

1928.
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, 20th August, 1928.

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 1,105, being an increase of 22 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	14
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	5
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	31
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	96
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	901
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	5
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	9
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	40

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	7
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	3

There were also twelve temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919; these were appointed during the war period, and are over age or otherwise unsuitable for permanent appointment.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established during the year at Ruawai, Port Fitzroy (Great Barrier Island), Kelburn (Wellington), Matainui, and Tokanui, and the stations at Aratapu, Okupu (Great Barrier Island), Arapuni, Okarito, and Fortrose 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, 3; retired as medically unfit, 9; died, 11; resigned voluntarily, 29; called upon to resign, 7; dismissed, 7: total, 66. This is one more than 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 529 on the figures of 1926. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·21 per cent., as against 2·19 the previous year.

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

False pretences	191	Gaming offences	252
Burglary, house-breaking, &c.	251	Failing to maintain wives, &c.	142
Arson	23	Selling liquor after hours	64
Breaches of the peace	86	Found on licensed premises after hours	160
Vagrancy offences	59	Breaches of Motor-vehicles Act	982

There were decreases in the following :—

Assault (common)	56	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	71
Theft from dwellings (attempted)	68	Assaulting or resisting police	49
Drunkenness	970	Unlawfully using motor-cars	66
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	72	Arms Act, breaches of	135

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	722	703	19
Auckland	8,861	8,017	844
Hamilton	2,255	2,204	51
Gisborne	1,025	998	27
Napier	1,484	1,441	43
New Plymouth	1,046	977	69
Wanganui	997	935	62
Palmerston North	1,359	1,317	42
Wellington	5,398	5,164	234
Greymouth	1,158	1,128	30
Christchurch	4,182	3,479	703
Timaru	1,008	939	69
Dunedin	1,614	1,503	111
Invercargill	1,035	994	41
Totals	32,144	29,799	2,345

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1927 was 92·7, the figures of the preceding year being 92·35.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1926.		1927.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	24	13	47	46
Robbery and aggravated robbery	13	9	20	16
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	850	511	1,101	687
Forgery and uttering	196	181	215	203
Murder	13	9	13	7
Murder, attempted	5	5	4	3
Rape	8	6	11	10
Receiving stolen property	111	109	107	107
Wounding with intent	4	4	2	2
Totals	1,224	847	1,520	1,081

Indecent and sexual offences were as under : —

Offences.	1926.	1927.
Unnatural offence	7	4
Unnatural offence, attempted	4	5
Indecently assaulting a male	36	61
Incest	16	7
Indecent acts	30	30
Concealment of birth	3	7
Assault, indecent	112	105
Rape	8	11
Rape, attempted	8	10
Carnally knowing girls	47	54
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	14	14
Abortion, procuring, &c.	10	9
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	312	240
Totals	607	557

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 970 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1927 was 6,884 (6,546 males and 338 females), whereas in 1926 the number was 7,854 (7,489 males and 365 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 34·6 per cent. of the males and 49·7 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 3·6 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1927, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	4,281	170	4,451
One previous conviction	898	47	945
Two previous convictions	422	33	455
Three previous convictions	232	14	246
Four previous convictions	177	14	191
Five previous convictions	163	14	177
Over five previous convictions	373	46	419
Totals	6,546	338	6,884

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port 236

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1922 to 1926 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
Commonwealth	101·8	102·9	98·7	97·3	99·5
New Zealand	48·4	52·2	52·7	58·6	53·0

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of two as compared with the preceding year. There were 509 prosecutions, resulting in 292 convictions, during 1927, as against 511 prosecutions and 285 convictions in 1926.

SLY-GROC SELLING.

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

The fines imposed on sly-groc sellers during the year 1927 amounted to £1,074.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 670 prosecutions, resulting in 576 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 420 prosecutions and 373 convictions in 1926.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1928 :—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
			£
Carrying on business of bookmaker	36	27	962
Keeping common gaming house	57	47	2,683
Found in common gaming house	1	1	2
Laying totalizator odds	8	8	118
Publishing betting-charts	3	..	..
Street betting	7	7	300
Betting with bookmaker	114	110	764
Totals	226	200	4,829

POLICE PROSECUTIONS.

The following is a return of the number of convictions for which fines were imposed and the total amount of such fines in respect of prosecutions instituted by the police during the year ended 31st March, 1928 :—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
		£ s. d.
Consolidated Fund	14,672	28,139 5 0
Main Highways Revenue Fund (section 24, Motor-vehicles Act, 1924)	2,741	7,162 0 6
Local Authorities (By-law offences)	2,039	2,192 19 6
	19,452	£37,494 5 0

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

The finger impressions of 3,454 persons were received, classified, searched, and filed during the year; 276 persons were identified as previous offenders, who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; 1,271 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the branch; the photographs of 2,109 prisoners (7,551 photographs) were dealt with, and 624 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

In fourteen cases of breaking and entering, finger-prints left by offenders when committing the crime were identified: All pleaded guilty, except two, and these two were found guilty on production of finger-print evidence in the Supreme Court.

During the year the finger-print system was responsible for the identification of seventeen persons wanted by the police.

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	1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1910 ..	9,919	1,201	140	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1911 ..	10,905	986	148	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1926 ..	35,844	2,042	292
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1927 ..	37,808	1,964	255
1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270	1928 ..	39,409	1,601	276
1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218				

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		481,939	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,373	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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	30,470	28,668	8,277
1926	24	121	52	888*	1,085	1 to 1,299	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,409,692	31,615	29,199	7,854
1927	22	123	56	895*	1,096	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,437,980	32,144	29,799	6,884
1928	23	127	54	913*	1,117	1 to 1,301	5/9	1,453,517	...	...	...

* 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:

A new police-station was erected at Tokanui, and the station at Phillipstown was completed. The old post-office at Paeroa was converted into a residence for the second constable. An office and lock-up were built at Ongaonga and a stable at Onehunga. A residence was purchased for the

Inspector at Invercargill, and additional land for police purposes was acquired at Lumsden. Alterations, renovations, and improvements were effected at a number of stations, the principal being—

Auckland.	Wellsford.	Marton.	Port Awanui.
Christchurch.	Granity.	Tauranga.	Ross.
Timaru.	Levin.	Kawakawa.	Dunollie.
Methven.	Putaruru.	Otaki.	Napier.
Invercargill.	Maungaturoto.	Johnsonville.	Nelson.
Milton.	Waikiwi.	Raglan.	Richmond.
Mataura.	Picton.	Manaia.	Eltham.
Tolaga Bay.	Hamilton.	Seddon.	Taumarunui.
Millerton.	Cheviot.	Raetihi.	Whangarei.
Blackball.	Akaroa.	Pongaroa.	Wellington.
Waipawa.	Lyttelton.	Thames.	Petone.
Motueka.	Hampden.	Whakatane.	Levin.
Blenheim.	Tuatapere.	Oamaru.	Kaikaoura.
Wanganui.	Gisborne.	Martinborough.	Linwood.
Te Kuiti.	Greymouth.	Frankton.	Owaka.
Mangonui.	Reefton.	Temuka.	Whangamomona.
Palmerston North.	Westport.	Glenavy.	Onehunga.
Lower Hutt.	Ormondville.	Dunedin.	Chatham Islands.
Tewhaiti.	Takaka.	Gore.	Porangahau.
Waitotara.	Stratford.	Riverton.	Woodville.

GENERAL.

Conduct.—Generally speaking the conduct of the members of the Force throughout the Dominion has been excellent. In the execution of their duties increased attention and thoroughness have been outstanding indications of the desire of the majority to maintain the very high standard of efficiency to which the New Zealand Police Force has attained.

Strength of Force.—Owing to the growth of population and the expansion of settlement, a further increase in the authorized strength of the Force will soon be required. It is not possible to provide all the additional police asked for from time to time. In some instances requests have been made on the slightest pretext and without justification, consequently they could not be granted. No endeavour has been spared to increase the staff where increases were essential.

Co-ordinated Districts.—During the past year Auckland Police District was divided into three separate districts and placed under co-ordinated control. The three commissioned officers in charge of the respective divisions meet daily, or as often daily as may be required in case of special contingencies of grave importance, and decide upon the course to be followed in intricate cases or in circumstances demanding careful consideration as to police action. Provision has also been made for immediate telephonic consultation with the Commissioner as occasion may require.

The responsible officers at Auckland have now reported that—

- (a) "At the end of the six months' trial the scheme has been proved a success—the public and Department receiving better service. The daily conference of the officers has proved valuable.
- (b) "The system of carrying out police work which enables all important matters to be closely reviewed and discussed by the three commissioned officers before deciding what action (if any) shall be taken has provided an effective means for correctly solving difficult problems which hitherto, in such a busy city as Auckland, caused considerable worry and anxiety under the old method of dealing with intricate police matters. It has operated remarkably well.
- (c) "The division of work between the three officers in charge tends to increased efficiency in that it permits of closer personal supervision. Good will, frank and full exchange of opinions and information are most important to its success. No difficulties have arisen. The new system has worked well."

Motor-cars and Motor-cycles.—With the trend of modern transport making for considerable rapidity of movement it has become essential for the members of the Police Department to have at their command for immediate use in connection with the detection and prevention of crime high-class and powered motor-cycles. The time is approaching when a squad of motor-cyclists will be required at each of the principal centres of population.

For constant and imperative supervision and inspection duties by the commissioned officers, to expedite the performance of their general work, and for emergency requirements of the detectives, suitable motor-cars are indispensable. An increase in the number of those at present in use is very urgently required.

Horses.—Horses have ever played a prominent part in the operation of the Police Department. Though their sphere of usefulness has been cut by the advent of motor-cars and motor-cycles, they still are a necessity, and will continue to be so for a long time. In handling crowds they are invaluable. Of recent years there has been difficulty in obtaining suitable remounts, and it is not unlikely that in the not-distant future the Department will find it necessary to provide for a stud farm and breed the class of troop-horse required by it.

Buildings.—For some years past only absolutely essential repairs to police-stations have been effected. The money provided each year has not been sufficient to keep all the buildings in a reasonable state of repair. I trust that an increase in the annual grant for maintenance of police premises will be provided.

Extracts from reports of officers in charge of districts are appended.

W. B. MCILVENEY,
Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

SUPERINTENDENT WOHLMANN, AUCKLAND HEAD DISTRICT.

In February last a scheme designed to increase efficiency of administration was brought into operation in the Auckland Police District, which was divided as follows :—

Head District (under Superintendent Wohlmann) : That portion of the original Auckland District beyond the suburbs of the City and including the coal and gold fields area taken over from the Hamilton District.

Metropolitan District (under Inspector McIlveney) : The suburban area and portion of the City of Auckland.

Central District (under Inspector Hollis) : That portion of the city worked from the Central Station and the waterfront stations. Inspector Hollis also took charge of the Detective Branch and of criminal investigation in the three co-ordinated districts.

For the purpose of the scheme, Inspector J. W. Hollis was transferred from Whangarei to the charge of the new Central District. Inspector McIlveney took charge of the new Metropolitan District, and I assumed control of the new Head District to which had been added the following stations previously in the Hamilton District : Coromandel, Huntly, Kerepehi, Paeroa, Thames, Thames (South), Waihi, and Whitianga. This augmented the strength of the co-ordinated districts by two sergeants and sixteen constables.

The concentration under the direct control of the Chief Detective of all detectives in the co-ordinated districts and the proposed opening of a branch of the Finger-print Bureau at Auckland under the supervision of the Inspector in charge of the Central District makes for increased efficiency and smoothness of administration.

The police continue to do a considerable amount of work for other Departments, the cost of which comes out of the Police vote.

Offences against property last winter rose above normal, but subsided with the spring. A motor and cycle patrol was instituted with very satisfactory results, demonstrating the value and efficiency of such a form of patrol. It is very much more economical than stationing an increased number of constables in the suburban areas. It is anticipated that with the approach of winter the need for resumption of motor patrol will have to be met again. To enable this to be done with efficiency, two fast motor-cycles are required.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1927, shows a total of 8,861 offences reported, being a net increase of 580 offences over the previous year. Of the total offences reported, 8,017 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 844 undetected, as compared with 982 offences undetected in the previous year.

The conduct of the police during the year has been on the whole satisfactory ; twenty-five constables were punished for forty-six breaches of regulations, being a decrease on the previous year of nine defaulters and eight charges.

INSPECTOR MCILVENEY, AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

Arrangements have recently been made for an increase of strength at the Mount Albert station by placing a mounted constable there in addition to the foot constable in charge. This will have the effect of not only lightening the work at that station, but also at the Mount Eden South and Mount Roskill stations, as some of the outskirts of both of those sub-districts will be added to the Mount Albert Sub-district and worked by the mounted man at Mount Albert. The adjustment of duties in the above neighbourhood will be put into operation immediately.

Arrangements are also being made for the cutting-up of the Avondale Sub-district by stationing a mounted constable at New Lynn. The population of this part of the Auckland Metropolitan District is steadily increasing, and at present the police work at Avondale Station, which includes duty at New Lynn, exceeds that which can be properly attended to by one man.

It is anticipated that the above-mentioned changes will provide much better means of carrying out police duty over a large area of country than obtained under the old system which was worked entirely by foot constables.

INSPECTOR HOLLIS, AUCKLAND CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The centralization of the Detective Branch is a step in the right direction, serving as it does the three co-ordinated districts. Covering so large an area, greater facilities are obtained for the training of men for this particular branch of the service, and it will prove very beneficial in the detection of crime and to the public generally.

I would recommend that at least two motor-cycles be supplied and placed at the service of the Detective Branch, for night patrol when required. In other Police Forces such motor-vehicles have proved very beneficial in the prevention and detection of crime.

With the advent of the Criminal Registration Branch, which will be attached to this district, greater benefits should be obtained in the early detection of previous offenders not only in the Auckland co-ordinated districts, but in other districts in the Dominion.

INSPECTOR HARVEY, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

There has been a falling-off in offences committed during the year, the number reported being 722, resulting in 703 prosecutions, as against 890 offences reported for the previous year.

There has been a decrease in drunkenness, thefts, and house or shop breaking.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the year has been good, except that one constable was dismissed and one constable fined for breach of regulations.

A motor-car is greatly needed for use at this station.

INSPECTOR ECCLES, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The number of offences reported for the year ended 31st December, 1927, was 2,255, as compared with 3,017 for the previous year, showing a decrease of 762. The principal decrease was in drunkenness, and offences usually associated therewith. Of the offences reported 2,204 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 51 undetected (a small percentage).

The conduct of the police during the year has been satisfactory, only one constable being convicted for a breach of the regulations, and the standard of efficiency has been well maintained.

INSPECTOR O'HALLORAN, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

For the year ended 31st December, 1927, the total number of offences reported was 1,025, being a decrease of 138 on the previous year. Of the offences reported 998 were accounted for by summons or arrest, leaving 27 unaccounted for.

The district has fortunately been free from serious crime during the twelve months.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been satisfactory. Two constables were dealt with on seven breaches of regulations, none of which were of a serious nature.

INSPECTOR CUMMINGS, NAPIER DISTRICT.

The strength at Hastings Station was increased by the appointment of a senior sergeant in charge there and a sergeant appointed to charge of the Spit Station, making an increase of two in the strength of the district.

For the year ended 31st December, 1927, the total number of offences reported was 1,484, as against 1,550 the previous year, a decrease of 66, being principally breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act—1,441 prosecutions resulted, leaving a small percentage undetected. None of the cases call for special note.

The general conduct of the police has been good, only a few cases of breaches of the regulations being dealt with.

INSPECTOR FRASER, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

During the year the strength was increased by three constables, two of whom were posted to New Plymouth and one to Stratford. The increase at Stratford now provides for continuous patrol for day and night duty. An increase of one constable is still required at New Plymouth.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1927, shows the total number of all offences reported to be 1,046, compared with 1,055 for the previous twelve months, being a decrease of 9. Of all offences reported, 977 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 69 undetected.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been satisfactory. During the year only one constable was dealt with for a breach of the regulations.

INSPECTOR TILL, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The total strength of the district on the 31st March last was 44, which is the same as for the previous year. It is becoming evident that a third constable is required at Taihape.

There was a decrease in the total of all offences reported, the principal decreases being in assaults, theft, drunkenness, false pretences, and offences under the Licensing Act. There were increases in thefts from dwellings, breaking and entering, uttering forged documents, failing to maintain wives and children, and drunkenness while in charge of motor-vehicles.

The conduct of the Force in this district has been good.

INSPECTOR SIMPSON, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

Within the past year the strength has been increased by two additional constables at Palmerston North and one at Feilding for beat duty.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1927, show the total number of offences reported 1,359, as against 1,242 in 1926, an increase of 117 on the whole. Of the offences reported, 1,317 were dealt with either by arrest or summons.

The conduct of the police for the past year has been very good, and their efficiency well maintained.

SUPERINTENDENT EMERSON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

During the year the authorized strength of this district has been increased by eight.

For the year ending 31st December, 1927, the total number of offences reported was 5,398, being an increase of 48 on previous year. The principal increases were thefts by clerks or servants, house and shop breaking, receiving stolen property, breaches of Motor-vehicles Act, failing to maintain wives, &c., and vagrancy.

There was no serious crime during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been satisfactory. Sixteen constables and one detective were dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

INSPECTOR MATHEW, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December last shows a total number of all offences reported to be 1,158, as compared with 1,159 for the previous year. There has been a decrease in obscene and profane language, drunkenness, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act and Arms Act. An increase is shown in offences against the rights of property—theft, theft from dwellings, and false pretences. There has also been an increase in the number of persons charged with unlawfully using motor-cars.

There were not any serious criminal offences reported during the year.

The general conduct of members of the Force in this district has been good. One constable was fined for breaches of regulations and another constable was called upon to resign.

SUPERINTENDENT EALES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The addition of five constables to the authorized strength during the past year is much appreciated, owing to the rapid increase of the population and the consequent increase of work.

During the year 4,182 offences were reported as against 3,650 in 1927, an increase of 532. The principal increases occurred in theft, false pretences, obscene language, unlawful use of motor-cars, betting and conducting lotteries, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act. Decreases are noticed in burglary and shop breaking, and maintenance cases.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been good. A few were dealt with for minor cases of indiscipline.

SUPERINTENDENT EALES, TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE, TIMARU DISTRICT.

Inspector Kemp has been ill for a considerable period and is still absent from duty.

There were no serious crimes during the year, but offences increased from 651 in 1926, to 1,008 in 1927. The main increases were in motor-vehicles offences, theft, breaking and entering, assaults, mischief, vagrancy, drunkenness, and licensing and maintenance offences.

The conduct of the members of the police was good, with the exception of three constables who were punished for breaches of regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT WILLIS, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The total number of offences reported during the year were 1,614, as against 1,486 for the previous year. Principal increases were: False pretences, breaking into houses and shops, driving motor-cars without license, and unlawfully using motor-cars. Principal decreases were: Theft, drunkenness, and being drunk in charge of vehicles.

There were no crimes of a serious nature during the year, and the slight increase in the number of offences reported does not call for any special comment.

With two or three exceptions the conduct of non-commissioned officers and men has been uniformly good and the standard of efficiency satisfactorily maintained.

INSPECTOR BIRD, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

A new station was opened at Tokanui and the station at Fortrose closed during the year.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended the 31st December, 1927, was 1,035, as against 964 for the previous year, being an increase of 71. The principal increases were: Shop-breaking, failing to maintain wives and children, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act. There were decreases in assault, theft from dwellings, mischief, and drunkenness.

The conduct of all ranks, with one or two exceptions, has been good. One constable was fined, and one constable called upon to resign for breach of 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 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.

Offences.	1926.	1927.										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.													
Seditious offences .. .. .	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False statements and declarations ..	36	9	9	4	1	3	..	1	..	4	1	..	27
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Breaking prison	1	11	11	2	..	5	4	..	..	2	..	10	..
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	36	22	21	2	1	18	..	..	..	2	..	..	14
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>Offences against Religion.</i>													
Disturbing public worship	5	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence	7	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	4	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..
Indecently assaulting a male	36	56	56	51	..	4	..	1	..	42	..	20	..
Indecently assaulting a male, attempted	..	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Incest	16	7	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	9
Indecent acts	30	30	28	8	..	20	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Publishing obscene matter .. ..	..	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..
<i>Offences against the Person, &c.</i>													
Neglecting duties tending to the preservation of life or health	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Murder	13	13	7	1	5	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..
Murder, attempted	5	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Manslaughter	17	14	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	3
Suicide, attempted	78	83	82	1	..	62	16	2	1	1	..	5	..
Suicide, aiding and abetting	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Concealment of birth	3	7	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	4	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Administering poison or other noxious things with intent to injure or annoy	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	18	24	23	15	1	3	1	3	..	8	1	6	..
Causing actual bodily harm under circumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Assault, indecent	112	105	99	69	..	19	..	11	..	45	..	..	7
Assault with intent to commit a crime ..	14	9	9	1	..	6	..	2	..	1	..	..	5
Assault	807	751	744	2	1	620	31	88	2	1	..	..	56
Rape	8	11	10	8	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	3	..
Rape, attempted	8	10	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	47	54	54	38	..	9	..	7	..	29	..	7	..
Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	14	14	14	7	..	4	..	3	..	3	..	..	..
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defilement of women or girls, procuring, permitting, or conspiring to induce, &c.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Abortion, procuring	9	9	9	6	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
Abortion, procuring own	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bigamy	8	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1
Abduction	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stealing children under fourteen years	1	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Assault, aggravated .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed)	4,952	4,947	3,726	155	3	3,177	199	178	14	120	3	..	5
Theft, attempted	24	19	17	1	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Theft from the person	30	19	6	5	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	11
Theft from the person, attempted ..	5	4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	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 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927—continued.

Offences	1926.		1927.										Increase or Decrease in Number or 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.			
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.—continued.														
Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.														
Theft from dwellings	325	332	161	45	..	103	9	3	1	39	..	7	..	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted	78	10	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	68
Theft by clerks or servants	160	179	179	74	6	95	..	4	..	69	5	19	..	..
Theft of animals (specified)	40	53	50	29	..	18	..	3	..	21	..	13	..	..
Theft of animals, attempted	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
False pretences	717	908	864	90	1	732	21	20	..	74	1	191	..	..
False pretences, attempted	13	23	21	3	..	18	..	..	..	3	..	10	..	..
Obtaining credit by fraud	118	104	101	1	..	90	2	8	..	1	..	..	..	14
False accounting by officials or clerks ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Conspiracy to defraud	8	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft ..	..	10	10	..	..	4	6	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Robbery and aggravated robbery	13	20	16	12	1	..	..	3	..	8	..	7	..	..
Assault with intent to rob	6	10	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	..
Burglary	126	72	42	31	..	11	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	54
Burglary, attempted	13	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6
House or shop breaking, &c.	628	946	621	410	6	185	2	17	1	394	5	318	..	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted ..	83	76	23	17	..	6	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	7
Being found in dwellinghouse by night ..	11	8	8	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements	3	4	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained ..	111	107	107	46	..	55	..	6	..	44	..	..	..	4
Forgery	171	170	159	152	1	5	1	..	..	142	1	..	..	1
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	25	45	44	41	..	3	..	..	..	40	..	20	..	..
Sending false telegram	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Personation	5	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coin, offences relating to	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arson	24	47	46	26	..	19	..	1	..	23	..	23	..	..
Arson, attempted	7	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Setting fire to crops, attempted .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	4	8	7	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..
Placing explosive with intent to destroy buildings, ships, &c. ..	1	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Mischief	536	558	540	5	..	494	10	25	6	5	..	22	..	..
Mischief on railways and tramways	9	12	12	..	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Sending threatening letters	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aiding and abetting or counselling the commission of an offence ..	11	28	28	..	..	25	..	3	..	..	..	17	..	..
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.														
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	534	620	620	..	..	545	12	63	..	..	..	86	..	..
Cruelty to animals	139	113	113	..	..	94	2	17	..	..	..	..	..	26
Drunkenness	7,261	6,342	6,342	..	..	6,018	319	5	..	..	..	..	..	919
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	277	190	190	..	..	184	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	87
Drunk and disorderly	316	352	352	..	..	329	18	5	..	..	..	36	..	..
Soliciting prostitution	8	11	11	..	..	..	9	..	2	..	..	3	..	..
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	312	240	226	12	..	208	2	4	..	7	..	..	..	72
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	742	671	669	4	..	600	35	30	..	3	..	..	..	71
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	832	891	890	1	..	724	103	49	13	1	..	59	..	..
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	207	158	157	1	..	150	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	49
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	17	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. ..	473	407	310	1	..	298	2	9	..	1	..	..	..	66
Unlawfully on premises by night without criminal intent	130	188	188	..	..	174	6	7	1	..	..	58	..	..
Sunday trading	67	93	93	..	..	63	27	..	3	..	..	26	..	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31st MARCH, 1928.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Auckland Co-ordinated Districts.													
Clerical staff ..				1		6				7			
AUCKLAND HEAD DISTRICT—													
Auckland ..	1									1			
Coromandel ..						1				1			
Cowes ..											1		
Helensville ..						1				1			
Henderson ..						1				1			
Howick ..						1				1			
Huntly ..						2				2			
Kerepehi ..						1				1			
Mercer ..						1				1			
Otahuhu ..						1				1	1		
Paeroa ..						2				2			
Panmure ..						1				1			
Papakura ..						1				1			
Papatoetoe ..						1				1			
Port Fitzroy (Great Barrier) ..												1	
Pukekohe ..					1	2				3			
Thames ..					1	4				5			
Thames South ..						1				1			
Tuakau ..						1				1			
Waihi ..					1	4				5			
Waiuku ..						1				1			
Warkworth ..						1				1			
Wellsford ..						1				1			
Whitianga ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1				3	30				34	1	2	
AUCKLAND METRO POLITAN DISTRICT—													
Auckland ..		1								1			
Avondale ..						1				1			
Ellerslie ..						1				1			
Epsom ..						1				1			
Grey Lynn ..						1				1			
Kingsland ..						1				1			
Mount Albert ..						1				1			
Mount Eden ..					1	9				10			
Mount Eden South ..													
Mount Roskill ..						1				1			
Newmarket ..						1	10			11			
Newton ..					1	3	15			19	2		
Onehunga ..						1	6			7			
Point Chevalier ..						1				1			
Remuera ..						1				1			
St. Heliers Bay ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1				1	6	50			58	2		
AUCKLAND CENTRAL DISTRICT—													
Auckland Central ..	1	1		1	8	78	1	4	10	104			
Birkenhead ..						1				1			
Devonport ..					1	4				5			
Freeman's Bay ..					1	4				5	1		
Northcote ..						1				1			
Parnell ..					1	3				4			
Ponsonby ..					1	4				5			
Queen's Wharf ..					1	10				11			
Takapuna ..						2				2			
Totals ..	1	1		1	13	107	1	4	10	138	1		
Totals, Auckland Co-ordinated Districts ..	1	2	1	3	22	193	1	4	10	237	4	2	
Whangarei District—													
Whangarei ..		1		1	1	8			1	12			
Dargaville ..						2				2			
Hikurangi ..						1				1			
Houhora ..						1				1			
Kaikohe ..						1				1			
Kaitiaki ..						2				2			
Kawakawa ..						1				1			
Mangawai ..											1		
Whangarei District—continued.													
Mangonui ..										1			
Maungaturoto ..										1			
Ohacawai ..												1	
Pukehuia ..										1			
Rawene ..						2				2			
Ruawai ..						1				1			
Russell ..						1				1			
Waipu ..						1				1			
Whangaroa ..													1
Totals ..		1			1	1	24			1	28	2	1
Hamilton District—													
Hamilton ..		1			1	1	17		2	22			
Cambridge ..							2			2			
Frankton Junction ..						1	3			4			
Katikati ..							1			1			
Kawhia ..							1			1			
Kihikihi ..													
Kirikiriroa ..							1			1			
Matamata ..							1			1			
Morrinsville ..							1			1			
Ngaruawahia ..							2			2			
Otorohanga ..							1			1			
Putaruru ..							2			2			
Raglan ..							1			1			
Rotorua ..						1	4			5			
Taupo ..							1			1			
Tauranga ..							3			3			
Te Aroha ..							2			2			
Te Awamutu ..							2			2			
Te Kuiti ..						1	3			4			
Te Puke ..							1			1			
Te Whaiti ..												1	
Tokaanu ..							1			1			
Totals ..		1			1	4	50			2	58	1	
Gisborne District—													
Gisborne ..		1			1	1	11			1	15		
Kaiti ..							1			1			
Motu ..							1			1			
Opotiki ..						1	1			2		1	
Patutahi ..							1			1			
Port Awanui ..							1			1			
Ruatorea ..							1			1			
Taneatu ..							1			1			
Te Araroa ..							1			1			
Te Karaka ..							1			1			
Tekomaru Bay ..						1	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	1	16			1	20	1	
Carlisle Street ..							1			1			
Clive ..							1			1			
Dannevirke ..						1	3			4			
Hastings ..						1	1	6		9			
Havelock North ..							1			1			
Mohaka ..							1			1			
Nuhaka ..							1			1			
Ongaonga ..							1			1			
Ormondville ..							1			1			
Petane ..							1			1			
Porangahau ..							1			1			
Spit (Napier) ..						1	2			3			
Takapau ..							1			1			
Taradale ..							1			1			
Waipawa ..							1			1			
Waipukurau ..							1			1			
Wairoa ..						1	2			3			
Weber ..												1	
Totals ..		1			3	4	42			1	52	1	1

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
New Plymouth District—													
New Plymouth ..	1			1	2	9			1	14	1		
Eltham ..						1				1			
Fitzroy ..						1				1			
Hawera ..					1	4				5			
Inglewood ..						1				1			
Kaponga ..						1				1			
Manala ..						1				1			
Mokau ..						1				1			
Moturoa ..						1				1			
Normanby ..						1				1			
Opunake ..						1				1			
Rahotu ..						1				1			
Stratford ..					1	4				5			
Waitara ..						1				1			
Whangamomona ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	29			1	36	1		
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	1			1	2	15			2	21			
Aramoho ..						1				1			
Castlecliff ..						1				1			
Gonville ..													
Hunterville ..						1				1			
Mangaweka ..						1				1			
Manunui ..						1				1			
Moawhango ..											1		
Ohakune ..						1				1			
Ohura ..						1				1			
Ongarue ..						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	35			2	43		1	
Palmerston North District—													
Palmerston North ..	1			1	2	13	1		2	20	1		
Ashhurst ..						1				1			
Bulls ..						1				1			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.) ..						1				1			
Eketahuna ..						1				1			
Feilding ..					1	4				5			
Foxton ..						2				2			
Kimbolton ..						1				1			
Levin ..						2				2			
Marton ..						2				2			
Marton Junction ..						1				1			
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	38	1		2	46	1		
Wellington District—													
Wellington ..	1	1	1	2	4	50	1	1	6	67			
Blenheim ..				1		5				6			
Brooklyn ..						1				1			
Carterton ..						2				2			
Collingwood ..						1				1			
Eastbourne ..						1				1			
Featherston ..						2				2			
Greytown ..						1				1			
Havelock ..						1				1			
Wellington District—													
continued.													
Island Bay ..						1				1			
Johnsonville ..						1				1			
Karori ..						1				1			
Kelburn ..						1				1			
Kilbirnie ..						1				2			
Lower Hutt ..						1				2			
Lyall Bay ..						1				1			
Martinborough ..						1				1			
Masterton ..						1				5			
Motueka ..						1				1			
Mount Cook ..						1	3	23		27	1		
Murchison ..						1				1			
Nelson ..			1	1		6				8			
Petone ..						1				4			
Picton ..						2				2			
Richmond ..						1				1			
Seatoun ..						1				1			
Seddon ..						1				1			
Takaka ..						1				1			
Taranaki Street ..						1	3	29		33			
The Port ..						1				1			
Thorndon Quay ..						1				1			
Tinui ..						1				1			
Tinakori Road ..						1				1			
Upper Hutt ..						1				1			
Wadestown ..						1				1			
Wakefield ..						1				1			
Wellington South Wharf (Wellington) ..						1		5		6			
Totals ..	1	1	2	8	14	167	1	2	6	202	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			
Kanieri ..						1				1			
Karamea ..						1				1			
Kumara ..						1				1			
Matainui ..						1				1			
Millerton ..						1				1			
Otira ..						1				1			
Reefton ..						1	2			3			
Ross ..						1				1			
Seddonville ..						1				1			
Waiuta ..						1				1			
Westport ..						1	5			6			
Totals ..	1			1	4	34			1	41			
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	1	1	2	5	55	1	2	6	74	2		
Addington ..						1				1			
Akaroa ..						1				1			
Amberley ..						1				1			
Ashburton ..						1				1			
Belfast ..						1				1			
Bingsland ..						1				1			
Chatham Islands ..						1				1			
Cheviot ..						1				1			
Coalgate ..						1				1			
Culverden ..						1				1			
Darfield ..						1				1			
Fendalton ..						1				1			
Islington ..						1				1			
Kaiapoi ..						2				2			
Kaikoura ..						1				1			
Leeston ..						1				1			
Lincoln ..						1				1			

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Christchurch District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
Linwood ..						1				1			
Little River ..						1				1			
Lower Riccarton ..						1				1			
Lyttelton ..				1	6					7	1		
Methven ..						1				1			
New Brighton ..						1				1			
Oxford ..						1				1			
Papanui ..						1				1			
Phillipstown ..						1				1			
Rakaia ..						1				1			
Rangiora ..					1	1				2			
Riccarton ..						1				1			
St. Albans ..					1	2				3			
Southbridge ..						1				1			
Sumner ..						1				1			
Sydenham ..					1	4				5			
Waikari ..						1				1			
Woolston ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1	1	1	3	10	105	1	2	6	130	3		
Timaru District—													
Timaru ..	1			1	2	11			1	16	1		
Duntroon ..						1				1			
Fairlie ..						1				1			
Geraldine ..						1				1			
Glenavy ..						1				1			
Hampden ..						1				1			
Kurow ..						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	31				1	39	1	
Dunedin District—													
Dunedin ..	1		1	1	6	35	1		5	50			
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 ..						2				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			
Dunedin District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
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	6				7			
Waikouaiti ..						1				1			
Waitahuna ..						1				1			
Waitati ..						1				1			
Woodhaugh ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1	1	1	10	83	1	5	102					
Invercargill District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
Invercargill ..	1			1	2	14			1	19			
Arrowtown ..						1				1			
Bluff ..					1	2				3			
Clinton ..						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			
Tokanui ..						1				1			
Tuatapere ..						1				1			
Waikaia ..						1				1			
Waikiwi ..						1				1			
Winton ..						1				1			
Wyndham ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	39				1	46		
Attached to head-quarters staff ..					3	3	3			9			
Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..							1			1			
On leave prior to retirement ..					2	1				3			
Grand totals ..	4	14	5	31	96	301	5	9	40	1103	12	7	3

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.
				s. d.
New Zealand	1,117	1,453,517	1 to 1,301	5 9
Victoria	1,959	1,741,390	1 to 888	8 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
New South Wales	3,070	2,400,266	1 to 781	11 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Queensland	1,199	899,176	1 to 749	11 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
South Australia.. .. .	692	575,771	1 to 832	9 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Western Australia	531	392,292	1 to 738	10 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tasmania	241	215,862	1 to 895	8 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

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