..						1				1			
Waverley ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	34			2	42		1	
Palmerston North District—													
Palmerston North ..	1			1	2	10		1	2	17	1		
Ashhurst ..						1				1			
Bull's ..						1				1			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.) ..						1				1			
Eketahuna ..						1				1			
Feilding ..					1	3				4			
Foxton ..						2				2			
Kimbolton ..						1				1			
Levin ..						2				2			
Marton ..						2				2			
Otaki ..						1				1			
Pahiatua ..						2				2			
Pongaroa ..						1				1			
Rongotea ..						1				1			
Shannon ..						2				2			
Terrace End (Palmerston N.) ..						1				1			
Woodville ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	3	33		1	2	41	1		
Wellington District—													
Wellington ..	1	1	2	2	4	48	1		8	67			
Blenheim ..				1		4				5			
Brooklyn ..						1				1			
Carterton ..						2				2			
Collingwood ..						1				1			
Eastbourne ..						1				1			
Featherston ..						2				2			
Greytown North ..						1				1			
Havelock ..						1				1			
Island Bay ..						1				1			
Johnsonville ..						1				1			
Karori ..						1				1			
Kilbirnie ..						1				1			
Lower Hutt ..						2				2			
Lyall Bay ..						1				1			
Martinborough ..						1				1			
Masterton ..					1	5				6			
Motueka ..						1				1			
Mount Cook ..				1	3	18				22	1		
Nelson ..				1		7				8			
Petone ..				1		4				5			
Picton ..						2				2			
Richmond ..						1				1			
Seatoun ..						1				1			
Seddon ..						1				1			
Takaka ..						1				1			
Taranaki Street ..				1	3	21				25			
Tinui ..						1				1			
The Port ..						1				1			
Thorndon Quay ..						1				1			
Wellington District—continued.													
Tinakori Road ..						1				1			
Upper Hutt ..						1				1			
Wakefield ..						1				1			
Wellington South Wharf (Wellington) ..				1	5					6			
Totals ..	1	1	2	7	13	148	1		9	182	1		
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth ..	1			1	1	9		1		13			
Ahaura ..						1				1			
Blackball ..						1				1			
Brunnerton ..						1				1			
Charleston ..						1				1			
Cobden ..						1				1			
Denniston ..						1				1			
Dunollie ..						1				1			
Granity ..						1				1			
Hokitika ..						1	3			4			
Karamaea ..						1				1			
Kumara ..						1				1			
Millerton ..						1				1			
Murchison ..						1				1			
Okarito ..						1				1			
Otira ..						1				1			
Reefton ..						1				1		1	
Rimu ..						1				1			
Ross ..						1				1			
Seddonville ..						1				1			
Waiuta ..						1				1			
Westport ..				1		5				6			
Totals ..	1			2	3	36		1		43	1		
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	1	1	1	6	46		1	1	3	61	3	
Addington ..					1	2					3		
Akaroa ..						1					1		
Amberley ..						1					1		
Ashburton ..						1				5	6		
Belfast ..						1				1	1		
Bingsland ..						1				1	1		
Chatham Islands ..						1				1	1		
Cheviot ..						1				1	1		
Coalgate ..						1				1	1		
Culverden ..						1				1	1		
Darfield ..						1				1	1		
Fendalton ..						1				1	1		
Islington ..						1				1	1		
Kaipoi ..						2				2	2		
Kaikoura ..						1				1	1		
Leeston ..						1				1	1		
Lincoln ..						1				1	1		
Linwood ..						1				1	1		
Little River ..						1				1	1		
Lower Riccarton ..						1				1	1		
Lyttelton ..						1	6			7	1		
Methven ..						1				1	1		
New Brighton ..						2				2	1		
Oxford ..						1				1	1		
Papanui ..						1				1	1		
Phillipstown ..						1				1	1		
Rakata ..						1				1	1		
Rangiora ..						1				1	2		
Riccarton ..						1				1	1		
St. Albans ..						1	2			3	1		
Southbridge ..						1				1	1		
Sumner ..						1				1	1		
Sydenham ..						1	3			4	1		
Waikari ..						1				1	1		
Woolston ..						1				1	1		
Totals ..	1	1	1	2	11	96	1	1	3	117	5		

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Timaru District—													
Timaru ..	1			1	2	12			1	17			
Duntroon ..						1				1			
Fairlie ..						1				1			
Geraldine ..						1				1			
Glenavy ..						1				1			
Hampden ..						1				1			
Kurov ..						1				1			
Oamaru ..				1		7				8			
Pleasant Point ..						1				1			
St. Andrew's ..						1				1			
Temuka ..					1	2				3			
Waimataitai ..						1				1			
Waimate ..					1	2				3			
Totals ..	1			2	4	32			1	40			
Dunedin District—													
Dunedin ..	1		1	1	6	30	1		5	45			
Alexandra ..						1				1			
Anderson's Bay ..						1				1			
Balclutha ..						1				1			
Caversham ..						1				1			
Clyde ..					1	1				2			
Cromwell ..						1				1			
Green Island ..						1				1			
Kaitangata ..						1				1			
Lawrence ..					1	1				2			
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			
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			
Dunedin District— continued.													
South Dunedin ..						1				5		6	1
Waikouaiti ..						1				1		1	
Waitahuna ..						1				1		1	
Waitati ..						1				1		1	
Woodhaugh ..						1				1		1	
Totals ..	1		1	1	11	76	1		5	96	1		
Invercargill District—													
Invercargill ..		1		1	1	14		1		18			
Arrowtown ..						1				1			
Bluff ..					1	2				3			
Clinton ..						1				1			
Fortrose ..						1				1			
Gore ..					1	3				4			
Half-moon Bay ..						1				1			
Lumsden ..						1				1			
Mataura ..						1				1			
Nightcaps ..						1				1			
North Invercargill ..						1				1			
Orepuki ..						1				1			
Otautau ..						1				1			
Pembroke ..						1				1			
Queenstown ..						1				1			
Riverton ..						1				1			
South Invercargill ..						1				1			
Tapanui ..						1				1			
Tuatapere ..						1				1			
Waikaia ..						1				1			
Waikiwi ..						1				1			
Winton ..						1				1			
Wyndham ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1		1	3	39	45		1		45			
Attached to head-quarters staff ..	1			1	2	3	1			8			
Lent to Cook Islands ..						1				1			
Administration ..										1			
On leave prior to retirement ..													
Grand totals	5	13	5	29	92	811	7	8	36	1006	20	6	4

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.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand ..	1,026	1,379,487	1 to 1,344	s. d. 5 9½
Victoria ..	1,829	1,657,095	1 to 906	7 2½
New South Wales ..	2,914	2,254,450	1 to 773	9 10
Queensland ..	1,130	834,894	1 to 738	10 2¾
South Australia ..	601	538,506	1 to 896	8 11½
Western Australia ..	512	364,124	1 to 711	9 11½
Tasmania ..	237	217,639	1 to 919	7 6¼

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APPENDIX C

Station showing the location of Police to Population and Cost of Police per Inhabitant
 It also shows the distribution of Police.

Place	Number of Voters	Ballot Polls	Proportion of Voters to Population	Class of Polls Participating
Denmark	1,080	1,777,487	1 to 1,641,744	B. 3
Finland	1,833	1,047,000	1 to 568	B. 3
French West Indies	3,914	2,334,750	1 to 593	B. 3
Guatemala	1,080	534,700	1 to 493	B. 3
South America	601	333,000	1 to 550	B. 3
North America	312	364,124	1 to 1,171	B. 3
Argentina	737	317,880	1 to 430	B. 3

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