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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRISONS BRANCH

(REPORT ON), FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1898;

ALSO

## REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF "THE FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT, 1886."

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1898.

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

The INSPECTOR of PRISONS to the Hon. the MINISTER of JUSTICE.

SIR,—

Department of Justice, Prisons Branch, 1st July, 1899.

I have the honour to present this my eighteenth annual report on the prisons of the colony, together with the thirteenth annual report on the working of "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886."

1. A reference to Table J shows the dates upon which I have inspected the various prisons of the colony, and I am again glad to be in a position to report that I have invariably found on these visits that, while the establishments are, in accordance with the regulations, kept scrupulously clean, a vast amount of attention has been paid to efficiency and economy, together with, as far as practicable, a classification of prisoners, to prevent those not well versed in crime being led away by their more adept comrades. At these periodical visits a point is made of giving interviews to all prisoners that ask it, as well as of thoroughly investigating all complaints and requests that are brought to my notice, whereby an opportunity is given to all prisoners to personally interview me at any of these inspections, and freely state, either privately or in the presence of the prison officials, any grievances they may suppose they are suffering under, and any statements or requests so made are fully inquired into and decided on their merits.

2. As usual, the supplies for the various prisons have been publicly tendered for, and no complaints have been made either by the prison authorities or the various contractors. The tenders, called for in the last month of each year, are addressed to and considered by the Visiting Justices, whose recommendations are invariably adopted. This system has now been in operation for some years, and the absence of complaints shows that a wise discretion is used by the Visiting Justices in these important matters.

3. Five escapes took place during the past year—viz., two at Auckland (Fort Cautley), one at Dunedin (Tairaroa Heads), one at Lyttelton, and one at Wellington. All the escapees were male prisoners, and were recaptured within a few hours, except the one from Wellington prison, who has so far not been rearrested. The Wellington escapee—a lad of eighteen years of age—was the only case of prison-breaking, and it was no doubt entirely due to the fact of the Warder, through carelessness, having left the prisoner's cell unlocked. For this the officer was fined a week's pay, and duly cautioned that a repetition of similar carelessness would lead to his dismissal. The other four escapes were from the parties when at work outside the prison walls. In every case the Visiting Justices held an inquiry.

4. A reference to Table A shows that the health of the prisoners has been good throughout the year, the daily average of sick being—males 4·65, females 0·83, a decrease of 1·27 in the males and 0·20 in the females as compared with the previous year.

5. Two deaths occurred in the gaols during the past year, both at Lyttelton, and male prisoners. In each case an inquest was held, and verdicts of death from natural causes were returned.

6. There were three death-sentences carried out during the year 1898—one at New Plymouth, one at Dunedin, and one at Wellington. In each case death was instantaneous, and the usual inquests followed.

7. From Table A it will be seen that at the commencement of the year 603 males and 71 females were undergoing detention in the various prisons of the colony, while at its close there were 530 males and 65 females, giving a decrease of 73 males and 6 females. During the year

1898, 3,505 males and 631 females passed through the different prisons, as against 3,518 males and 648 females during the previous year, a decrease of 13 males and 17 females—a total decrease of 30 prisoners. This decrease, though small, is satisfactory when it is remembered that there is a steadily increasing population.

8. During the past year the daily average number of prisoners in the gaols has been 563·55 males and 54·41 females, an increase on the previous year in the daily average of 45·30 males and 5·19 females. This increase is accounted for by the detention of a considerable number of Maori prisoners in the gaols for a considerable part of the year.

9. According to the figures supplied by the Registrar-General, the population of the colony at the end of the year was 413,797 males and 369,520 females, a total of 783,317 persons; while the total number of prisoners at the same date was 530 males and 65 females: total, 595 persons. The average percentage of prisoners according to population was therefore 0·0759, as against 0·0876 in the previous year.

10. During the past year 45 male misdemeanants, in default of bail, and 40 males and 17 females, supposed lunatics, were detained in the various prisons of the colony, a decrease of 1 in the former, and in the latter a decrease of 13 males and 2 females. This decrease is of considerable importance, but the system of sending mentally afflicted persons to such places as prisons is much to be deprecated, even though their detention may be of only a few days' duration. A reference to "The Lunatics Act, 1882," sections 67 and 68, clearly shows that the intention of the Legislature when passing that Act was that it should be imperative on hospitals to have wards for the temporary reception of lunatics, and so prevent the present pernicious practice of sending supposed lunatics and persons suffering from *delirium tremens* to gaols for medical treatment. If the Hospital Boards continue to be indifferent in these matters, and such cases are to be treated as crimes and not diseases, and in prisons instead of establishments specially set apart for the treatment of their malady, not only may we look in vain for cures, but before long some grave scandal will probably occur.

11. At the end of the past year there were 91 males and 3 females undergoing sentences of penal servitude, a decrease of 10 on the previous year.

12. During the past year 389 males and 51 females were acquitted or discharged after remand, as against 392 males and 42 females in the previous year, a decrease of 3 males and an increase of 9 females.

13. By a reference to Table B it will be seen that the prisoners were maintained last year at a gross cost per head of £45 1s. 7d., as against £49 4s. 8d., and at a net cost of £27 18s. 10d. per head, as against £33 9s. 8d., in 1897. The gross costs are made up as follows: Staff supervision, £28 14s. 5d., as against £32 8s.; maintenance, £12 15s. 11d., as against £13 4s. 11d.; and incidentals, £3 11s. 3d., as against £3 10s. 11d. Of these incidentals a sum of £333 6s. 9d. is recouped to the Government, viz.: Railway Department, £250 4s. 6d., and Post and Telegraph Department, £83 2s. 3d.

14. It has been pointed out in previous reports that, with the utmost economy, the net cost of keeping prisoners must depend mostly upon the daily average number of prisoners detained in each separate establishment, and the reduction in cost during the past year amply proves the reliability of this argument. As before shown, last year there was an increase in the daily average of prisoners of 50·49, and consequently there is a decrease in the cost of maintaining them. When it is considered that at all times there are detained in the prisons many who contribute nothing towards their keep, being exempt from labour, such as awaiting trial, sick, misdemeanants, remands, supposed lunatics, and those sent to gaols for medical treatment, who required extra medical comforts, it is thought that it will be generally admitted that a net cost of £45 1s. 7d. per head is not excessive when the ruling prices of food and clothing in the colony are taken into consideration.

15. As regards the education of prisoners, a reference to Table C shows that, out of a total of 2,902 males and 560 females received during the year, 2,626 males and 474 females were able to read and write, 67 males and 27 females could read only, whilst 209 males and 59 females could neither read nor write.

16. The receipts and credits for prison labour, road-metal, bricks, drainpipes, &c., amounted last year to £10,405 9s. 9d.

17. It is interesting to notice from Table F that a comparison of the previously convicted prisoners sentenced during the past year with those sentenced five years ago—viz., in 1893—shows in those once convicted a decrease of 31 males, and an increase of 2 females; in those twice convicted, decreases of 6 males and 13 females; and in those thrice or oftener convicted, decreases of 9 males and 19 females. These decreases are considered satisfactory from every point of view, as indicating that the prison system at present in operation in the colony is at least deterrent, which should be the primary object sought for. In order, however, to carry out properly a deterrent system, it is absolutely necessary that every prisoner (except, perhaps, in special medical cases) should be provided with a separate cell, but this is not yet practicable in some of the prisons. What is required in dealing with criminals is work for his hands and occupation for his mind, and entire separation when not at work, and so prevent his concocting mischief and crime. The only system which has the least chance of effecting reformation must include separate treatment throughout the various classes and grades. To the vagrant, who lives on settlers or pilfers from house to house, and never does any honest work, the gaol, as long as he has companionship, is his home—he is better fed and housed than when free—or the larrikin, who has no character to lose, is idle, and strong enough to laugh at the prison hard labour; but separate either, and keep them by themselves, and very soon the vagrant's indifference and the larrikin's cheek will disappear, and neither of them are likely to be found inside a prison again if they can possibly help it.

18. It is satisfactory to be able to report, as shown by Table D, that there have been no children under ten years of age confined in the prisons during the past year, while there was one such infant imprisoned in 1897. In those aged from ten to fifteen years there were 38, as against 25 in 1897, and in those aged from fifteen to twenty years there were 225, as against 241 in the previous year, a total decrease of 4 in those under twenty years of age.

19. In dealing with these youthful offenders a uniform system of discipline and punishment is adopted in all the prisons. They are kept entirely separate, and so freed from the contaminating influence and association of the more hardened criminal, and have the opportunity afforded them of pursuing a study that would ennoble their minds, and perhaps even fit them for a more useful sphere of life on their return to the outer world; but to properly carry this into effect more accommodation is required in the larger prisons.

20. A reference to Table K shows that there was an increase of 54 prison punishments—viz., 247, as against 193 in 1897. Of these, 235 were minor punishments inflicted by Visiting Justices, while 12 were more serious or aggravated prison offences, and, after first being investigated by Visiting Justices, were reheard in open Court. This system of taking the more serious offences to open Court continues to give general satisfaction.

21. During the past year the prisoners at the three centres and Lyttelton have been principally employed on work in connection with the fortifications; good progress has been made, and the Harbour Defence Department appear well satisfied with the work done for them by this department. The work of building the new prison at Mount Eden, Auckland, continues, and it is hoped that in the course of another year another wing will be ready for occupation. The grounds around Government House, and those around the Supreme and Stipendiary Magistrates' Courts, in Auckland, are kept up by prison labour. At New Plymouth the cutting down the hills at the back of the gaol was continued, and a boundary-wall is now being built. At Napier the prisoners have been employed in quarrying and cutting stone for building a new boundary-fence. In Wellington good work has been done in making bricks, drainpipes, and tiles for the various Government buildings, and in keeping the road leading to the defence-works in good order. At Lyttelton the Sticking Point reclamation-work continues, and a considerable amount of work has been done for the Stock Department at Quail Island. At Hokitika the prisoners have been employed in keeping the rifle-range in repair, cutting firewood on the gaol reserve, and keeping the hospital roads and grounds in order. At Wanganui the rifle-range has been kept in order by the prisoners, and work has been done in the gardens. At Dunedin work at the fortifications has employed the majority of the prisoners, while some few have been worked in putting up workshops and punishment-cells in the new prison; while in Invercargill they have, as usual, worked for the Corporation, who pay a fair rate of wages for their services, and appear quite satisfied with the arrangement.

22. As regards new prisons, the locality that requires most attention is Wellington; the Terrace Prison is out of date, and, as pointed out in previous reports, is fast becoming unserviceable, and some years ago it was decided to move the prison from the present locality to Mount Cook, which had been selected as a prison reserve some time in the forties. A building was in due course erected, and is now fit for occupation, and, in fact, was occupied by Maori prisoners last year. A movement is now being made to obtain that building and site for educational purposes, without perhaps giving a fair amount of consideration to the question of properly housing and classifying the prisoners in Wellington. It is admitted by all well versed in the matter that the only system which has the least chance of making imprisonment deterrent must include separate treatment not only of first offenders, but throughout the various grades. The classification of prisoners should not be confined to merely keeping first-sentenced prisoners from contact with hardened criminals, but extended to all classes with the greatest care and judgment. There can be no proper classification in the buildings now occupied by the Terrace prisoners, and some final decision should be arrived at as to where the Wellington prison is to be. A gaoler's residence is much required at Dunedin, and one should also be commenced as soon as possible at Mount Eden, Auckland.

23. The number of offences committed by prison officers last year was four, as against eight in 1897. With the exception of leaving a cell-door unlocked, before alluded to, there is every reason to be satisfied with the conduct and ability of the prison officers generally.

24. It was pointed out last year that the system then in force for the classification of prison officers in regard to rank and pay was not working satisfactorily, and it was suggested that a scheme for putting all the subordinate prison officers on a scale of pay regulated by length of service instead of by the class of prison they may chance to be posted to was ready for your consideration. That new system was in due course adopted and came into operation on the 1st January last, is giving satisfaction, and has added to the efficiency of the service. Under the new system a person on first entering the service is placed on probation for six months, and therefore is not permanently appointed until he has shown his fitness and qualification for the position. Another important feature in the new scheme is that every officer, in due course, without having recourse to improper influences, provided he shows ability and his conduct is satisfactory, will get periodical advancement in pay regardless of the class of prison he may happen to be serving in.

25. It is said by many, who perhaps have not sufficiently studied the matter, that a criminal class is being created in the gaols by their treatment while undergoing sentences, and that in many cases they leave prison worse characters than when they entered it; but the fallacy of this cry, which has been going on for years, is shown annually by a decreasing criminal class, notwithstanding an increasing population. Insufficient consideration seems to be given to the fact that the main object of imprisonment is to punish, and is the method society adopts to avenge itself against those who have broken its laws, and therefore the aim of those in charge of prisoners should be to make imprisonment deterrent, and that gaols should be houses of correction: *i.e.*, punishment.

As regards reformation, what seems most required in that direction is some society or organization that will not only look after first offenders but assist by finding employment for, and advise prisoners on their being discharged from gaols on completion of their sentences, as is done in Otago by the Dunedin Patients and Prisoners' Aid Society. If this department is successful in making imprisonment deterrent, then it behoves others to undertake the work of reformation.

26. The proposed revision and amendment of the prison regulations referred to in last year's report has not yet, owing to several causes, been completed; but the matter has not been lost sight of, and at an early date it is hoped a scheme will be submitted for your favourable consideration modifying the present scale of remissions of sentences, as well as giving greater facilities to well-conducted prisoners to communicate with their friends by both letters and visits.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

A reference to Table L shows that ninety-one persons were placed on probation last year, as against the same number in 1897. Of these thirty-one were discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses, three were rearrested, one was transferred to a lunatic asylum, and fifty-six still remain under the supervision of the Probation Officers completing their respective terms of probation.

The amount of costs ordered to be paid by the various Courts before whom these offenders were brought was £406 3s. 4d., of which £170 10s. 4d. has been actually paid, the greater portion of the remainder being paid by instalments as it becomes due. The approximate cost of keeping these offenders, had they been sent to prison, would have been £3,287, which sum, added to the amount of costs, &c., actually paid, gives a saving of £3,457 10s. 4d. to the colony.

Of the 1,005 persons who have been put on probation since the introduction of the Act in October, 1886, 830 have been discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses; sixty-one have been rearrested and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment; one committed suicide; two have died; twenty-three have absconded; one was sent to a lunatic asylum; and eighty-seven still remain fulfilling the terms of their probation.

The above-quoted results prove beyond doubt that the First Offenders' Probation Act, which was placed on the statute-book of the colony to put first offenders under a term of surveillance that is calculated to give them an extra incentive to good behaviour, and to check predilections that might end in a career of crime, is satisfactorily attaining that end. A probationer has ever before his mind the inevitable consequence which will ensue should he deviate from strictest rectitude of conduct during his probation, while he is not in a position to be contaminated by the evil associations which are almost inseparable from a prison life. The State is relieved of the expense of his support, and there is much more inducement to return to the paths of honesty and industry than there would be were he under bars and bolts inside the walls of a felons' cell; and, lastly, he is not branded as a "gaol-bird."

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A. HUME,

Inspector of Prisons.

**Table A.**  
**NUMBER OF PRISONERS in the Colony, and their Disposal, for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.**

State of the Prisons.	Auckland.		Dunedin.		Hokitika.		Invercargill.		Lyttelton.		Napier.		New Plymouth.		Wanganui.		Wellington.		Minor Gaols.		Totals.		Grand Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
<b>IN PRISON 1ST JANUARY.</b>																							
Debtors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lunatics	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
For trial, on remand, or <i>in transitu</i>	9	1	6	..	..	..	3	1	7	3	6	..	3	..	3	..	4	..	6	..	47	5	
Sentenced to—																							
Penal servitude	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	37	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	48	2	11	..	102	2	
One year's hard labour and upwards	82	2	24	2	1	..	7	..	12	..	5	2	7	..	..	22	2	2	1	..	165	8	
Three months' hard labour and upwards	31	8	10	2	..	..	1	..	23	4	11	2	4	..	8	..	19	4	..	..	107	20	
Under three months' hard labour	21	5	5	2	2	2	..	..	10	6	2	4	16	..	3	2	88	10	6	..	153	31	
Simple imprisonment	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	9	2	9	..	3	1	..	..	29	5	
Total	145	18	49	6	3	2	11	1	92	19	28	8	40	2	27	2	184	19	24	..	603	71	
<b>RECEIVED.</b>																							
Debtors	6	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	8	..	5	..	11	..	45	..	
Lunatics	..	..	4	1	..	..	8	2	..	..	4	1	6	4	1	..	..	..	17	9	40	17	
For trial, on remand, or <i>in transitu</i>	114	18	58	8	10	..	19	2	67	8	58	2	28	..	36	6	84	12	199	8	673	64	
Sentenced to—																							
Death	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	
Penal servitude	49	2	7	3	..	..	3	..	20	..	4	..	7	..	4	..	31	1	..	..	15	1	
One year's hard labour and upwards	80	12	45	9	5	4	19	7	82	21	23	5	13	1	16	6	53	19	13	..	126	5	
Three months' hard labour and upwards	348	99	141	59	28	2	61	7	303	106	83	7	34	1	78	7	281	77	197	19	349	84	
Under three months' hard labour	23	1	2	..	5	..	4	1	4	..	3	..	3	1	2	..	10	1	46	1	1,549	384	
Simple imprisonment	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	5	
Total	620	132	261	80	43	6	116	19	481	135	181	15	96	7	145	19	475	110	484	37	2,902	560	
Total for year	765	150	310	86	46	8	127	20	573	148	209	23	136	9	172	21	659	129	508	37	3,505	631	
<b>DISCHARGED.</b>																							
Debtors	6	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	6	..	4	..	8	..	5	..	11	..	45	..	
Lunatics transferred to asylums	4	1	2	1	..	..	4	1	..	..	4	1	5	4	1	..	..	..	14	7	35	16	
Acquitted after remand	71	14	36	7	3	..	18	3	54	11	43	2	21	..	1	..	73	12	71	2	389	51	
On remission of sentence	78	7	21	2	1	..	11	..	41	3	15	4	27	2	12	..	180	4	1	..	337	23	
On expiration of sentence	427	107	164	62	38	5	69	14	362	120	100	14	44	3	104	12	398	101	243	20	1,874	458	
On bail or probation	18	2	22	..	..	..	4	1	2	..	3	..	17	..	9	1	7	..	18	1	76	5	
Transferred to other prisons or police	8	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	12	..	7	..	..	..	22	4	1	..	136	7	213	13	
Absconded and not retaken	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	
Died	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	
Executed	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	
Total	612	132	252	73	38	5	108	19	474	135	178	21	119	9	156	18	544	117	494	37	2,975	566	
In prison at end of year	153	18	58	13	8	3	19	1	99	13	31	2	17	..	16	3	115	12	14	..	530	65	
Total for year	765	150	310	86	46	8	127	20	573	148	209	23	136	9	172	21	659	129	508	37	3,505	631	
Greatest number of both sexes at one time	189	..	73	..	13	..	27	..	132	..	42	..	48	..	31	..	211	..	..	..	..	..	
Least number of both sexes at one time	148	..	40	..	3	..	12	..	88	..	22	..	12	..	11	..	130	..	..	..	..	..	
Daily average	150.56	19.68	47.93	5.85	6.51	0.88	19.30	2.10	101.26	9.60	28.60	3.70	27.19	1.23	17.75	2.15	154.99	14.01	9.46	1.21	563.55	54.41	
Prisoners ill forty-eight hours or more	38	14	17	13	4	3	3	..	71	15	8	..	26	2	14	3	34	8	6	1	221	59	
Prisoners admitted to hospital	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	7	1	
Daily average on sick-list	2.20	0.23	..	..	..	..	0.56	..	1.21	0.40	0.01	..	0.07	..	0.03	..	0.57	0.20	..	..	4.65	0.88	

**Table B.**  
**EXPENDITURE under the different Heads of Service for the Year ending 31st December, 1898.**

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Total.
Daily average number of prisoners	150-56 13-68	47-93 5-85	6-51 0-88	19-30 2-10	101-26 9-60	28-60 3-70	27-19 1-23	17-75 2-15	154-99 14-01	554-09 53-20
Total	164-24	53-78	7-39	21-40	110-86	32-30	28-42	19-90	169-00	607-29
<b>HEADS OF SERVICE.</b>										
<b>Staff:</b>										
Salaries and allowances	£ s. d. 3,993 16 11	£ s. d. 2,304 17 11	£ s. d. 544 8 11	£ s. d. 638 11 8	£ s. d. 3,078 17 7	£ s. d. 948 18 0	£ s. d. 938 6 8	£ s. d. 630 0 9	£ s. d. 3,873 9 10	£ s. d. 16,891 1 3
Uniforms	160 3 1	64 0 2	8 1 8	11 17 10	103 17 6	31 19 10	31 11 4	24 10 8	115 5 8	551 7 9
Total	4,094 0 0	2,368 18 1	552 10 7	650 9 6	3,182 15 1	980 17 10	969 18 0	654 11 5	3,988 8 6	17,442 9 0
Cost per prisoner	24 18 7	44 0 11	74 15 3	30 7 11	28 14 2	30 7 4	34 2 6	32 17 10	23 12 0	28 14 5
<b>Maintenance:</b>										
Rations	1,166 19 2	470 2 8	103 6 5	149 2 10	682 10 3	234 7 9	256 2 9	188 14 8	1,155 9 2	4,406 15 8
Fuel and light	184 1 3	83 17 0	42 4 6	48 7 3	274 11 6	50 17 1	49 9 3	96 12 5	309 14 10	1,139 15 1
Bedding, clothing, &c.	297 2 7	147 7 2	..	66 14 2	343 15 8	81 19 8	38 17 7	81 1 7	357 0 11	1,413 19 4
Medicines and medical comforts	137 6 3	33 15 2	5 9 6	0 13 9	31 10 6	25 13 8	20 14 2	23 0 7	164 7 10	442 11 5
Furniture	54 15 0	53 1 3	..	16 8 0	..	2 13 6	32 7 1	11 2 2	3 0 0	173 7 0
Soap and cleaning materials	43 15 10	18 18 3	1 0 6	2 2 0	50 0 9	8 11 2	7 11 2	7 4 6	54 14 5	193 18 7
Total	1,884 0 1	807 1 6	152 0 11	283 8 0	1,382 8 8	404 2 10	405 2 0	407 15 11	2,044 7 2	7,770 7 1
Cost per prisoner	11 9 6	15 0 2	20 11 5	13 4 10	12 9 5	12 10 3	14 5 1	20 9 10	12 1 11	12 15 11
<b>Incidental:</b>										
Rates, rent, &c.	108 15 0	..	16 17 3	7 0 0	39 0 0	7 10 0	10 0 0	..	79 8 8	251 13 8
Conveyance of officers and prisoners	119 12 8	54 9 0	..	1 16 2	141 14 0	7 4 0	8 10 0	36 13 5	117 5 11	504 2 5
Tools, materials for prison labour, &c.	119 2 11	8 13 3	..	..	72 17 1	42 0 8	1 17 9	46 4 10	145 5 4	436 1 10
Gratuities to prisoners on discharge, &c.	235 2 11	105 7 1	46 8 8	38 3 11	59 12 0	70 12 9	69 18 1	38 4 3	309 4 7	972 14 3
Total	582 13 6	168 9 4	63 5 11	47 0 1	313 3 1	127 7 5	90 5 10	121 2 6	651 4 6	2,164 12 2
Cost per prisoner	3 10 10	3 2 7	8 11 3	2 3 11	2 16 5	3 18 10	3 3 6	6 1 9	3 17 1	3 11 3
Gross total cost	6,560 13 7	3,344 8 11	767 17 5	980 17 7	4,878 6 10	1,512 8 1	1,465 5 10	1,183 9 10	6,684 0 2	27,877 8 3
Gross cost per prisoner per annum	39 18 11	62 3 8	103 18 0	45 16 8	44 0 0	46 16 5	51 11 1	59 9 5	39 11 0	45 1 7
<b>Deduct:</b>										
Cash received for maintenance	598 19 8	17 11 4	..	7 2 0	464 9 0	4 16 0	1 3 4	1 14 8	23 4 2	1,119 0 2
Work for other departments, &c.	2,456 9 3	947 10 2	100 14 0	392 10 0	2,060 6 6	53 9 0	42 1 2	..	3,233 9 3	9,286 9 9
Total	3,055 8 11	965 1 6	100 14 0	399 12 0	2,524 15 6	58 5 0	43 4 6	1 14 8	3,256 13 10	10,405 9 11
Net total cost	3,505 4 8	2,379 7 5	667 3 5	581 5 7	2,353 11 4	1,454 3 1	1,422 1 4	1,181 15 2	3,427 6 4	16,971 18 4
Net cost per prisoner per annum	21 6 10	44 3 9	90 5 7	27 3 3	21 4 7	45 0 5	50 0 1	59 7 8	20 5 7	27 18 10

**Table C.**  
EDUCATION of PRISONERS received during the Year 1898.

Prisons.	Superior Education.		Read and write.		Read only.		Unable to read.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland .. .. .	12	..	542	117	7	8	59	7	620	132
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	232	76	5	1	24	3	261	80
Hokitika .. .. .	1	..	38	6	1	..	3	..	43	6
Invercargill .. .. .	2	..	103	10	1	2	10	7	116	19
Lyttelton .. .. .	4	..	427	96	14	6	36	33	481	135
Napier .. .. .	15	..	145	12	10	2	11	1	181	15
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	68	5	8	2	20	..	96	7
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	125	18	10	..	10	1	145	19
Wellington .. .. .	4	..	454	101	2	5	15	4	475	110
Minor gaols .. .. .	7	1	447	32	9	1	21	3	484	37
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>560</b>

**Table D.**

AGES of PRISONERS received during the Year 1898, and CAUSES of their DETENTION.

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lyttelton.	Napier.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Minor Gaols.	Total.
<b>Under 10 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Misdemeanour .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minor offences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>10 to 15 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	1	4	..	2	1	1	1	2	1	8	21
Misdemeanour .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4
Minor offences .. .. .	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	6	13
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>15 to 20 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	51	12	3	7	16	4	5	2	16	24	140
Misdemeanour .. .. .	1	..	1	3	2	..	2	1	4	7	21
Minor offences .. .. .	23	4	..	..	9	..	1	5	6	12	60
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
<b>20 to 25 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	40	28	1	6	38	8	8	5	36	25	195
Misdemeanour .. .. .	10	..	1	5	5	3	6	3	15	9	57
Minor offences .. .. .	64	27	3	3	50	8	1	9	27	28	230
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	2	5	2	1	4	16
<b>25 to 30 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	41	26	..	4	29	6	8	7	32	20	173
Misdemeanour .. .. .	11	1	1	11	5	7	7	4	25	9	81
Minor offences .. .. .	64	18	6	7	42	7	1	14	30	20	209
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	7
<b>30 to 40 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	40	22	3	5	36	14	6	9	47	31	213
Misdemeanour .. .. .	19	3	..	12	15	9	1	5	35	14	113
Minor offences .. .. .	106	52	4	11	96	29	5	23	115	70	511
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	2	..	..	3	..	2	2	1	3	7	20
<b>40 to 50 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	33	16	1	4	21	8	2	4	28	14	131
Misdemeanour .. .. .	10	6	..	6	14	6	..	6	28	9	85
Minor offences .. .. .	87	50	9	18	101	31	12	26	74	72	480
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	1	3	..	3	..	2	4	5	2	14	34
<b>50 to 60 years :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	14	9	..	2	21	6	8	10	7	10	87
Misdemeanour .. .. .	6	..	..	2	7	6	..	3	9	6	39
Minor offences .. .. .	69	35	4	8	60	18	8	9	23	45	279
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	2	2	..	1	..	4	1	1	..	5	16
<b>60 years and upwards :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	18	2	2	1	10	1	2	..	5	9	50
Misdemeanour .. .. .	2	..	..	5	3	1	1	..	7	4	23
Minor offences .. .. .	34	17	10	1	35	10	4	7	4	31	153
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	7
<b>Summary :</b>											
Felony .. .. .	238	119	10	31	172	48	40	39	172	141	1,010
Misdemeanour .. .. .	59	10	3	44	51	32	17	22	126	59	423
Minor offences .. .. .	449	204	36	48	393	105	32	94	280	284	1,925
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	6	8	..	12	..	11	14	9	7	37	104
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>3,462</b>

**Table E.**

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS received during the Year 1898.

Prisons.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland .. .. .	69	12	43	3	241	85	353	100
Dunedin .. .. .	21	4	17	2	93	57	131	63
Hokitika .. .. .	5	..	8	2	8	4	21	6
Invercargill .. .. .	12	1	5	2	9	4	26	7
Lyttelton .. .. .	70	7	36	8	137	106	243	121
Napier .. .. .	18	1	7	1	67	9	92	11
New Plymouth .. .. .	4	..	2	..	25	1	31	1
Wanganui .. .. .	11	4	11	..	41	9	63	13
Wellington .. .. .	69	9	34	5	112	77	215	91
Minor gaols .. .. .	65	3	44	1	75	13	184	17
Total .. .. .	344	41	207	24	808	365	1,359	430

**Table F.**

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS for Five Years, 1894–98.

Year.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1894 .. .. .	375	39	213	37	817	384	1,405	460
1895 .. .. .	317	47	199	27	742	405	1,258	479
1896 .. .. .	359	40	191	24	729	424	1,279	438
1897 .. .. .	293	38	142	24	719	416	1,154	478
1898 .. .. .	344	41	207	24	808	365	1,359	430

**Table G.**

NUMBER of CONVICTS (Prisoners sentenced to Penal Servitude) in the different Prisons.

Prisons.	31st December, 1897.		31st December, 1898.		Increase.	Decrease.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	2	2	..	..
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	2	1	..	1
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	..	3	3	..
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	..	37	32	..	5
Napier .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..
Nelson .. .. .	..	..	11	..	..	11
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	50	54	4	..
Total .. .. .	..	..	104	94	7	17
Net decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	10

**Table H.**

CRIMES of PRISONERS sentenced to HARD LABOUR for Twelve Months and upwards during the Year 1898.

Assault causing bodily harm .. .. .	4	Larceny from the person .. .. .	4
Arson .. .. .	3	"    from a dwelling .. .. .	10
Bestiality .. .. .	1	Malicious damage .. .. .	3
Bigamy .. .. .	1	Manslaughter .. .. .	1
Burglary .. .. .	4	Obtaining goods by false pretences .. .. .	3
Carnally knowing, &c. .. .. .	1	Rape .. .. .	3
Conspiring to defraud .. .. .	7	"    attempted .. .. .	2
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	30	Robbery .. .. .	3
Horse- and cattle-stealing .. .. .	5	"    with violence .. .. .	6
Housebreaking, and possessing implements for .. .. .	20	Sheep-stealing .. .. .	1
Indecent assault .. .. .	5	Vagrancy .. .. .	7
Indecent exposure .. .. .	1	Wounding .. .. .	3
Larceny .. .. .	28		
"    accessory to .. .. .	2	Total .. .. .	158



Table I.

VISITS of the VISITING JUSTICES to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1898.

Prisons and Visiting Justices.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
<b>Auckland:</b>													
C. La Roche .. .. .	4	6	6	5	9	6	6	6	5	5	7	9	74
Hon. T. Thompson, M.H.R. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
M. Niccol .. .. .	..	2	2	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	3	3	16
Hon. W. McCullough, M.L.C. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
T. H. White .. .. .	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	53
J. H. Hannan .. .. .	3	1	4	2	2	3	2	4	3	5	2	3	34
A. C. Clements .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
<b>Dunedin:</b>													
E. H. Carew, S.M. . . . .	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4
E. B. Cargill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
Dr. Hislop .. .. .	4	4	3	3	5	4	1	5	2	2	3	4	40
Hugh Gourlay .. .. .	6	8	8	12	8	6	3	4	5	5	7	5	77
W. Thomson .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	8
A. G. Christopher .. .. .	15	12	16	15	14	9	8	8	7	5	4	10	123
R. Chisholm .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
<b>Hokitika:</b>													
Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C. . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
J. Bevan .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
<b>Invercargill:</b>													
J. W. Poynton, S.M. . . . .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
R. F. Cuthbertson .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Hon. H. Feldwick, M.L.C. . . . .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5
T. Perkins .. .. .	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
<b>Lyttelton:</b>													
R. Westerra .. .. .	2	3	3	4	2	3	..	..	3	5	1	..	26
J. Hamilton .. .. .	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	2	6	45
W. W. Collins .. .. .	4	3	4	4	..	..	..	3	3	3	4	2	30
R. Beetham, S.M. . . . .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<b>Napier:</b>													
J. S. Large .. .. .	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	28
E. Lyndon .. .. .	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	9
<b>New Plymouth:</b>													
R. Parris .. .. .	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
D. Berry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
H. Weston .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	4
<b>Wanganui:</b>													
E. N. Liffiton .. .. .	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	10
F. A. Krull .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
G. Carson, M.H.R. . . . .	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
A. J. Parsons .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2
<b>Wellington:</b>													
J. R. Blair .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	5
J. C. Martin .. .. .	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	10
C. E. W. Willeston .. .. .	2	1	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2	4	15
E. Arnold .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	3	10

Table J.

VISITS of the INSPECTOR of PRISONS to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1898.

Prisons.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	9, 11, 12, 17, 19	..	..	..	..	..	3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16
Dunedin .. .. .	6, 9, 10, 11, 12	..	16, 19, 21, 24	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill .. .. .	7, 8	..	29, 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. .. .	5, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20	..	15	18, 24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Napier .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26, 30, 31	3	..	..	..	..	22, 24	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	5, 6	18	2
Wanganui .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	23, 24	..	..	..	4, 7	19	..
Wellington .. .. .	..	11	6	15	..	30	17, 26	1, 6	..	24	30	29

**Table K.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1898.**  
**AUCKLAND PRISON.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
A. B.	Receiving bread from a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler .. ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. W.	Passing rations to another prisoner	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
B. T. T.	Disrespect to Gaol Surgeon and disobedience of lawful orders	" .. ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	To forfeit 4 days' marks.
W. S.	Destroying prison property	Warder O'Donohue ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 8 days' marks.
B. T. T.	Making a wound on his forearm	Asst. Warder Foreman	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	30 days' close confinement.
A. R.	Insulting language to her officer	The Asst. Matron ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. M.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 24 marks.
J. W.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Wrdr. McMurray	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. S.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" .. ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	"
W. B.	Insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Harron	T. H. White, V.J., and C. La Roche, V.J.	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 42 marks.
W. K.	Escaping from legal custody	The Gaoler .. ..	T. Hutchison, S.M. ..	2 months' hard labour, in addition to his original sentence.
G. W.	Idleness .. ..	Asst. Warder Cook ..	T. H. White, V.J., and C. La Roche, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
R. H.	" .. ..	" .. ..	Ditto .. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. M.	Shamming illness .. ..	The Gaoler .. ..	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	7 days bread and water, and 7 days' close confinement.
H. W.	Refusing to work .. ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Wrdr. McMurray	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. B.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	" .. ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. W.	Ditto .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
J. S.	Idleness .. ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. B.	Idleness and disrespect to his officer	Pl. Warder Rutherford	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
F. T. D.	Ditto .. ..	Asst. Warder Brien ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
F. T. D.	Threatening language to his officer	Pl. Warder Rutherford	" .. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 40 marks.
H. W.	Idleness .. ..	Asst. Warder Johnston	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders and resisting his officer	" .. ..	" .. ..	3 days bread and water.
A. E. F.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. M.	Damaging prison property	Asst. Warder Sweet ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
N. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders, and insulting language to her officer	The Asst. Matron ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
J. D.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
M. K.	Ditto .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
J. J. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Gillespie	" .. ..	"
J. S.	Threatening and insulting language to his officer	The Gaoler .. ..	" .. ..	"
D. S.	Ditto .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
R. L.	Shamming illness .. ..	" .. ..	T. Hutchison, S.M. ..	7 days' close confinement.
J. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Cook ..	C. La Roche, V.J., and T. H. White, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
T. T.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Brien ..	Ditto .. ..	"
W. M.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Sweet ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	"
T. W.	Ditto .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
D. S.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	" .. ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
F. T. D.	Disrespect to his officer ..	Asst. Warder Johnston	T. H. White, V.J. ..	"
W. J.	Damaging prison property	Warder Denison ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
J. W.	Profane and threatening language to his officer	" .. ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1-day bread and water.
G. C.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Gillespie	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
R. W.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Sweet ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. L.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder McSporrnan	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
J. W.	Damaging prison property	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
T. L.	Ditto .. ..	Warder Coffey ..	" .. ..	"
W. F.	Irreverent behaviour at Divine service	Asst. Warder Foreman	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
F. R. D.	Idleness .. ..	Pl. Warder Rutherford	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
W. W.	Profane language .. ..	Asst. Warder Cook ..	" .. ..	"
R. C.	Damaging prison property..	Asst. Wrdr. McMurray	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
G. W.	Destroying prison property	" .. ..	" .. ..	"

**Table K—continued.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1898—continued.**  
**AUCKLAND PRISON—continued.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
G. G.	Obscene language and disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Brien ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
F. T. D.	Damaging prison property	Warder O'Donohue ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. W.	Ditto .. ..	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" .. ..	"
J. C.	Obscene language to a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" .. ..	"
R. C.	Making a disturbance whilst under punishment	Asst. Warder Gillespie	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	14 days' close confinement.
H. T.	Idleness and insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Cook ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. S. D.	Purloining a pannikin of porridge	Warder Crook ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. S. D.	Refusing to work.. ..	Warder O'Donohue ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Wrdr. McMurray ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. I. T.	Writing a clandestine letter	Asst. Warder Johnston	" .. ..	"
W. M.	Idleness .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
W. M.	Threatening language to his officer	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
W. H. C.	Writing a clandestine letter	Warder Crook ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	"
G. E. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
W. K.	Communicating with a prisoner undergoing punishment	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	T. H. White, V.J., and J. H. Hannan, V.J.	To forfeit 24 marks.
S. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" .. ..	Ditto .. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. B.	Communicating with another prisoner	The Gaoler .. ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. J.	Refusing to work, and disrespect to his officer	Warder Gideon ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	"
W. M.	Idleness and disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" .. ..	"
A. E. F.	Idleness .. ..	Warder Treacy ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
F. T. D.	" .. ..	Asst. Wrdr. McSparran	" .. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
F. T. D.	Insulting language to his officer	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
W. F.	Damaging prison property..	Warder O'Donohue ..	" .. ..	3 days bread and water.
A. E. F.	Idleness .. ..	Pl. Warder Rutherford	" .. ..	"
A. E. F.	Disobedience of lawful orders, and disrespect to his officer	" .. ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. W.	Insulting language to his officer	Asst. Warder Foreman	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. K.	Damaging prison property..	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. G.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Gideon ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. E. G.	Ditto .. ..	Asst. Warder Gillespie	" .. ..	"
G. W.	Refusing to work.. ..	Warder Denison ..	" .. ..	"
F. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" .. ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
H. B. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" .. ..	3 days bread and water.
H. B. R.	Insulting and threatening language to his officer	Pl. Warder Rutherford	" .. ..	"
H. B. R.	Violently resisting and threatening his officer	Asst. Warder Gillespie	" .. ..	"
H. I. T.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Foreman	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. W.	Fighting, and indecent language	Warder Treacy ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	"
T. T.	Ditto .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
J. P. E.	Idleness, and insulting language to his officer	" .. ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 36 marks.
T. T.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Brien ..	" .. ..	"
W. W.	Threatening language to his officer	Asst. Warder Levin ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. W.	Ditto .. ..	Asst. Wrdr. McSparran	" .. ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
M. T.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. W.	Idleness .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
L. J.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
G. W.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
M. W.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
J. I.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"
M. T.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
M. T.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
J. P. E.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Ainslie..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. P. E.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Woolley ..	" .. ..	"
T. T.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison, and threatening to commit a nuisance	Warder Denison ..	" .. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 48 marks.
I. C.	Escaping from legal custody	Asst. Warder Johnston	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	3 months' hard labour, in addition to original sentence.
A. W.	Fighting on the works ..	Asst. Warder Ainslie..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. T.	" .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	"

**Table K—continued.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1898—continued.**  
**AUCKLAND PRISON—continued.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
T. F. W.	Fighting on the works ..	Asst. Warder Levin ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
T. F. W.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Woolley ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Treacy ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 36 marks.
A. A.	Idleness ..	Asst. Warder Sweet ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
A. A.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
W. G.	Threatening language to his officer	Warder Coffey ..	" ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
W. J. McC.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Asst. Warder Ainslie ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
J. W.	" ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
T. G.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
T.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
T. S.	" ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
S. C.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
A. R.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
F. O'N.	Fighting on the works ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 36 marks.
N. T. W.	" ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
J. W.	" ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 36 marks.
W. T. McC.	" ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
H.	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..
T. S.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
F. O'N.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Sweet ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	" ..
M. G.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Johnston	" ..	" ..
T. H.	Escaping from legal custody	Asst. Warder Harron ..	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	2 months' hard labour, in addition to original sentence.

**DUNEDIN PRISON.**

G. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Rearden ..	A. Solomon, J.P., and T. M. Wilkinson, J.P.	To forfeit 240 marks.
W. B.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Glover ..	A. G. Christopher, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. A.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Armstrong	" ..	3 days bread and water.
J. A.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
J. G.	Writing a clandestine letter for fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. G.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Glover ..	" ..	" ..
W. T.	Ditto ..	Pl. Warder Armstrong	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. T.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Parker ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
H. P.	Idleness ..	Asst. Warder Glover ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
H. P.	Obscene and insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	" ..
E. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Matron ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
E. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
R. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders and insulting and threatening language to his officer	Warder Connor ..	" ..	Special class remission forfeited.
J. C.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Rearden ..	H. Gourley, V.J. ..	To forfeit 32 marks.
J. N.	Escaping from legal custody	" ..	W. Wardrop, J.P., and R. Wilson, J.P.	To forfeit 1,440 marks.
H. J.	Ditto ..	Warder Connor ..	Ditto ..	To forfeit 480 marks.
H. P.	Damaging prison property	Warder Rearden ..	A. G. Christopher, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
H. P.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	" ..

**HOKITIKA PRISON.**

Nil.

**INVERCARGILL PRISON.**

W. N.	Idleness ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins	R. F. Cuthbertson, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
W. N.	Insolence ..	" ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
H. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	T. Perkins, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. H.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Joseph ..	" ..	" ..
W. N.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Hawkins	" ..	3 days bread and water.
T. F. P.	" ..	" ..	J. W. Poynton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. N.	" ..	" ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	" ..
G. T.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	T. Perkins, V.J. ..	" ..

**Table K—continued.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1898—continued.**  
**LYTTELTON PRISON.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
J. T.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder O'Grady	R. Westenra, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
J. W.	Creating a disturbance on the works	Warder Manning ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	"
J. M.	Throwing excrement through the bars of his cell	Asst. Warder Brownie	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
E. H.	Refusing to work ..	Warder Blatchford ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	"
W. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders and abusive language to his officer	Asst. Warder O'Grady	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 36 marks.
J. C.	Obscene language and threatening behaviour to his officer	Asst. Warder O'Brien	Ditto .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. F.	Obscene and insulting language to his officer	"	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
J. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Blatchford ..	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 24 marks.
D. W.	Idleness .. ..	"	Ditto .. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. F.	" .. ..	Warder Manning ..	" .. ..	"
W. J. S.	Threatening language to his officer	Warder Blatchford ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
W. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Bell ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
T. F.	Threatening and abusive language to his officer	Asst. Warder Quartermain	" .. ..	3 days bread and water.
T. F.	Insulting language to his officer	Warder Blatchford ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
J. S.	Threatening language to a fellow-prisoner	Asst. Warder Molloy	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. S.	Purloining tobacco from caretaker on Quail Island	Warder Fuller ..	" .. ..	"
J. C.	Inciting a fellow-prisoner to assault an officer	Asst. Warder Quartermain	R. Westenra, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 30 marks.
A. E.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Ditto	Ditto .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. S.	Idleness and insolence ..	Warder Fuller ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
M. H.	Refusing to work, being in possession of prohibited articles, and using obscene and threatening language to his officer	Pl. Warder Bell ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. J. S.	Refusing to work ..	Warder Blatchford ..	R. Westenra, V.J., and J. Hamilton, V.J.	"
J. D.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Fuller ..	Ditto .. ..	1 day bread and water.
H. A.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Rafter ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
A. J. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Blatchford ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
M. McK.	Insolence and disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	W. W. Collins, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
A. D.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Bell ..	" .. ..	"
C. L.	Being in possession of prohibited articles, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	" .. ..	"
J. C.	Abusive and obscene language to his officer	Warder Manning ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 48 marks.
J. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder O'Grady	Ditto .. ..	"
C. R.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder O'Grady	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	"
J. D.	Obscene and abusive language, and disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Fuller ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	"
M. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders, and assaulting his officer	Warder Manning ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
R. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" .. ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
C. R.	Idleness .. ..	" .. ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. C.	Refusing to obey orders ..	Warder Crook ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	"
J. C.	Insulting language to his officer	" .. ..	Ditto .. ..	"
J. C.	Insolence to the Visiting Justices	The Gaoler ..	" .. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 48 marks.

**NAPIER PRISON.**

J. C.	Obscene language ..	Pl. Warder Nicholson	J. S. Large, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. T. B.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler ..	E. Lyndon, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.

**Table K—continued.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1898—continued.**  
**NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
S. B.	Insolence to his officer, and resisting him in the execution of his duty	Warder Down ..	H. Weston, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. C.	Insolence to the Gaoler ..	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
B. T. T.	Obscene language ..	Warder Down ..	D. Berry, V.J. ..	"
B. T. T.	Attempting to strike his officer	" ..	" ..	"
B. T. T.	Threatening language to his officer	Pl. Warder Hawkins..	" ..	"
H. P.	Obscene language ..	Asst. Warder Smythe ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
H. P.	Threatening language to his officer	Pl. Warder Hawkins..	" ..	"
H. P.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	" ..	"

**WANGANUI PRISON.**

T. L.	Idleness.. ..	The Gaoler ..	G. Carson, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. L.	Disrespect to his officer ..	Warder Kearney ..	" ..	"
T. A.	Irreverent behaviour at Divine service	The Gaoler ..	E. N. Liffiton, V.J. ..	"
T. L.	Secreting a pencil ..	" ..	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	12 hours' close confinement.
T. A.	Idleness.. ..	Warder Kearney ..	A. J. Parsons, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
T. A.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	" ..	"
T. L.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. L.	" .. ..	Pl. Warder Steele ..	R. Northcroft, S.M. ..	2 days bread and water.
T. A.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	4 days bread and water.
G. W.	Idleness.. ..	The Gaoler ..	A. J. Parsons, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
G. W.	Insulting language to the Gaoler	" ..	" ..	"

**WELLINGTON PRISON.**

E. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Carte ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
E. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	"
D. W.	Idleness.. ..	Asst. Warder Bethune ..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 42 marks.
E. W.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 84 marks.
J. M.	Insubordinate language ..	" ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
J. M.	Idleness.. ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. M.	Inciting his fellow-prisoners to idleness	" ..	" ..	"
M. McK.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Asst. Matron ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
M. McK.	Insubordinate language ..	" ..	" ..	"
B. McK.	Insubordination ..	" ..	" ..	"
B. McK.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	"
E. W.	Idleness.. ..	Asst. Warder Lodge ..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
E. W.	Threatening to assault his officer	" ..	" ..	"
K. M.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Matron ..	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
K. M.	Insubordinate language ..	The Asst. Matron ..	" ..	"
V. W.	Refusing to work ..	Asst. Warder Murphy ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
V. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	"
V. W.	Obscene language ..	" ..	" ..	"
M. W.	Insubordination ..	The Asst. Matron ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
M. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	"
W. P.	Refusing to have his hair cut	Asst. Warder Knight..	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W. P.	Profane language.. ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. T.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Meehan ..	E. Arnold, V.J. ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
F. C.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
F. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	"
F. C.	Assaulting her officer ..	" ..	" ..	"
D. J.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Knight..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	To forfeit 42 marks.
C. G.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
G. R.	Insubordinate language to his officer	Warder Carte ..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 84 marks.
O. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	The Asst. Matron ..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
F. McG.	Ditto .. ..	Asst. Warder Knight..	J. R. Blair, V.J. ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
S. N.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. L.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Asst. Warder Bethune ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. L.	Obscene language to his officer	" ..	" ..	"
J. L.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Asst. Warder Knight..	" ..	2 days bread and water.

Table L.

"FIRST OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1886."

AGES and TERMS of PROBATION of OFFENDERS placed under the Act during the Year 1898.

Ages.	Three Months and under.	Six Months.	Twelve Months.	Two Years.	Four Years.	Total.
Under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
From 10 to 15 years .. .. .	..	1	3	..	..	4
"  15 " 20 " .. .. .	8	8	10	1	1	28
"  20 " 25 " .. .. .	8	4	10	..	..	22
"  25 " 30 " .. .. .	6	2	5	1	..	14
"  30 " 40 " .. .. .	3	8	1	..	..	12
"  40 " 50 " .. .. .	2	4	2	..	..	8
"  50 " 60 " .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	2
60 years and upwards .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1
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