

I am happy to be able to report most favourably of the general good conduct of the members of the Field force; offences, except some trifling breaches of discipline, being, I may say, unknown.

The casualties in this branch during the past year were 126, made up as follow: Transfer to Militia staff 1, recruits to police 24, resignations 32, reduction of force 53, expiration of service 2, discharges 8, dismissals 2, medical unfitness 1, and by deaths 3.

I have, &c.,  
H. E. READER,  
Commissioner.

The Hon. the Defence Minister.

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION, and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT, in each of the following places:—

| Place.              | Proportion of Police to Population. | Cost of Police per Inhabitant. | Remarks.   |
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| New Zealand ...     | 1 to 1,293                          | s. d.<br>3 0 $\frac{3}{4}$     | Calculated on the basis of population, 613,212 on the 31st March, 1885, as furnished by the Registrar-General, and the net expenditure for Police, £94,477. ( <i>Vide</i> Appropriation Account for year ended on same date.)<br><br>Compiled from latest available sources. |
| New South Wales     | 1 to 609                            | 6 7                            |  |
| Queensland ...      | 1 to 425                            | 11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$            |  |
| Victoria ...        | 1 to 774                            | 5 1 $\frac{1}{2}$              |  |
| South Australia ... | 1 to 745                            | 6 6                            |  |