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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, 8th August, 1934.

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 1,142, being an increase of thirty-six during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents			 		4
Inspectors			 		15
${f Sub-Inspectors}$			 		4
Senior Sergeants			 		29
$egin{array}{ll} ext{Sergeants} & \dots \end{array}$		• •	 		95
Constables			 		923
Senior Detectives			 	• •	5
${ m Detective}$ -sergeants			 		13
${\rm Detectives} \dots$		• •	 • •	• •	54
addition to the above there we	ere				
Police surgeons			 		12
${f Matrons}$			 		- 8
District constables			 		3
Native constables			 		1

There were also sixty-nine temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919. The majority of these were appointed on probation with a view to filling vacancies in the permanent staff if found suitable. The total actual strength of the Force, including temporary constables, showed a net increase of sixteen on 31st March last.

STATIONS.

A new station was established during the year at Runanga, and the stations at Panmure, Tangarakau, Marton Junction, and Dunollie were 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, 8; died, 9; resigned voluntarily, 6; dismissed, 1: total, 27. This is 11 less 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 decrease of 2,066 on the figures of 1932. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·15 per cent., as against 2·3 the previous year.

There were increases during the year under the following headings, viz.:—

Thore were meaning ,	8 67	
Indecent assault on male	58 Theft of postal packets	29
Theft from dwellings	25 Breaches of Arms Act	111
Obtaining credit by fraud	26 Being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle	25
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	62 Minor breaches of Motor-vehicles Act	669
Gaming offences	55	

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The principal decreases were	e						
Carnally knowing girls		 30	Breaches of the peace				71
mat a			Drunkenness				370
			Vagrancy offences				
False pretences			Inciting violence, disor				139
Burglary, house-breaking, &c.		 205	Unlawful conversion of	of horses,	motor-c		105
Receiving stolen property		 74	&c				187
Forgery and uttering			Opium-smoking, &c.	• •		• •	57
Failing to maintain wives, childs	en, &c.	 624	İ				

The continued decrease in the crime of burglary, housebreaking, &c. (205 in 1933 and 55 in 1932) also a decrease in petty thefts (478 in 1933) is gratifying. It will be observed that the decrease in offences of unlawful conversion of motor-cars was 187 in 1933 and 65 in 1932. This is noteworthy in view of the agitation for increased penalties. The decrease in drunkenness commented upon in last report still continues. The increase in convictions for breaches of the Gaming Act last year was 63 and the previous year 88, indicating continued police activity. The law respecting bookmaking requires strengthening.

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 I	District.		Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.	
Whangarei					1,184	1,089	95
Auckland	• •	• •			7,589	6,824	765
TT '11'	• •				2,403	2,294	109
C: I	• •				904	833	71
3.T	• •	• •	• •		1,885	1,745	140
Napier New Plymouth	• •	• •	• •		1,158	1,098	60
Wanganui	• •	• •	• •		1,376	1,193	183
Palmerston North	• •		• •		1,478	1,389	89
	• •				5,598	4,941	$6\overline{57}$
Wellington Nelson	• •	• •	• •	• •	833	721	112
			• •		893	814	$\tilde{79}$
Greymouth	• •		• •	• •	3,909	3,529	380
Christchurch	• •		• •		733	633	100
Timaru		• •	• •		2,319	2,107	$2\overline{12}$
Dunedin		• •	• •		1,040	923	117
Invercargill	• •	• •	• •	• •	1,040	520	1 1, 1
Tota	ls				33,302	30,133	3,169

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1933 was 90.48, the figures of the preceding year being 90.49.

Serious Crimes.

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

		19	32.	1933.		
Crimes.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.		
Arson		33	27	14	9	
Robbery and aggravated robbery		9	4.	11	8	
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.		1,553	946	1,348	875	
Forgery and uttering		224	211	176	160	
Murder		15	13	22	12	
Murder, attempted		2	2	3	3	
Rape		3	3	5	5	
Receiving stolen property		283	283	209	209	
Wounding with intent		1	1	4	2	
Totals	- •	2,123	1,490	1,792	1,283	

The following table shows particulars of the 22 cases of murder which occurred during the year, being an increase of 7 over the number in the previous year:—

		Nambaras	Number	Number in which	Number in which	Results of Trials.			
District.		Number of Offences reported.	in which Arrests resulted.	in which Offender committed Suicide.	Accused was com-	Convicted.	Acquitted and Discharged.	Acquitted on Grounds of Insanity.	
Whangarei		1	1		1		1		
A see a lad in an al		6	5		5	4	1	4.	
Ciahama	٠.	$\frac{0}{2}$	U	$\overset{\cdot}{2}$		*	• •	.1	
		<u> </u>		. 4					
New Plymouth		1 1	.1	1 : :	.1	• •	1		
Napier		1		1.					
Wanganui	. ,	2		2					
Palmerston North		1		1					
Wellington		3	1		1	1			
Christchurch		5	4		4			4.	
Totals		22	12	6	12	5	2	5	

It will be observed that in 12 cases the accused was committed for trial, and in 6 cases the offender committed suicide immediately after the crime. Of the remaining four cases, in three the offender has not yet been detected, and in the fourth the accused is an inmate of a mental hospital, and not in a condition to plead to the charge. Of the 22 murders one man murdered his family of four and another murdered two adults. In this return these are shown as six murders by six offenders (one in respect of each offence). Of those committed for trial, convictions were recorded in five cases, the accused was acquitted and discharged in two cases, and acquitted on the grounds of insanity in five cases. The three cases still undetected consist of a taxi-driver who was found murdered in his taxi-cab, a hotel-keeper who was shot dead in his bed at night, and an unidentified newly born child whose dead body was found in circumstances indicating foul play.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:-

0	1932.	1933.			
			 		!
Unnatural offence			 		14
Innatural offence, attempted	l		 	2	4
ndecently assaulting a male				24	82
ncest			 	13	10
ndecent acts			 	28	25
Concealment of birth			 	6	2
Assault, indecent			 	82	82
Rape			 	3	5
Rape, attempted			 	7	1
Carnally knowing girls			 	74	44
arnally knowing girls, atten	$_{ m ipted}$. 11	32
Abortion, procuring, &c.			 	11	5
Exposure of person and gross	sly inde	cent acts	 	180	196
Totals			 	441	502

Drunkenness.

There has been a decrease of 369 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1933 was 3,499 (3,344 males and 155 females), whereas in 1932 the number was 3,868 (3,695 males and 173 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 41.8 per cent. of the males and 62.5 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 2.1 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1933, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

and the second s	:	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted One previous conviction Two previous convictions Three previous convictions Four previous convictions Five previous convictions Over five previous convictions		1,944 377 228 183 137 109 366	58 9 16 11 6 5	2,002 386 244 194 143 114 416
Totals	 	3,344	155	3,499

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 72.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1928 to 1932 in Australia and New Zealand:

		1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Commonwealth	 	94.27	89.5	73.0	58.6	60.7
New Zealand	 	43.20	46.3	$42 \cdot 4$	$32 \cdot 1$	26.7

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 6 as compared with the preceding year. There were 546 prosecutions, resulting in 328 convictions during 1933, as against 552 prosecutions and 336 convictions in 1932.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 44 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 38 convictions, and there were also 70 prosecutions, resulting in 61 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1933 amounted to £1,108.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 524 prosecutions, resulting in 475 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 467 prosecutions and 412 convictions in 1932.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1934:--

Offence.		Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.	
Carrying on business of bookmaker Keeping common gaming-house Found in common gaming-house Laying totalizator odds Publishing betting-charts Betting with bookmaker Street betting			58 77 16 3 3 4 5	48 70 12 2 3 4 5	£ s. d. 2,276 0 6 2,417 0 6 17 0 6 25 0 6 6 0 6 3 0 6 240 0 6
Totals		••	166	144	4,984 0 (

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;	<u> </u>	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948	obtain- able	463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949	obt le	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	Not	517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline 13\\13\\ \end{array}$	$\frac{1.72}{1.70}$	$\frac{120}{17}$	356 365	461	1 to 1,173/ 1 to 1,263	2/9	540,753 $587,295$	18,775 $18,263$	17,727 $17,322$	7,572
1884 1885	: 20	65	: 17 17	372	474		$\frac{3}{3}$	613,212	18,955	17,522	$7,151 \\ 7,034$
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266	$\frac{3}{3}$	625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502		$3/2\frac{1}{2}$	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	,	$2/11\frac{1}{2}$	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	2/65	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13 13	410	485	1 to 1,472 1 to 1,495	2/74	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
$\frac{1895}{1896}$	6	1 51	13	414	481	1 to 1,430	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{6\frac{3}{4}}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 728,121 \\ 740,699 \end{bmatrix}$	14,010 $14,673$	$egin{array}{ccc} 12,435 & \ 13,171 & \end{array}$	$\frac{4,636}{5,005}$
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	$\frac{2}{2}/7\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,005 $5,204$
1898	1 7	56	16	457	536		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	5 6	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	$2/10\frac{7}{2}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	$\frac{626}{655}$	1 to 1,398	2/10+	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905 1906	12 14	$\begin{array}{ c c c }\hline 65\\ 71 \end{array}$	$\frac{25}{25}$	553 557	655 667	1 to 1,375 1 to 1,387	$\frac{2/10\frac{1}{4}}{2/10\frac{1}{2}}$	900,682 925,605	20,249 $21,160$	19,251 $20,241$	8,707
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	$\frac{2/10^{\frac{1}{2}}}{3/0}$	961,604	21,100 $23,204$	22,244	$9,210 \\ 10,203$
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	$\frac{3}{0}$	977,215	23,204 $23,510$	22,484	10,205 $10,343$
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 $1,287$		[1,075,250]	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695		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	$\frac{3}{9}$	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
$\frac{1915}{1016}$		100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	$\frac{4/1}{4/03}$	1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
$\frac{1916}{1917}$		$\begin{vmatrix} 104 \\ 108 \end{vmatrix}$	36 36	$\begin{array}{c} 757 \\ 734 \end{array}$	898	1 to 1,258 1 to 1,280	$\frac{4/24}{4/3}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1,152,669 \\ 1,150,002 \end{bmatrix}$	24,920 $21,724$	23,848	10,833
1917 - 1918		111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274		1,130,002 $1,147,391$	19,067	20,701 18,043	$8,800 \\ 7,228$
1919		112	41	705*	l I	1 to 1,319		1,158,156	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	$\frac{21}{21}$	114	38	743°	916	1 to 1,325		1,214,184	26,106	24,718	8,979
1921	23	112	47	768*		1 to 1,310		1,244,620	26,551	25,054	8,671
1922	22	118	43		1,009	1 to 1,289		1,300,967	24,699	22,843	6,409
-1923		118	44		1,003	1 to 1,321		1,325,301	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924		120	47		1,027	1 to 1,312		1,347,853	27,025	25,048	7,470
1925	23	121	51		1,026	1 to 1,344		1,379,487	30,470	28,668	8,277
1926	24	$\frac{121}{199}$	$\frac{52}{56}$		1,085	1 to 1,299		1,409,692	31,615	29,199	7,854
1927	$\frac{22}{23}$	123	-56 -54			I to 1,312		1,437,980	$\frac{32,144}{38,189}$	29,799	6,884
$\frac{1928}{1929}$		$\begin{bmatrix} 127 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{54}{56}$		$\frac{1,117}{1,155}$	$\frac{1}{1}$ to $\frac{1}{273}$	/	1,453,517 $1,470,649$	$33,138 \\ 34,250$	30,622 $31,575$	6,601
1930		$\frac{126}{127}$	$\frac{50}{54}$		- 1	1 to 1,275		1,488,612	37,214	33,690	$6,810 \\ 6,125$
1931		120	65		1,169	1 to 1,292		1,510,940	36,680	32,659	$\frac{6,125}{4,687}$
1932	$\frac{25}{25}$	123	65			1 to 1,317		1,524,633	35,368	32,006	3,868
1933		121	67	983	1,195	1 to 1,286		1,536,964	33,302	30,133	3,499
1934		124	72	$992^{*!}$	1,211	1 to 1,279	, - ;	1,548,909	•••	• • • •	
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^{*} Includes temporary constables.

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, 1934:—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
Consolidated Fund	9,907 3,741 263 13,911	23,457 5,497 168 29,122

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At Headquarters the finger-impressions of 2,656 persons were received, classified, searched, indexed, and filed during the year; 183 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; 1,836 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch; the photographs of 2,678 prisoners (5,350 photographs) were dealt with, and 656 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

In twenty-one cases of breaking and entering, fingerprints left by the offenders when committing the crimes were identified, and the offenders prosecuted. In five of these cases enlarged photographs were prepared and the necessary evidence tendered, resulting in three convictions in the Supreme Court, and two admissions of guilt in the lower Court. The sixteen other offenders pleaded guilty at the

lower Court.

Some cases worthy of mention were the following:-

A railway-station was broken into, the safe blown open and money, &c., stolen. A number of finger-prints were found on articles believed to have been handled by the offender, which were immediately forwarded to this Branch, together with the finger-impressions of the complete staff.

Most of the prints found were identified as belonging to members of the staff, but there remained unidentified two poor prints. An extensive search for these prints gave a negative result. All finger impressions subsequently received were scrutinized, and two months later identical impressions came to hand, which proved to be those of a young man whose prints had not previously been recorded. As a result, this young man pleaded guilty not only to the offence committed at the railway-station, but to ten other offences, including robbery under arms; breaking, entering, and theft; and unlawful conversion of motor-cars.

Three other offenders were found guilty at Supreme Courts principally on finger-print evidence, there being practically no other evidence available. All were cases of breaking, entering, and theft, one included safe-blowing, and another consisted of a series of housebreaking offences which had extended over a period of nearly two years.

It is interesting to note that the finger-print system in New Zealand has to date been responsible

for the identification of no less than 6,109 persons.

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 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919	7,622 8,718 9,919 10,905	3,500 700 800 1,151 1,471 1,096 1,201 986 1,192 1,455 1,750 1,380 1,452 1,374 1,474 1,350	117 72 88 104 123 138 140 148 178 183 230 270 218 166 132 153	1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934	23,686 26,650 28,408 30,284 31,929 33,802 35,844 37,808 39,409 40,852 42,371 43,973 45,692 47,306 48,545	1,354 2,964 1,758 1,876 1,645 1,873 2,042 1,964 1,601 1,443 1,519 1,602 1,719 1,614 1,239	176 232 255 292 289 267 292 255 276 208 239 257 215 213 183

In the Auckland Branch the finger-print collection totalled 3,924 sets of prints on the 31st March, 1934.

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During the year 548 sets of finger-prints were received from the Mount Eden Prison or taken at this branch, and were duly classified, searched, and filed. The photographs of 164 prisoners were taken and 961 prints were taken from the negatives. Numerous photographs were taken in miscellaneous cases, such as scenes of crimes, &c., and were produced in Court. The total number of photographs produced by the branch during the year was 2,756 (including a portion of those required in the Ruawaro murder trial). Five volumes of New South Wales prisoners' photographs (1,500 photos) were received, card indexed, and the cards filed in order of finger-print classification. The remanded-prisoner forms with the results of the cases for 261 prisoners were dealt with and returned to the Criminal Registration Branch at Wellington.

In fifteen cases offenders were traced by their finger-prints as having been previously convicted, &c. In three cases finger-prints left by offenders when committing crimes were identified; and the offenders arrested and charged with the offences and convicted at the Auckland Supreme Court—one being a case of safe-blowing.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

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

A site for a police-station was acquired at Runanga, additional land was purchased at Taradale, and additions were made to the police-station at Portobello.

Repairs, renovations, and improvements were effected at a number of stations, the principal being Mangonui, Rawene, Maungaturoto, Dargaville, Kaitaia, Kaikohe, Auckland Central, Papakura, Point Chevalier, Hamilton, Rotorua, Taupo, Manunui, Te Kuiti, Gisborne, Tokomaru Bay, Patutahi, Wanganui East, Wanganui (inspector's residence), Waverley, Bulls, Levin, Nuhaka, Waipawa, Wellington North, Taranaki Street (Wellington), Mount Cook (Wellington), Greytown, Wellington Central, Carterton, Collingwood, Pieton, Port Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield, Motueka, Blackball, Westport, Greymouth, Christchurch, Belfast, Lincoln, St. Albans, Woolston, Methven, Linwood, Lyttelton, Chatham Islands, Amberley, Timaru, Pleasant Point, Oamaru, Balclutha, Middlemarch, Waikouaiti, Dunedin Central, Mosgiel, Lawrence, Queenstown, Tapanni, Bluff, and Wyndham.

GENERAL.

Recruiting.—Although the financial stringency has continued to prevent the opening of the Police Training Depot since it was closed in July, 1930, it is hoped circumstances will permit of it being reopened early in 1935. The constables appointed since 1930 have received such training as could be given them at the stations to which they were appointed, but, in view of the increasing ratio of constables who have not had the benefit of depot training, it is becoming increasingly desirable that future recruits receive the very necessary grounding in their duties that can best be given in the Training Depot.

Conduct.—Again this year it is gratifying to be again able to report upon the continued good conduct of the members of the service, their devotion to duty, and the success attending their efforts. The Detective Branch has maintained its efficiency. The high percentage of detected offences mentioned last year has been maintained.

Social Conditions.—The gratifying reduction in social unrest commented upon last year has been continued. Conditions, happily, are becoming more normal.

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

W. G. WOHLMANN, Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS. INSPECTOR O'HARA, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

There has been a decrease of offences reported during the year—viz., 1,184, against 1,366 for the previous year, resulting in 1,089 prosecutions. There has been a decrease in thefts and mischief.

The only serious crime was the murder on the night of the 8th January, 1933, of a Maori farmer residing with his wife and family at Pukepoto, near Kaitaia. A Maori youth was arrested for the offence, but was acquitted at the Auckland Supreme Court.

The conduct of the members of the Force in this district has been good, only two constables being dealt with for breaches of the Police Regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT TILL, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I regret to have to report the deaths of three members of the Force during the year: Detective-Sergeant M. O'Sullivan, in the prime of life and usefulness in the Force; Constable W. McInness, on the eve of his retirement; and Constable J. Shields, a young man who was fatally injured in a motor accident at the level-crossing at Huntly Railway-station.

The chief increases in offences reported were burglary, obscene language, and negligent or reckless driving.

The chief decreases were: Thefts, house or shop breaking, drunkenness, vagrancy, unlawfully using motor-cars, and failing to maintain wives, &c.

The returns show a marked decrease in the number of cases reported -namely, 872.

Drunkenness is decidedly on the decrease, there being about half as many arrests during 1933

All classes of thefts show a decrease. On the other hand, burglary and thefts from dwellings show an increase.

Of 7.589 offences reported 765 were undetected.

Roughly speaking, 650 of these undetected offences were thefts, house-breaking, and burglary.

During the year there were six murders and two attempted murders reported.

On charges of murder, one accused was found guilty of manslaughter, one was found not guilty on account of insanity, and one was sentenced to death.

For attempted murder, one accused was acquitted, and one found guilty of assault causing bodily

In the case of the murder of a taxi-driver the offender has not been detected, nor can any clue be

got as to his identity.

The murder of a man and his wife at their farm at Ruawaro resulted in the arrest of a neighbouring farmer, who will be tried for these murders at the Supreme Court here. This case has aroused intense interest throughout the Dominion, and the inquiries in connection with it have thrown a tremendous amount of work on the police. [The accused has since been convicted on both charges and sentenced

Ten constables were dealt with on eleven charges of breaches of the Police Regulations. In most cases these breaches were not of a grave nature. Generally speaking, the conduct of the police has

been very good.

INSPECTOR FRASER, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

An increase of a plain-clothes constable is required in the Detective Office on account of the increase of work. During the last six months the two detectives were frequently away for days on end making inquiries in other parts of the district. Occasionally one has had to be brought back on account of something urgent occurring at Hamilton.

The amount of crime in this district warrants either another detective or plain-clothes constable

in the Detective Office.

The general conduct of members of the Force in this district for the past twelve months has been

good and their duties performed in a very satisfactory manner.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1933, shows the total number of offences

committed to be 2,403, compared with 2,078 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 325. Of all the offences reported 2,294 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 109 undetected

or 95.25 per cent. accounted for. Of all the cases dealt with 116 males were committed for trial or sentence and of those committed

104 were convicted.

No very serious crime was committed during the year.

INSPECTOR O'HALLORAN, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

The time has now arrived when the station at Motu should be closed and a station opened at Matawai (eight miles away). The hotel has now been removed from Motu to Matawai; and since the new road was opened through the Waioeka Gorge the main highway now branches off at Matawai to Opotiki, consequently Motu is now eight miles distant from the main Gisborne-Opotiki Road.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1933, showed a total of 904 offences reported, as compared with 1,250 in the previous year, a decrease of 346. Arrests or summonses resulted in 833 cases, leaving 71 undetected. Of the cases dealt with, 30 were committed for trial or

sentence, of which 28 were convicted.

The most noticeable decreases were in assaults; thefts (petty); thefts by clerks or servants; false pretences; forgery; mischief; cruelty to animals; unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.; being found in a common gaming-house; failing to pay maintenance moneys; and failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders Probation Act.

The district has been free from crime of a very serious nature during the year, with the exception of two murders. In each case the husband brutally murdered his wife and then committed suicide. Two desperate criminals who were in custody for robbery with violence and for several other offences committed all over the Dominion and when arrested were found to be armed, very cleverly broke out of the Gisborne Gae! while awaiting trial at the Supreme Court. After escaping they stole a motorcar from a garage near the gaot and made for the bush around Motu. After a search lasting several days they were recaptured in the Waioeka Bush, and the members of the Force concerned were commended for their intelligence and perseverance in apprehending these offenders.

The conduct of all members of the Force has been good during the year, and there were no

defaulters.

Inspector Fitzpatrick, Napier District.

The authorized strength of the Force in this district was increased by the transfer of an additional constable at Dannevirke, so that permanent night duty can be performed. This addition has filled a long-felt want at Dannevirke.

For the year ending 31st December last the total number of offences reported was 1,885, an increase on the previous year of 75. Of the 1,885 offences reported, 1,745 were accounted for by arrest or summons. The principal increases were: Indecently assaulting a male, assault, house and shop breaking, mischief, breach of the peace or behaviour with intent, cruelty to animals, breaches of prohibition order, found on licensed premises after hours, failing to pay maintenance-moneys, and breaches of Arms Act.

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The principal decreases were: False pretences, receiving property dishonestly obtained, drunkenness, unlawfully using horses or motor-cars, Sunday trading, selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons, and reckless or negligently driving motor-vehicles.

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The increase in offences relating to house and shop breaking, and mischief was due to a gang of juveniles having committed the offences in question. They were dealt with in the Children's Court.

The other increases do not call for comment.

With the exception of a constable being dismissed from the Force, and three other constables being convicted for breaches of the Police Regulations, the conduct of the members of the Force has been excellent, and a high standard of efficiency maintained.

INSPECTOR RAWLE, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

No new stations have been opened, but one, Tangarakau, has been closed, due to exodus of population on completion of the Auckland-Stratford Railway.

The offences return for the year ending December, 1933, show a total of all offences committed to be 1,158, compared with 1,147 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 11 offences. Of the number reported, 1,098 were accounted for by arrest or summons, equal to 94.82 per cent.

No crimes committed during the year deserve special comment.

Increases and decreases occurred under the following headings: Increases—house and shop breaking, uttering forged document, mischief, breaches of peace, intimidation, keeping common gaming-house, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act; decreases—forgery, drunkenness, obscene language, damage to Post and Telegraph equipment, unlawfully selling liquor, and dangerous or reckless driving.

The conduct of the police during the past twelve months has been good and the duties satisfactorily performed, with two exceptions. One constable, who was recommended for dismissal, resigned, and

the other was fined £2 and transferred to a city.

INSPECTOR WARD, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

I recommend that a third detective be stationed at Wanganui, the reason being that the district is a large scattered one and the services of the detectives are continually required in the country. The town is then left without a detective, and many thefts and other offences have to be inquired into by uniformed police with unsatisfactory results.

The offences return for the year ending the 31st December, 1933, shows a total number of all offences committed to be 1,376, compared with 1,191 for the previous year, being an increase of 185.

Of the number reported, 1,193 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were: Offences against morality, theft, mischief, selling or exposing liquor

for sale, and found on licensed premises.

The principal decreases were: Carnal knowledge, theft from dwellings, false pretences, house and shop breaking, forgery, unlawfully using horses or motor-cars, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles, and illegally dealing in liquor in proclaimed areas.

The increases shown in theft, robbery, and mischief are probably due to the lack of employment. The decreases shown are no doubt due to the temporary cessation (which occurs occasionally) of

particular crimes.

Two murders were committed during the year. In one, a husband murdered his wife, and, in the other, a man murdered a young woman with whom he was keeping company. In each case the murderer committed suicide. The motive for the murders was jealousy. Two offences of robbery under arms occurred in the city.

The conduct of the police during the year has been good. There were no defaulters.

INSPECTOR HARVEY, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

The Marton Junction Station was closed during the year and a second constable appointed to the Otaki Station

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1933, show that the total number of all offences reported was 1,478, compared with 1,520 for the previous year, a decrease of 42.

Of the offences reported, 1,389 were dealt with by arrest or summons. The principal increases were: Assault causing actual bodily harm, theft, receiving stolen property, false pretences, conspiring to defraud; and using profane, indecent, or obseene language.

The principal decreases were: Assault, house or shop breaking, mischief, and unlawfully on premises by night without criminal intent.

Λ young woman was murdered by a man with whom she was keeping company, and who immediately after the murder committed suicide.

On the 11th August, 1933, a youth entered the Union Bank of Australasia, Palmerston North, and pointed a loaded revolver at the teller. The latter discharged the bank revolver at the intruder, and the youth decamped, but was shortly afterwards arrested on a charge of "being armed with an offensive weapon, did attempt to rob." He was subsequently sentenced to four years in a Borstal institution. Two men were sentenced in the Supreme Court, Palmerston North, to five years' hard labour and

Two men were sentenced in the Supreme Court, Palmerston North, to five years' hard labour and three years' hard labour respectively, for assault with intent to rob a storekeeper, eighty-three years of age, at Himatangi on the 1st August, 1933.

These were the only cases of serious crime committed in this district during the year.

The general conduct of the members of the Force has been good, and their duties have been satisfactorily performed.

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Superintendent Emerson, Wellington District.

The authorized strength of the district has been increased by eleven due to the appointment of an additional constable at Kilbirnie and ten constables at Wellington.

For the year ended 31st December, 1933, the total number of offences reported was 5,598, a

decrease of 404.

The principal increases were: Indecently assaulting males, offences relating to coin, exposure of person and grossly indecent acts, Sunday trading, gaming offences, breaches of Arms Act, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were: Indecent assaults; common assault; theft (undescribed); house or shop breaking, &c.; mischief; breaches of the peace; drunkenness; using profane, indecent, or obscene language; vagrancy; assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables; inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness; being unlawfully on premises at night without intent; gaming with instruments; and failing to maintain wife or children.

The following serious crimes occurred: On the 9th March, 1933, a woman, who was on probation from the Mental Hospital, murdered her child by strangulation. The mother was returned to the

institution where she still is.

On the 30th June, 1933, a man murdered a woman living in the same house at Wellington. He was found guilty and sentenced to death, the death penalty being duly carried out. On the 16th August, 1933, the dead body of a new-born male child, enclosed with a brick in portion of a canvas bag neatly sewed with fine cord or fishing-line, was found on the beach near Happy Valley. A post mortem examination revealed that the child had been murdered, death being due to direct violence -fractured skull, &c.

On the 6th December, 1933, at Day's Bay, a child of tender years was raped by a man who at the Supreme Court, Wellington, was sentenced to seven years hard labour and ordered to be flogged once-

fifteen strokes of the cat-o'-nine-tails.

The conduct of the police has been good. A few were dealt with for breaches of regulations.

Inspector Lewin, Nelson District.

For the year ending 31st December, 1933, the total number of the offences reported was 833, compared with 857 for the previous twelve months, being a decrease of 24. Of all offences reported, 721 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 112 undetected.

There were increases in indecent assaults on males, false pretences, shop-breaking, drunkenness,

breaches of the licensing laws, Motor-vehicles Act, and Animals Protection Act.

The main decreases were in theft, mischief, and offences under the Destitute Persons Act.

With the exception of two cases of safe-blowing, there were no serious criminal offences during the year. In respect to the two cases of safe-blowing, sufficient evidence was obtained to establish a prima facie case against the offender, who has since been convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

The general conduct of the members of the Force in this district has been good, and their duties satisfactorily performed. Three members received records of merit for the very efficient discharge of

their duties.

A senior sergeant was dealt with for breaches of the regulations and reduced to the rank of sergeant.

Inspector Lopdell, Greymouth District.

In February last Dunollie Station was closed and Runanga Station opened. These townships are in the same locality, and the change was brought about to suit the convenience of the Department.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December last shows a total of 893 offences, against

1,098 the previous year.

There were slight fluctuations which are usual from year to year. The largest item is decrease

in licensing offences of 152, due to the scarcity of money and to increased police vigilance.

On the night of 21st May, 1933, an explosion of gelignite in the vicinity of residences at Capleston in the Reefton Sub-district did some damage and caused much alarm. Two men were arrested for attempting to intimidate by discharging explosives near the residence of a certain person. One was acquitted, but the other was convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

The conduct of the police in the district has been excellent, there being only one defaulter during

the year.

SUPERINTENDENT CUMMINGS, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The conduct of both branches of the Service has been exceptionally good during the year; only a few constables in the uniform branch had to be dealt with for minor breaches of the regulations.

Unfortunately there was a good deal of serious crime in the district during the year. While there has been a small reduction in the number of thefts reported, also shop and house breaking, there has been a slight increase in burglary and attempted house and shop breaking. There has been a reduction in the number of arrests for drunkenness, and an increase in the number of gaming offences. There has been a substantial decrease in maintenance cases under the l'estitute Persons Act and in the number of breaches of the Licensing Act.

I regret having to report upon a number of grave offences, some accompanied with violence and loss of life. In one case a married man murdered his wife and three children in his home at New Brighton by first rendering his wife unconscious, then turning on the gas of the gas-range and gassing her and the three children. He stood his trial for the murder of his wife and three children, and was acquitted on the grounds of insanity, and detained in a mental hospital. A charge of attempted H.—16.

murder was preferred against a married woman who cut her baby's throat with a razor and then attempted suicide while her husband was at work. Both mother and child recovered. She was acquitted at the Supreme Court on the grounds of insanity, and is being detained in a mental hospital. The licensee of the Racecourse Hotel, Riccarton, was murdered early on the morning of the 17th November, 1933, while asleep in his bed in a room upstairs off the front balcony. He was shot with a double-barrelled shot-gun, both barrels being discharged into his chest, death being instantaneous. So far, the offender has not been traced. An enormous amount of time has been put into this matter, and very exhaustive inquiries have been made throughout New Zealand, but. I regret to state, without a direct result. It is clear that robbery was not the motive; from the result of inquiries it is obvious that the offender had a deep personal grudge against the victim. There are two cases (still undetected) of shooting with intent to injure or kill. One was at Addington Railway-station, where a clerk on duty alone on a Sunday evening, answered a knock on the ticket-window facing the platform, and, on opening the window, was immediately confronted by a masked man, who shot him in the neck with a pea-rifle. He has completely recovered, but could give no description of the offender that was in any way helpful to the police in their efforts to trace the offender. Very exhaustive inquiries have been made into this case. The other was a case of shooting with a pea-rifle which occurred at Kirwee, a small country town in Canterbury. A youth was shot in the chest when he reached home late at night from a Bible-class meeting. It is alleged that he disturbed an armed robber at his father's home and that he closed with the intruder, who, after shooting him in the chest, made good his escape. Investigation is now being made into a case of a "hold-up" near Templeton, not far from Kirwee, where a country storekeeper was held up by wires being tied across the road. While the driver was getting into his lorry after clearing the wires from the roadway a pea-rifle shot was fired, missing him, but striking the lorry. Sufficient evidence is available to warrant a charge being preferred against the alleged offender, and from the surrounding facts and information gained from inquiries this man is very probably the offender in the two cases previously mentioned.

The detective staff has had a very strenuous year, and has done excellent work. Apart from the two shooting cases and the murder at Riccarton, practically no serious crime remains undetected. They have been most successful in their investigations, and great credit is due to them for their successful work. The uniform branch has co-operated splendidly with them and both branches have

worked together harmoniously.

Attached to the strength of this station are a large number of temporary constables, most of whom show great promise. I am very pleased at the way they are shaping, and their conduct has been excellent—this is no doubt due, in a measure, to the wise selection of applicants for the Force.

. Inspector Bird, Timaru District.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended the 31st December, 1933, was 733, as against 758 the previous year, being a decrease of 25. The principal increases were: Theft (undescribed), mischief, breaches of the Licensing Act, First Offenders' Probation Act, and Motorvehicles Act. Decreases: House or shop breaking, &c.; drunkenness, damaging telegraph equipment, breaches of Arms Act, and reckless or negligent driving.

There has been no serious crime during the year.

The conduct of the police during the year has been good, no members of the Force being dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT McIlveney, Dunedin District.

There were 2,319 offences reported during the year, compared with 2,111 in 1932. Arrests or summonses resulted in 2,107 cases. The principal increases in offences reported appear in respect of false statements and declarations, drunk and disorderly, found on licensed premises after hours, theft (undescribed), mischief, breaches of prohibition orders, offences against provisions in force in no-license districts, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles, dangerous or negligent driving, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were in false pretences, receiving property dishonestly obtained, breaches of the peace, inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness, Sunday trading, unlawful betting, and damage

to telegraph equipment.

On the 28th July, 1933, a man was convicted on charges of robbery under arms, attempted robbery, and breaking and entering (three charges), and received sentences covering a period of five years for reformative purposes.

The conduct of the police generally has been good, a few only having to be dealt with under the Police Regulations.

INSPECTOR GIBSON, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1933, shows a total of 1,040 offences reported. This is a decrease of 261 on the previous year's figures.

The principal increases were: Assault, house or shop breaking, breaches of Arms Act, and being intoxicated in charge of motor-cars.

The principal decreases were: Theft (simple), false pretences, mischief, drunkenness, failing to maintain, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

There was no serious crime reported during the year.

The conduct of members of the Force, with the exception of one temporary constable, who was dismissed from the Force, was good. Two constables were fined for minor breaches 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, 1932, and Year ended 31st December, 1933.

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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, 1932, and Year ended 31st December, 1933—continued.

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Assault with intent to rob Extortion by threats		5	5	4]		::		3		5	
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House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	116	68	35	25		9		1,		23			48
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enter Being disguised or in possession of house- breaking implements	13	3	3	1		2	• •	• •		1	••	• •	10
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Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	3	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	2		1	•••				•••	• • •	4
Placing explosive with intent to destroy buildings, ships, &c.	. 6	2	4	ک ا	••	••	• • •			-	•••		
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POLICE OFFENCES ACT. Breach of the peace or behaviour with	521	450	446			391	9	43	3		٠.		71
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Cruelty to animals	3,612	3,293	3,293			3,136	150	7		•••			319
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or	38	23	23			21		2		•••			15
loaded firearms Drunk and disorderly	219	183	183			175	5	3	{ • •			• •	36
Soliciting prostitution	11	4	4				4					16	7
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	180	196	175	5	•••	154	. 7	9				16	•••

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, 1932, and Year ended 31st December, 1933—continued.

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Police Offenors Act—continued. sing profane, indecent, or obscene lan-	465	527	523			456	39	27	1			62	ļ .
guage agrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incor-	639	448	447	3	••	297	91	47	9	2		1	19
rigible rogues) saulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	137	102	102		• •	93		8	1				:
ntimidation to restrict lawful acts nciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	$\frac{48}{143}$	58 4	56 4	::	::	$\frac{31}{1}$		$\frac{25}{3}$				10	i
Inlawfully using horses, motor-ears, &c.	652	465	386			$\frac{356}{103}$	7 8	23 3		• •			1
Inlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	174	114	114		• •				•••		• •		
GAMING ACT.	194	203	203			135	56	12		• •	••	9	
ommon gaming - house, keeping or managing, &c.	96	131	131	1		120	2	6	2	1		35	
ound in a common gaming-house	143 58	196 5	196 5			$\frac{188}{5}$		7	1			53	ľ
ublishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	2	2	2	• •	• •	1		1			• •		
otteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	25	25	25			20		5	• • •				
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Post and Telegraph Act. legally opening or delaying postal packets	15	5	5	1		3	1			1			
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njuring post-office pillars or boxes	25	3										::	
Damaging telegraph equipment osting indecent post-eards or letters	197	103	94 4			87 3	 	7		::		2	İ
'alse statement re posting postal packet	2	1	1	I					•••	I			
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT. 'ailing to maintain wife or children 'ailing for fourteen days to pay main-	1,611 2,999	1,433 2,553	$\begin{vmatrix} 1,396 \\ 2,498 \end{vmatrix}$		 ••	1,075 1,984	$\frac{22}{12}$	294 499	5 3				
tenance money Offences by husbands while separation	26	16	16		٠.	15		1					
orders are in force Offences prescribed in sections 52 and 58 of Destitute Persons Act		7	7			2		4	1			7	
Shipping and Seamen Act.	12	12	11			11							
bsent without leave	5	1	1			1							
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towing away	31	29	29			27		2		••	••	·	
LICENSING ACT. crmitting drunkenness or violent conduct	5	5	5			2		2	1	· · ·			
celling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons		8	8			5	•••	3					
Ceeping disorderly houses Permitting gaming, gambling, &c	$\frac{2}{3}$									• •			
Solling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	588	605	601			372	32	187	10		•••	17	
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	10	18	18			9	1	8				8	
Solling or supplying liquor to prohibited	24	16	16			11		5					-

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, 1932, and Year ended 31st December, 1933—continued.

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Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	2	3	3	• • •	••	3		1			•••	$\begin{vmatrix} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{vmatrix}$	
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar			1		••						•••		
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trance to Inspectors or constables Having or purchasing labels for bottling contrary to Act	4				• • •								
Using bottles with labels more than once	8	5	5 473			4 430	39	1 3	·:			18	
Breaches of prohibition orders Found on licensed premises after closing- hours	$\frac{457}{1,689}$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c }\hline & 475 \\ 1,679 \\ \hline \end{array}$	1,664			1,534	20	110					i
Refusing to quit licensed premises Selling or exposing liquor for sale with-	18 59	10 45	10 44			10 35	3	6			•		1
out a license Found on premises where liquor was	10	17	17			16		1				7	
seized under a warrant Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	38	70	70			58	3	9				32	
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts		1	1			1						1	• •
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	85	40	37			25		12					4
Supplying liquor to Natives in pro- claimed districts	39	15	15	• •		11		4					$\frac{1}{2}$
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurants after hours	9	10	10	! 		10					••	1	••
Miscellaneous. Absconding from industrial schools	57	19	19			18	1					ļ. 	3
Bankruptcy offences Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping,	$\frac{41}{2}$	16 5	16 5	13		3	3		1	11		3	2
&c. Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting,	6	8	8			7	1					2	
abandoning, or exposing Descriting or absenting from His	8	4	3			3							
Majesty's ships Drunk or behaving in a violent or offen-	19	14	14			14			٠.		• •	ļ	
sive manner, &c., on a railway, &c. Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders Pro-	 171	159	126			113	11	2			• •		1
bation Act Habitual criminals or offenders, breach	1	2	2			2						I	
of conditions of probationary license Indecent Publications Act, offences	11	5	5			5							•
under Opium-smoking, &c	129	72	72			61		11					5
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leave, &c. Arms Act, breaches of	390	501	462		٠.	444	2	14	2	• •		111	
Auctioneers Act, breaches of	2		• •		•••	•••		• • •	• •	• •	• • •	••	
MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT. Causing death or bodily injury through	38	24	24	19		1		4		7			1
reckless driving Being intoxicated in charge of a motor- vehicle	325	350	350	• •		323	2	24	1			25	
Reckless or negligent driving Other breaches of Act	$1,239 \ 3,954$	1,201 4,623	1,201 4,615			1,039 4,333	20 102	135 175	7 5			669	3
Totals	${35,368}$	33,302	30,133	1,428	39	24,982	1,175	2,394	115	1,250	18	1,446	3512
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APPENDIX B.

Return showing the Strength and Distribution of the New Zealand Police Force on the 31st March, 1934.

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

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APPENDIX C.

Return showing the Proportion of Police to Population and Cost of Police per Inhabitant in each of the Undermentioned Places.

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