

Mr. T. STOCKER, Probation Officer, New Plymouth

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

*Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—There were 10 probationers on the register at the beginning of the year: 17 were received from the Courts, and 11 were received on transfer from other districts making a total of 38 probationers dealt with. Of this number, 9 completed probation satisfactorily, 14 were transferred to other districts, and 1 was sent to Borstal for breach of probation, leaving 14 on the register at the end of the year.

It was found that the majority of the probationers responded to the terms of their probation and caused very little anxiety, but female Maori probationers seemed to lack an appreciation of their obligations and required constant vigilance to keep them within bounds.

Costs of prosecution amounting to £1 9s. and restitution totalling £116 17s. 9d. were collected.

*Crimes Amendment Act, 1910, and Prevention of Crimes Act, 1924.*—There was only 1 probationer on the register at the beginning of the year, 9 were received from other districts, 2 completed probation, and 4 were transferred away, leaving 4 on the register at the end of the year.

Without exception all these probationers observed the conditions of their release and caused no trouble.

Mr. R. G. SAMPSON, Probation Officer, Timaru

I have the honour to submit my annual report on probation work at this centre for the year ended 31st December, 1945, together with the financial return for the year ended 31st March, 1946.

With regard to probationers under the Offenders Probation Act, I have to report that 8 probationers were on the register at the beginning of the year. During the year 15 were added to the register, being transfers from other districts, 6; first time on register, 5; placed under supervision while making restitution, 4; making a total of 23.

The total on the register at the close of the year was 13, the removals being made up as follows: transferred to other districts, 4; completed term of probation, 2; full restitution completed, 4; a total of 10 removals, leaving 13, 5 of whom are females.

Under the Crimes Amendment Act there were 2 probationers on the register and 8 were admitted on license, making a total of 10 for the year. At present 3 remain on the register, the removals being accounted for as follows: completed term, 1; removed by transfer to other districts, 5; license cancelled and returned to Borstal, 1.

The amount of restitution money collected during the year amounted to £64 4s. 1d., as against £48 4s. 6d. for the previous year.

I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Child Welfare Officers, the Court staff and police, and the National Service Department for assisting in finding employment for probationers.

I am pleased to state that all probationers are in employment and are making a worthy effort to rehabilitate themselves as good citizens.

Mr. P. S. WATERS, Probation Officer, Wanganui

I have the honour to submit my annual report on probation activities in the Wanganui district for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

*Probationers under the Offenders Probation Act, 1920.*—At the commencement of the year there were 25 probationers on the register (15 males and 10 females). During the year 25 were received from the local Courts, 11 were received from other districts, and 1 transferred from the Crimes Amendment Act to the Offenders Probation Act, making a total of 37. Sixteen completed their terms of probation, 19 were transferred to other districts, 2 were returned to Borstal institution, and 3 committed to prison for further offences, leaving a total of 22 on the register at 31st December, 1945. One female