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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRISONS BRANCH

(REPORT ON), FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899;

ALSO

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

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*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 May, 1900.

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

1. I have periodically visited the different prisons on the dates stated in the attached table marked J. I have on all occasions found them clean and in good condition, every attention being paid to the sanitary arrangements, and a good state of discipline being maintained, while the management is both effective (with one exception referred to hereafter) and economic. "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886," is working better and better each year.

2. The food, clothing, and necessaries for the year have been supplied by public tenders, which, as usual, have been submitted to and recommended by the Visiting Justices. The contractors have given satisfaction, no complaints being made during the past year.

3. Eight escapes took place during the year (all male prisoners), viz.: One escaped from the defence-works at Fort Takapuna, Auckland, and was recaptured on the same day; two escaped from the works at Sticking Point, Lyttelton, and were very soon recaptured; one escaped from the works at New Plymouth, and was immediately recaptured; two escaped from the Cook Gardens works at Wanganui, but were rearrested the same day; one escaped from the works at Mount Cook, Wellington, and was recaptured after four days; while another escaped from the same locality, and was rearrested the same day. No one broke out of prison during the year, and the escapee from Wellington referred to in my last year's report as being still at large was rearrested by the police on the 6th October last.

4. A reference to Table A shows that the health of the prisoners has been fairly good throughout the year, the daily average of sick being—males, 9·67; and females, 1·30; an increase in the males of 5·02 and in the females of 0·47 as compared with the previous year.

5. Ten deaths occurred amongst prisoners during the year, 9 males and 1 female—viz.: 3 at Auckland, 1 at New Plymouth, 1 at Wellington, 4 at Lyttelton, and 1 at Dunedin. Two at least of these cases should not have been sent to a prison for treatment, being in a comatose state when received, and dying soon afterwards. In each case a Coroner's inquest was held, in accordance with the Prisons Act, and verdicts of "Death from natural causes" were returned.

6. There were no executions during the past year.

7. From Table A it will be seen that at the commencement of the year 530 males and 65 females were undergoing detention in the different prisons of the colony, while at its close there were 518 males and 48 females, giving a decrease of 12 males and 17 females. During the year 1899, 3,693 males and 676 females passed through the various prisons, as against 3,505 males and 631 females during the previous year, an increase of 177 males and 44 females, making a total increase of 221 prisoners for the year.

8. During the past year the daily average number of prisoners in the different prisons has been 537·03 males and 53·98 females, a decrease on the previous year of 26·52 males and of 0·43 females.

9. From figures supplied by the Registrar-General, the population of the colony at the end of the year 1899 was 420,352 males and 376,007 females, a total of 796,359 persons; whilst on the same date the number of prisoners (males and females) was 566. The average percentage of prisoners according to population was therefore 0·0735, as against 0·0759 in the previous year.

10. During the year 1899, 60 male and 2 female misdemeanants in default of bail, and 39 males and 12 females supposed lunatics, were detained in the prisons, an increase of 15 males and 2 females in the former, and in the latter a decrease of 1 male and 5 females.

11. At the end of last year there remained 74 males and 2 females undergoing sentences of penal servitude, a decrease of 18 on the previous year.

12. During the last year 463 males and 47 females were acquitted or discharged after remands, as against 389 males and 51 females in the previous year, an increase of 74 males and a decrease of 4 females.

13. From the figures given under Table B it will be seen that the prisoners were maintained last year at a gross cost per head of £47 18s. 3d., as against £45 1s. 7d., and at a net cost of £30 15s. 4d., as against £27 18s. 10d., in 1898. The gross totals are made up as follows: Staff supervision, £31 5s. 8d., as against £28 14s. 5d.; maintenance, £13 5s. 5d., as against £12 15s. 11d.; and incidentals, £3 7s. 2d., as against £3 11s. 3d. This increase in the gross cost per head is accounted for by the large decrease in the daily average number of prisoners. The cause is supplemented by an increase in the price of provisions, with a corresponding increase in the price of necessaries; while the staff supervision is increased in consequence of the classification pay scheme introduced on the 1st January, 1899. Of the incidentals £405 2s. 6d. is recouped to the Government—viz., Railway Department, £304 11s. 6d.; and Post and Telegraph, £100 11s.

14. As regards the educational attainments of prisoners, a reference to Table C shows that, out of a total of 3,163 males and 611 females received during the year, 32 males and 3 females were of superior education, 2,764 males and 522 females were able to read and write, 81 males and 32 females could read only, whilst 286 males and 54 females could neither read nor write. It must be recollected that in this calculation the same individual appears several times over.

15. 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., 1895—shows in those once convicted an increase of 47 males, with a decrease of 13 females; in those twice convicted, an increase of 2 males, with a decrease of 2 females; and in those thrice or oftener convicted, an increase of 159 males, with a decrease of 10 females. In making this calculation the same individual appears several times. It is believed that these reconversions would be considerably reduced if every prisoner were provided with a separate cell (except perhaps in special cases, where, on medical grounds, it may be expedient to have the prisoners in association, but any such are exceptional cases), but owing to want of accommodation it is at present impossible to carry out the cellular system. It is generally admitted by those well versed in criminal matters that the surest way of stamping out vagrancy and larrikinism is to place such offenders in cells by themselves; and the same remark is applicable to the hardened criminal, who is only too glad to get hold of a student in criminal art who is younger and less experienced than himself.

16. It is often stated, by those probably who have not sufficiently studied the matter, that our prisons are neither deterrent nor reformatory; but against any such argument it must be recollected that for many years past we have had a steadily increasing population, with a steady decrease in the percentage of prisoners to population, which still continues, notwithstanding the drawbacks of want of accommodation, and a very much larger decrease in this percentage would be found if a stop were put to sending persons who are in no way criminals, or have not been guilty of any crime, to prisons for medical treatment. It is much to be regretted that those persons who so freely give their opinions on the treatment of the prisoners in the colony do not take the trouble to visit the prisons and see for themselves. No restrictions are placed on any such visitors; on the contrary, the officials are only too willing to show them round and give information.

17. A reference to Table D shows that four children under ten years of age were confined in the smaller or police gaols of the colony during the past year, while there were no such infants imprisoned in 1898. In those aged from ten to fifteen years there were 36, as against 38 in 1898, while in those aged from fifteen to twenty years there were 273, as against 225 in the previous year, a total increase of 50 in those under twenty years of age.

18. In dealing with these youthful offenders a uniform system of diet, discipline, and punishment is adopted in all the prisons, and the younger ones are kept entirely separate and are never brought into contact with the older prisoners; but to properly isolate these juvenile offenders more cell-accommodation is required in the larger prisons. The four infants referred to as under ten years of age were detained for the night when on transit to an industrial school, but I am of opinion that keeping children in such places even for twelve hours is a grave mistake.

19. A reference to Table K shows that there was a decrease of 47 prison punishments—viz., 200, as against 247 in 1898. Of these, 190 were minor punishments inflicted by the Visiting Justices, while 10 were more serious or aggravated prison offences, and after first being investigated by Visiting Justices were adjudicated upon in open Court. Many of the Gaolers were somewhat dubious as to how this system of taking aggravated prison offenders to open Court would work out when it was introduced in 1883, but all now agree that it was a step in the right direction, and has considerably strengthened their positions.

20. The prisoners at the three centres and Lyttelton have during the past year, as usual, been principally employed, under the Public Works Department, on works in connection with the fortifications, and good progress has been made. In Auckland, the grounds at Government House and around the Supreme and Stipendiary Magistrate's Courts have been kept in order by the prisoners, and good progress has been made with the new prison building, the second wing being now well on towards completion. It is hoped that as soon as this wing can be occupied, all that remains of the old wooden building will be swept away. At New Plymouth the boundary-wall is well on, and should be completed during the year. At Napier the principal work has been the cutting of a monument to those killed in the floods, which is almost finished, and is being erected on the Esplanade. For this work Warder P. McNamara, who has had supervision,

deserves considerable credit. The Napier prisoners have also been employed in quarrying and squaring stone for the boundary-fence. In Wellington, besides keeping the roads leading to the defence-works in order, the prisoners have been employed in making bricks, pipes, and tiles for the various Government buildings that may require them, and keeping the rifle-range in good order. At Lyttelton good progress has been made with the reclamation-work at Sticking Point, 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 Hospital grounds in repair, in reclaiming the cemetery, and improving Cass Square. At Wanganui good work has been done in improving Cook's Gardens, and keeping the rifle-range in order. At Dunedin those prisoners not working on the fortifications have been employed in improving the rifle-range at Pelichet Bay, and erecting out-buildings at the prison; while in Invercargill they have, as usual, worked for the Corporation, who pay a fair rate of wages for their services. A similar arrangement might, I think, be made with advantage to both the Corporations and the department in some of the other towns of the colony where the smaller prisons are located.

21. As regards new prisons, as was stated last year, Wellington is the locality that requires most attention. It was pointed out many years ago that the Terrace Prison was out of date, and though it has been considerably improved as far as sanitary arrangements go, it can never be converted into an up-to-date prison, but rather should be entirely pulled down and rebuilt on some definite plan according to present-day notions, if it is decided to retain a prison on that site. There can be no proper classification of prisoners in those buildings as they now stand, and, as a prison must be located in Wellington, it seems high time some final decision was come to on this important question. No fault can be found with the department in this matter, as a new prison was built and actually occupied at Mount Cook, on a site that had been told off for a gaol reserve over fifty years ago, and this would have provided ample accommodation for proper separation and classification of prisoners in accordance with present-day requirements; but owing to local agitation and other causes this prison, though suitable for a prison and only a prison, is lying idle, while the department is allowed to suffer for want of suitable accommodation for prisoners in this city. The Napier prison requires rebuilding to make it an up-to-date establishment.

22. The number of offences committed by subordinate prison officers last year was 7, as against 4 in 1898. With the exception of one case of drunkenness, they were for neglect of duty or carelessness. The case alluded to in paragraph 1 of the management not being effective was the neglect on the part of a Gaoler to keep his books posted up to date, and the reason put forth for the neglect was ill-health and overwork. As I found he was suffering from nervous debility, I recommended his retirement, which followed in due course. This was the only instance of having to find fault with any of the superior officers.

23. The new system of classification introduced last year, putting all subordinate officers of the department on a scale of pay regulated by length of service, instead of by the class of prison they may chance to be serving in, is working well, and is giving general satisfaction. A candidate for appointment now, on being first taken on, is placed on probation for six months, and at the expiration of that period, if he is well reported on by the Gaoler under whom he has served his probation, is examined in the following subjects: Arithmetic, duties of prison officers generally, making out reports and giving evidence; the Prison Acts and regulations generally, but more especially as relating to classification, remissions, visits, letters, rations, marks, treatment of misdemeanants, &c.; and on the result of those examinations depends the confirmation or otherwise of the permanent appointment.

24. I cannot conclude this report without recording my annual protest against supposed lunatics and persons suffering from the effects of drink being sent to prisons for medical treatment. A reference to paragraph 10 shows that no less than 39 males and 12 females, supposed lunatics, were remanded to prisons last year for medical treatment. It has been frequently pointed out that encumbering gaols with such cases is not only inhuman and improper, but is also unjust to the patients themselves, who, on account of having lost their reason—probably through no fault of their own—are branded with the prison stamp. It is an injustice both to them and to their relatives. "The Lunacy Act, 1882," clause 67, says, the Board or other body or the persons in whose hands shall be vested the management of any public hospital receiving pecuniary aid from the public revenue shall provide wards for the temporary reception of lunatics; and the following clause—68—goes on to say that if such wards are not provided, then the Governor in Council may order that no further payments shall be made of any money voted out of the public revenue to such Board. It is asked, Has any hospital in the colony provided such wards? It is believed not; and therefore supposed lunatics continue to be thrust into prisons for medical treatment. In prisons it is the custom to place these afflicted persons in a cell with two other prisoners for safety, who probably know nothing of the proper treatment of the insane, and, as these prisoners have their allotted work to carry out next day, they cannot reasonably be expected to give much attention to the patient, while the warders are totally ignorant of, and untrained in, the proper treatment of mental diseases. The system is therefore as unfair to the invalid concerned as it is to the prison administration, and the Gaolers feel that they are placed in an entirely false position in being compelled to take charge of persons so afflicted, who cannot, amidst gaol surroundings, receive the treatment required. It must be distinctly understood that no fault is to be found with Gaolers or their subordinates, who have every pity for these unfortunates, and their mode of dealing with them is commendable, but their lack of knowledge and appliances in reference to such cases is where the mistake comes. It is to be hoped, therefore, that more suitable places than prisons will be found for the temporary detention of lunatics or those suspected of insanity, or persons ordered to be detained during the pleasure of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

25. Then, again, the practice of sending persons suffering from the effects of drink to prisons for medical treatment still continues. "The Police Offences Act, 1884," section 21, subsection (2),

says, where any person is arrested in a state of helpless drunkenness the Justice before whom he shall be brought may, if he thinks fit, remand such person to some hospital, infirmary, or other fitting place for curative treatment. Now, it is asked, in all fairness, is there one Justice to be found in New Zealand who would conscientiously say he considers a prison a fitting place for treating such cases? We find Coroners' juries adding riders that such cases should not be sent to prisons, but still the objectionable practice is allowed to continue. I was pleased to see recently a jury adding a rider to the following effect: "That the Government be asked to withhold their support from public hospitals which have not made provision to receive persons suffering from the effects of drink." A careful reading of section 67 of "The Lunatics Act, 1882," and section 21 of "The Police Offences Act, 1884," it is submitted, clearly tends to show that the Legislature when passing those Acts never intended that persons suffering from the effects of drink, or supposed lunatics, were to be treated as criminals in gaols, instead of as invalids in a hospital or infirmary.

26. The new regulations referred to in my last report, giving greater facilities for well-conducted prisoners to communicate with their friends by letters and visits, and modifying the scale of gratuities on discharge, came into force on the 1st April last, and are giving satisfaction as far as they have gone.

27. It is believed that a good deal might be done for the better class of prisoners if a State farm was established, where those who may be considered worthy of it might be employed in cultivating both agricultural and garden grounds, looking after cattle, milking, butter-making, or tree-planting. Some years ago, when I was at Dartmoor Prison, a large farm was attached to that prison, and worked entirely by the better class of convicts, with good results. Plantations of the different class of trees required by the Government might form part of such a farm; and if pedigree stock were kept the breed of horses and cattle might be considerably improved by allowing stallions and bulls from the farm to serve the settlers' mares and cows. A horse-breeding establishment for remounts might also form part of such an establishment. The scheme appears to me worthy of consideration.

#### FIRST OFFENDERS' PROBATION ACT.

A reference to Table L shows that 117 persons were placed on probation last year, as against 91 in the year 1898. Of these, 38 were discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their license, 4 were rearrested, and 75 still remain under the supervision of 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 £461 3s. 7d., of which £230 12s. 11d. has been actually paid, and it is believed the remainder will be paid by instalments as it becomes due. The approximate cost of keeping these offenders had they been sent to prison would have amounted to £3,715, which sum, added to the amount of costs, &c., actually paid, gives a saving of £3,945 12s. 11d.

Of the 1,120 persons put on probation since the inception of the Act in October, 1886, 926 have been discharged after satisfactorily carrying out the conditions of their licenses, 67 have been rearrested and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, 1 committed suicide, 2 died, 1 was sent to a lunatic asylum, 27 absconded, and 96 still remain fulfilling the terms of their licenses.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a percentage of 83 have done well, while only a percentage of 2.41 have eluded the vigilance of the Probation Officers and absconded. These statistics speak for themselves, and show that the Probation Officers, who do the work gratuitously, have carefully inquired into and made judicious recommendations in the majority of cases, and are deserving of commendation.

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Inspector of Prisons

**Table A.**  
**NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN THE COLONY, AND THEIR DISPOSAL, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899.**

State of the Prisons.	Auckland.		Dunedin.		Hokitika.		Inver-cargill.		Lytelton.		Napier.		New Ply-mouth.		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> .. .. .	15	..	5	1	2	..	3	..	10	..	11	..	2	..	5	1	3	..	6	..	62	2	64
Sentenced to—																							
Penal servitude .. .. .	2	..	1	..	3	..	7	..	32	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	51	3	..	..	91	3	94
One year's hard labour and upwards .. .. .	88	2	21	2	21	..	3	..	21	..	3	..	10	..	4	..	35	..	..	..	189	4	193
Three months' hard labour and upwards .. .. .	26	3	25	4	2	..	7	1	23	6	11	..	2	..	3	2	14	6	..	..	113	25	138
Under three months' hard labour .. .. .	20	13	6	6	1	..	2	..	11	7	5	2	1	..	3	..	11	3	..	..	68	31	99
Simple imprisonment .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	7
Total .. .. .	158	18	58	13	8	3	19	1	99	13	31	2	17	..	16	3	115	12	14	..	530	65	595
<b>RECEIVED.</b>																							
Debtors .. .. .	16	..	7	1	..	..	1	..	6	1	5	..	2	..	5	..	8	..	10	..	60	2	62
Lunatics .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	14	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	17	..	40	13	53
For trial, on remand, or <i>in transitu</i> .. .. .	134	19	74	8	11	..	20	5	113	5	33	2	82	..	33	3	98	14	170	13	718	69	787
Sentenced to—																							
Penal servitude .. .. .	54	3	19	2	4	..	8	..	8	..	7	1	6	..	10	..	13	1	..	..	21	1	22
One year's hard labour and upwards .. .. .	67	19	36	8	6	1	21	4	56	15	19	5	17	1	29	3	68	26	14	1	155	7	162
Three months' hard labour and upwards .. .. .	484	164	164	71	21	7	47	5	289	87	104	2	34	8	85	6	250	69	287	11	333	83	416
Under three months' hard labour .. .. .	18	2	2	..	1	..	2	1	4	..	3	..	2	..	2	1	6	2	31	..	1,765	430	2,195
Simple imprisonment .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	6	77
Total .. .. .	773	207	305	90	43	8	113	18	486	108	173	10	95	10	166	13	470	113	539	34	3,163	611	3,774
Total for year .. .. .	926	225	363	103	51	11	132	19	585	121	204	12	112	10	182	16	585	125	553	34	3,693	676	4,369
<b>DISCHARGED.</b>																							
Debtors .. .. .	16	..	7	1	..	..	1	..	6	1	5	..	2	..	5	..	8	..	10	..	60	2	62
Lunatics transferred to asylums .. .. .	1	1	4	..	..	..	11	3	5	..	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	2	17	9	44	16	60
Acquitted after remand .. .. .	115	14	46	4	4	..	22	5	91	4	17	2	28	..	8	1	80	14	52	3	463	47	510
On remission of sentence .. .. .	73	5	29	3	4	2	19	3	50	2	18	1	12	..	4	..	68	5	3	..	280	21	301
On expiration of sentence .. .. .	550	184	192	84	26	9	52	7	302	105	122	8	40	9	103	11	289	94	321	9	1,997	520	2,517
On bail or probation .. .. .	19	1	26	4	2	..	3	..	9	..	7	..	4	..	1	1	12	1	6	..	73	6	79
Transferred to other prisons or police .. .. .	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	80	..	9	..	4	..	45	2	1	..	143	12	249	15	264
Died .. .. .	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	1	10
Total .. .. .	777	205	307	97	36	11	111	18	497	112	180	11	89	10	167	15	459	116	552	33	3,175	628	3,803
In prison at end of year .. .. .	149	20	56	6	15	..	21	1	88	9	24	1	23	..	15	1	126	9	1	1	518	48	566
Total for year .. .. .	926	225	363	103	51	11	132	19	585	121	204	12	112	10	182	16	585	125	553	34	3,693	676	4,369
Greatest number of both sexes at one time .. .. .	190	74	74	20	20	..	31	116	116	36	31	33	33	152	31	152	121	..	..	..	..	..	..
Least number of both sexes at one time .. .. .	155	55	55	10	10	..	18	89	89	20	10	17	17	121	10	121	121	..	..	..	..	..	..
Daily average .. .. .	154.69	15.47	56.41	7.47	11.27	1.54	21.60	1.80	92.38	7.93	24.60	2.40	24.02	0.60	17.80	1.49	124.01	14.10	10.25	1.18	537.03	53.98	591.01
Prisoners ill forty-eight hours or more .. .. .	45	4	16	11	1	..	1	59	15	4	..	33	..	22	1	19	6	5	..	205	38	243	
Prisoners admitted to hospital .. .. .	..	..	3	2	..	..	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	14	4	18
Daily average on sick-list .. .. .	3.07	0.35	1.80	0.10	..	..	0.10	..	1.98	0.30	0.10	..	0.90	..	0.87	0.05	0.85	0.50	..	..	9.67	1.30	10.97

Table B.  
EXPENDITURE under the different Heads of Service for the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

	Auckland.	Dunedin.	Hokitika.	Invercargill.	Lytelton.	Napier.	New Plymouth.	Wanganui.	Wellington.	Total.
Daily average number of prisoners	154·69 15·47	56·41 7·47	11·79 1·02	21·60 1·80	92·38 7·98	24·60 2·40	24·02 0·60	17·81 1·49	123·98 14·02	527·28 52·20
Total	170·16	63·88	12·81	23·40	100·31	27·00	24·62	19·30	138·00	579·48
HEADS OF SERVICE.										
Staff:	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and allowances .. .. .	4,136 18 4	2,428 6 5	607 10 0	638 19 10	3,182 8 10	970 3 4	933 9 5	649 17 5	3,763 14 7	17,361 8 2
Uniforms .. .. .	203 7 2	108 12 4	16 16 6	19 17 4	153 7 0	38 13 4	49 4 8	25 19 10	156 2 2	772 0 4
Total	4,340 5 6	2,536 18 9	624 6 6	658 17 2	3,335 15 10	1,008 16 8	1,032 14 1	675 17 3	3,919 16 9	18,133 8 6
Cost per prisoner	25 10 2	39 14 3	48 14 8	28 3 1	33 5 1	37 7 4	41 18 10	35 0 4	28 8 1	31 5 8
Maintenance:										
Rations .. .. .	1,198 18 9	610 13 7	174 11 0	181 15 4	638 9 7	225 7 3	284 7 7	181 15 7	999 18 5	4,465 17 1
Fuel and light .. .. .	169 19 0	67 6 11	44 12 9	47 16 9	291 5 4	50 1 1	66 15 7	100 14 10	294 11 2	1,133 3 5
Bedding, clothing, &c. .. .. .	425 14 8	181 9 5	66 4 6	55 15 11	286 3 0	27 11 7	44 19 5	26 0 4	314 18 3	1,378 17 1
Medicines and medical comforts .. .. .	116 14 7	27 6 1	6 8 2	0 6 0	30 3 2	14 19 3	32 3 1	21 7 7	153 17 9	403 5 8
Furniture .. .. .	78 19 11	28 0 0	.. .. .	12 15 5	1 16 4	6 18 9	0 11 6	11 11 10	6 15 1	147 8 10
Soap and cleaning materials .. .. .	30 12 0	20 9 5	0 15 4	2 18 4	36 13 5	5 19 10	9 7 7	13 3 8	44 4 9	164 4 4
Total	2,020 18 11	935 5 5	292 11 9	301 7 9	1,234 10 10	380 17 9	408 4 9	354 13 10	1,814 5 5	7,632 16 5
Cost per prisoner	11 17 7	14 12 10	22 16 10	12 17 7	12 6 1	12 5 1	16 11 7	18 7 7	13 2 11	13 5 5
Incidental:										
Rates, rent, &c. .. .. .	107 15 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	7 0 0	65 0 0	7 10 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	57 2 4	244 7 4
Conveyance of officers and prisoners .. .. .	66 14 7	85 14 7	16 1 0	1 6 10	86 7 2	14 15 0	10 8 4	39 8 1	63 12 8	384 8 3
Tools, materials for prison labour, &c. .. .. .	66 8 0	2 1 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	55 2 0	.. .. .	12 5 2	9 18 10	134 0 0	279 15 8
Gratuities to prisoners on discharge, &c. .. .. .	204 16 11	66 1 4	29 19 8	42 4 10	75 12 8	164 19 9	104 10 3	41 2 7	309 9 8	1,038 17 8
Total	445 14 6	153 17 7	46 0 8	50 11 8	282 1 10	187 4 9	127 3 9	90 9 6	564 4 8	1,947 8 11
Cost per prisoner	2 12 4	2 8 2	3 11 10	2 2 10	2 16 3	6 18 8	5 3 5	4 13 9	4 1 9	3 7 2
Gross total cost	6,806 18 11	3,626 1 9	962 18 11	1,010 16 7	4,852 8 6	1,526 19 2	1,568 2 7	1,121 0 7	6,298 6 10	27,773 13 10
Gross cost per prisoner per annum	40 0 1	56 15 3	75 3 4	43 3 10	48 7 5	56 11 1	63 13 10	58 1 8	45 12 9	47 18 3
Deduct:										
Cash received for maintenance .. .. .	663 8 5	29 17 7	8 5 0	170 4 6	607 9 9	.. .. .	1 1 0	2 1 3	135 3 0	1,617 10 6
Work for other departments, &c. .. .. .	2,553 18 10	956 8 4	166 16 0	372 10 0	2,080 4 9	49 13 0	100 1 0	.. .. .	2,045 4 11	8,324 16 10
Total	3,217 7 3	986 5 11	175 1 0	542 14 6	2,687 14 6	49 13 0	101 2 0	2 1 3	2,180 7 11	9,942 7 4
Net total cost	3,589 11 8	2,639 15 10	787 17 11	468 2 1	2,164 14 0	1,477 6 2	1,467 0 7	1,118 19 4	4,117 18 11	17,881 6 6
Net cost per prisoner per annum	21 1 10	41 6 5	61 10 1	20 0 1	21 11 7	54 14 3	59 11 7	57 19 5	29 16 9	30 15 4

**Table C.**  
EDUCATION of PRISONERS received during the Year 1899.

Prisons.	Superior Education.		Read and write.		Read only.		Unable to read.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland.. .. .	9	3	668	170	11	9	85	25	773	207
Dunedin .. .. .	2	..	271	87	10	..	24	3	305	90
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	37	5	1	1	5	2	43	8
Invercargill .. .. .	1	..	95	15	..	..	17	3	113	18
Lyttelton .. .. .	7	..	422	86	9	10	53	12	486	108
Napier .. .. .	9	..	155	9	3	1	6	..	173	10
New Plymouth .. .. .	1	..	81	5	1	..	12	5	95	10
Wanganui .. .. .	2	..	141	13	5	..	18	..	166	13
Wellington .. .. .	1	..	436	103	12	9	21	1	470	113
Minor gaols .. .. .	..	..	458	29	29	2	45	3	539	84
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3,163</b>	<b>611</b>

**Table D.**

AGES of PRISONERS received during the Year 1899, 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 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>10 to 15 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	4	3	..	2	2	2	1	..	5	5	24
Misdemeanour .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Minor offences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	11
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>15 to 20 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	33	20	..	4	22	11	12	11	25	36	174
Misdemeanour .. .. .	6	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	5	5	24
Minor offences .. .. .	15	12	2	..	10	2	2	3	10	16	72
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
<b>20 to 25 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	44	24	4	7	35	5	8	11	21	32	191
Misdemeanour .. .. .	19	2	..	9	2	4	1	2	14	4	57
Minor offences .. .. .	70	40	2	4	44	5	6	9	30	36	246
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	1	1	..	2	1	2	2	1	2	4	16
<b>25 to 30 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	42	26	2	8	28	6	9	14	27	21	178
Misdemeanour .. .. .	16	2	..	10	7	11	..	..	15	5	66
Minor offences .. .. .	78	48	4	2	50	5	7	14	39	28	275
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	6	13
<b>30 to 40 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	56	29	1	7	24	8	8	20	41	24	218
Misdemeanour .. .. .	20	1	1	11	15	15	..	..	42	16	121
Minor offences .. .. .	136	58	5	9	111	28	7	22	90	77	543
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	3	2	..	6	3	2	1	3	4	6	30
<b>40 to 50 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	40	13	2	8	16	11	8	13	98	15	164
Misdemeanour .. .. .	18	5	..	7	6	17	..	..	25	9	87
Minor offences .. .. .	180	51	6	7	114	21	14	22	76	80	571
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	7	4	..	5	..	1	2	3	1	8	31
<b>50 to 60 years:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	16	8	2	1	9	3	4	7	12	8	70
Misdemeanour .. .. .	7	..	2	5	5	6	..	2	4	1	32
Minor offences .. .. .	81	23	10	10	58	10	10	11	41	74	328
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	1	1	..	4	1	1	..	..	1	3	12
<b>60 years and upwards:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	14	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	7	5	32
Misdemeanour .. .. .	8	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	13
Minor offences .. .. .	61	15	6	2	26	2	3	9	6	28	158
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	9
<b>Summary:</b>											
Felony .. .. .	249	125	11	33	137	46	50	78	176	145	1,050
Misdemeanour .. .. .	94	12	5	46	36	57	1	4	105	42	402
Minor offences .. .. .	621	247	35	34	413	73	49	90	294	352	2,208
Debt or lunacy .. .. .	16	11	..	18	8	7	5	7	8	34	114
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>980</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>3,774</b>

**Table E.**  
PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS received during the Year 1899.

Prisons.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland .. .. .	74	15	57	8	322	139	453	162
Dunedin .. .. .	32	7	15	3	90	56	137	66
Hokitika .. .. .	6	1	5	3	6	3	17	7
Invercargill .. .. .	6	..	3	..	8	4	17	4
Lyttelton .. .. .	69	3	27	4	108	88	204	95
Napier .. .. .	21	1	8	..	64	7	93	8
New Plymouth .. .. .	15	1	5	1	23	3	43	5
Wanganui .. .. .	28	2	10	1	43	7	81	10
Wellington .. .. .	61	4	26	2	115	78	202	84
Minor gaols .. .. .	52	..	45	3	122	10	219	13
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>454</b>

**Table F.**  
PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED PRISONERS for Five Years, 1895-99.

Year.	Once.		Twice.		Thrice or oftener.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1895 .. .. .	317	47	199	27	742	405	1,258	479
1896 .. .. .	359	40	191	24	729	424	1,279	488
1897 .. .. .	293	38	142	24	719	416	1,154	478
1898 .. .. .	344	41	207	24	808	365	1,359	430
1899 .. .. .	364	34	201	25	901	395	1,466	454

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

Prisons.	31st December, 1898.	31st December, 1899.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland .. .. .	2	2	..	..
Dunedin .. .. .	1	1	..	..
Hokitika .. .. .	3	3	..	..
Invercargill .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Lyttelton .. .. .	32	29	..	3
Napier .. .. .	1	..	..	1
New Plymouth .. .. .	1	1	..	..
Wanganui .. .. .	..	40	..	..
Wellington .. .. .	54	..	..	14
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Net decrease .. .. .</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>18</b>

**Table H.**  
CRIMES of PRISONERS sentenced to HARD LABOUR for Twelve Months and upwards during the Year 1899.

Assault causing bodily harm .. .. .	13	Larceny from the dwelling .. .. .	8
Arson .. .. .	1	Malicious damage .. .. .	2
Abortion, procuring of, &c. .. .. .	5	Manslaughter .. .. .	1
Bigamy .. .. .	2	Murder .. .. .	2
Burglary .. .. .	8	Obtaining goods by false pretences .. .. .	12
Carnally knowing, &c. .. .. .	2	Rape .. .. .	2
Conspiring to defraud .. .. .	2	" attempted .. .. .	6
Embezzlement and fraud .. .. .	2	Robbery with violence .. .. .	4
Feloniously receiving .. .. .	1	Sheep-stealing .. .. .	2
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	16	Shooting at .. .. .	3
Horse- and cattle-stealing .. .. .	11	Sodomy .. .. .	3
Horse- and cattle-shooting .. .. .	4	Suicide, attempting or threatening same .. .. .	1
Housebreaking, and possessing implements for .. .. .	25	Vagrancy .. .. .	9
Indecent assault .. .. .	10	Wounding .. .. .	3
Indecent exposure .. .. .	2		
Larceny not otherwise described .. .. .	34	<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>204</b>
" from the person .. .. .	8		



Table I.

VISITS of the VISITING JUSTICES to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1899.

Prisons and Visiting Justices.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
<b>Auckland:</b>													
C. La Roche .. .. .	4	2	4	5	8	5	8	9	4	7	4	4	64
Hon. T. Thompson, M.H.R.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
M. Niccol .. .. .	1	1	2	1	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	10
Hon. W. McCullough, M.L.C.	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
T. H. White .. .. .	4	3	4	5	2	4	5	4	5	2	4	5	47
J. H. Hannan .. .. .	2	3	2	5	5	3	2	1	4	2	3	5	37
<b>Dunedin:</b>													
E. H. Carew, S.M. .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
Dr. Hislop .. .. .	2	4	2	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	35
W. Thomson .. .. .	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	9
Hon. H. Gourley, M.L.C.	4	7	6	7	4	3	2	2	1	2	6	4	48
E. B. Cargill .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
R. Chisholm .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
A. G. Christopher .. .. .	7	5	5	7	9	5	5	6	3	5	5	5	67
J. N. Brown .. .. .	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	3	1	2	11
A. Solomon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
<b>Hokitika:</b>													
Hon. J. A. Bonar, M.L.C.	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	4
J. Bevan .. .. .	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4
<b>Invercargill:</b>													
J. W. Poynton, S.M. .. .. .	2	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	11
Hon. H. Feldwick, M.L.C.	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	6
R. F. Cuthbertson .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
T. Perkins .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Lyttelton:</b>													
R. Westenra .. .. .	..	4	2	2	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	15
J. Hamilton .. .. .	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	6	4	4	5	55
W. W. Collins, M.H.R. .. .. .	5	5	3	5	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	3	44
R. Beetham, S.M. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
<b>Napier:</b>													
E. Lyndon .. .. .	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	10
J. S. Large .. .. .	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	4	31
<b>New Plymouth:</b>													
H. Weston .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	6
D. Berry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
C. Ahier .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
E. Dockrill .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
C. K. Stock .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	1	6
<b>Wanganui:</b>													
E. N. Liffiton .. .. .	1	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	..	1	1	1	11
F. A. Krull .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	5
G. Carson, M.H.R. .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
A. J. Parsons .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	4
<b>Wellington:</b>													
J. R. Blair .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
J. C. Martin .. .. .	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
C. E. W. Willeston .. .. .	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	8
E. Arnold .. .. .	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	24
J. Lachman .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	5

Table J.

VISITS of the INSPECTOR of PRISONS to the Larger Prisons during the Year 1899.

Prisons.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	11, 13, 14, 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	..
Dunedin .. .. .	7, 9, 10, 11, 14	..	23, 23	..	..	13, 14, 15, 16, 17	..	..	..	..	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10	..
Hokitika .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Invercargill .. .. .	12, 13	..	..	..	..	11, 12	..	..	..	..	..	7, 8
Lyttelton .. .. .	6, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24	..	21, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30	..	..	19, 20, 22, 23, 24	..	..	..	..	..	1, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19
Napier .. .. .	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	16	..
New Plymouth .. .. .	..	22	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	27, 28, 30	..	..
Wanganui .. .. .	..	24	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	26	..	..
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	..	15	..	28	23	24	..	..	21	23

**Table K.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1899.**

AUCKLAND PRISON.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
M. G.	Insulting language to his officer	Pl. Warder Rutherford	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
T. H.	Damaging prison property	Warder Levin ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. H.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
O. G.	Idleness and disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	T. H. White, V.J., and C. La Roche, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
M.G.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Gideon ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	"
M. G.	"	" ..	" ..	"
E. L.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
E.E.	Ditto .. ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
T. T.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
E.E.	" .. ..	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	"
T. T.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
H. B. R.	" .. ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. F.	Purloining a ration of bread	Warder O'Donohue ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
M. W.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	The Matron ..	" ..	To forfeit 8 marks.
J. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Levin ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Harron ..	C. La Roche, V.J., and T. H. White, V.J.	To forfeit 12 marks.
J. W.	Insulting language to his officer	Warder O'Reilly ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
A. K.	Idleness .. ..	Warder Johnston ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
M. G.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder O'Reilly ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
M. G.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
M. G.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	"
P. L.	Obstructing his officer ..	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
H.	Communicating with another prisoner	Warder Gideon ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. J.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Cook ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
A. V.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder Cook ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. M.	Smoking in his cell ..	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
T. M.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. J.	Ditto .. ..	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	"
J. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders, and insulting language to his officer	Warder Levin ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
H. T.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	"
J. B.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Sweet ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. M.	Disrespect to his officer ..	Warder Johnston ..	" ..	"
W. R. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Cook ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. C.	Disorderly conduct in exercise yard	" ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. C.	Ditto .. ..	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"
J. C.	Damaging prison property ..	Warder O'Donohue ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water, and to forfeit 21 marks.
D. M.	Obscene language ..	Warder Cook ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	"
A. C.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. C.	Idleness .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
J. J.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder O'Reilly ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	"
J. O'K.	Idleness .. ..	Warder Sweet ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
J. O'K.	Disorderly conduct ..	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W. W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Coffey ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
T. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Denison ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	To forfeit 16 marks.
D. M.	Indecent language to his officer	Pl. Warder Chilton ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
E. J. E.	Damaging prison property	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
W. W.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. J.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
E. L.	Breaking prison windows and destroying prison property	Warder Treacy and the Assistant Matron	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	14 days close confinement.
W. B.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Gideon ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.

Table K—continued.

## PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1899—continued.

## AUCKLAND PRISON—continued.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
W. J. McK.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Coffey ..	C. La Roche, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
E. L.	"	The Matron ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. McK.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder Brien ..	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	7 days bread and water.
C. W.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
E. L.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	T. H. White, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
E. L.	Insulting language to her officer	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.W.W.	Idleness and resisting his officers	Warder Ainslie ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
A. S.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.W.W.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Cook ..	" ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
C. W.	Damaging prison property ..	Warder Treacy ..	" ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
C. W.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
M. E.	Idleness .. ..	" ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
M. E.	Refusing to work ..	" ..	" ..	"
M. E.	Obscene language ..	Warder Levin ..	" ..	"
T. R.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder McSporryan ..	" ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
N. H.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
J. W. D.	Refusing to work ..	Pl. Warder Pointon ..	" ..	2 days bread and water, and to forfeit 24 marks.
J. W. D.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W.W.W.	Ditto .. ..	Warder McMurray ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
M. E.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder McSporryan ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
G. P.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
W.W.W.	" .. ..	Warder McMurray ..	" ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
W.A.H.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.W.W.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. McA.	" .. ..	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.W.W.	Idleness .. ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
E. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
W.W.W.	Insulting language to his officer	Warder McMurray ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
J. P. E.	Ditto .. ..	Warder Ainslie ..	" ..	To forfeit 18 marks.
E. B.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder Cook ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
J. P. E.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	"
H. W. N.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Cook ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
H. W.	Ditto .. ..	Warder Johnston ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. T. McC.	Insulting language to a fellow-prisoner	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
E. B.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
S. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Treacy ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	To forfeit 16 marks.
S. C.	Threatening language to his officer	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. W. D.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Ainslie ..	" ..	To forfeit 16 marks.
J. W. D.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
D. R.	Fighting with a fellow-prisoner	Warder O'Reilly ..	M. Niccol, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
E. B.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Foreman ..	" ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
T. G.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 12 marks.
J. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Reilly ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
H. W.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	Warder Johnston ..	" ..	To forfeit 42 marks.
H. W.	" .. ..	Pl. Warder Pointon ..	" ..	"
J. P. E.	Threatening language to his officer	" ..	" ..	"
E. J. E.	Escaping from legal custody	Warder Ainslie ..	H. W. Brabant, S.M.	2 months hard labour in addition to original sentence.
E. J. E.	Purloining private clothing	" ..	M. Niccol, V.J., and J. H. Hannan, V.J.	To forfeit 42 marks.
E. J. E.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	" ..	Ditto ..	To forfeit 6 marks.
J. R.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
R. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Foreman ..	J. H. Hannan, V.J. ..	To forfeit 18 marks.

Table K—continued.

## PUNISHMENTS FOR PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1899—continued.

## DUNEDIN PRISON.

Initials of Prisoner	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
W. R.	Violently assaulting his officer, and disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Lacey ..	W. Hutchison, J.P., and J. Horsburgh, J.P.	To forfeit the remission of his sentence.
H. P.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	A. G. Christopher, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
T. D.	Damaging prison property	Warder Roberts ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. C.	Writing a clandestine letter	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
W. C.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Joseph ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
W. S.	Ditto .. .. .	Warder Vincent ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
A. P.	" .. .. .	The Matron ..	" ..	" ..
F. C.	" .. .. .	Warder Connor ..	Hon. H. Gourley, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
W. G.	Damaging prison property	Warder Parker ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
H. F.	Escaping from legal custody	Warder Vincent ..	C. C. Graham, S.M.	10 days bread and water.
W. C.	Illicit correspondence with a female prisoner	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	A. G. Christopher, V.J.	24 hours separate confinement, and to forfeit 48 marks.
W. H. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Pl. Warder Armstrong ..	W. Thomson, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
T. M.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	Warder Lacey ..	Hon. H. Gourley, V.J.	To forfeit 84 marks, and to serve two months extra probation.
W. B.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	A. G. Christopher, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
W. B.	Insulting and threatening language to his officer	Warder Parker ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.

## HOKITIKA PRISON.

A. C.	Refusing to work .. .. .	Warder Bartleman ..	J. Bevan, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water.
A. C.	" .. .. .	" ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
S. C.	Fighting " with a fellow-prisoner	Warder Brown ..	Hon. J. A. Bonar, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
K. C.	Ditto .. .. .	" ..	" ..	" ..

## INVERCARGILL PRISON.

D. S.	Idleness .. .. .	Warder Joseph ..	J. W. Poynton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
W. O'B.	" .. .. .	" ..	" ..	" ..
W. O'B.	" .. .. .	Warder Hawkins ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. N.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
C. H. K.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	R. F. Cuthbertson, V.J.	" ..
J. M.	Refusing to work .. .. .	" ..	J. W. Poynton, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
C. H. K.	Idleness .. .. .	Warder Dickison ..	" ..	" ..
J. M.	Insulting language to his officer	" ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
W. B.	Idleness .. .. .	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
J. M.	Insolence to his officer, and disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
G. C. S.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Hawkins ..	R. F. Cuthbertson, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
J. B.	Attempting to escape .. .. .	The Gaoler ..	J. W. Poynton, S.M.	6 months hard labour.
E. T. P.	Insolence to his officer .. .. .	Warder Dickison ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
J. B.	Attempting to escape .. .. .	Warder Hawkins ..	J. W. Poynton, S.M.	12 months hard labour.
J. B.	Idleness .. .. .	" ..	Hon. H. Feldwick, V.J.	1 day bread and water.

## LYTTELTON PRISON.

A. D.	Insolence to the Visiting Justices	The Gaoler .. ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
M. H.	Obscene language to his officer	Warder Crook ..	Ditto .. ..	2 days bread and water.
C. L.	Threatening language and disobedience of lawful orders	The Assistant Matron ..	" .. ..	1 day bread and water.
C. L.	Insolence to her officer .. .. .	" ..	" .. ..	" ..
C. L.	Threatening to assault the Matron	" ..	" .. ..	" ..
J. C.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Brien ..	" .. ..	" ..
E. H.	Refusing to pick oakum .. .. .	Pl. Warder Bell ..	" .. ..	2 days bread and water.
J. P.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Brownie ..	" .. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
K. M.	Abusive language to her officer	The Assistant Matron ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
G. H.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Brien ..	R. Westera, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	" ..
W. J. S.	Refusing to go to work .. .. .	Pl. Warder Bell ..	Ditto .. ..	2 days bread and water.

**Table K—continued.**  
**PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1899—continued.**

**LYTTELTON PRISON—continued.**

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
P. E. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder O'Brien ..	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
A. S. R.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	2 days bread and water, and to forfeit 84 marks.
W. B.	Insolence to his officer ..	Warder O'Brien ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 48 marks.
C. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
W. J. S.	Refusing to go to work ..	Pl. Warder Bell ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	To forfeit 48 marks.
P. E. W.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Fuller ..	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	2 days bread and water.
F.E.	Assaulting a fellow-prisoner	The Gaoler ..	J. Hamilton, V.J. ..	"
C.L.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Assistant Matron	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
C. L.	"	The Matron ..	Ditto ..	"
W. B.	Throwing a stone at a horse when returning from labour	Warder O'Grady ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 24 marks.
P. E. W.	Refusing to do the work ordered	Acting Principal Warder Manning	Ditto ..	3 days bread and water.
K. M.	Profane language to her officer, and disobedience of lawful orders	The Assistant Matron	R. Westenra, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
K. M.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	The Matron ..	" ..	"
K. M.	Obscene language, and disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	"
K. M.	Ditto .. ..	" ..	Ditto ..	"
N. J. S.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	R. Westenra, V.J., J. Hamilton, V.J., and W. W. Collins, V.J.	To forfeit 24 marks.
J. P.	"	" ..	Ditto ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. G.	"	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
G. H.	"	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
P. E. W.	"	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W. G.	Idleness .. ..	" ..	" ..	"
W. J. S.	Disobedience of lawful orders	" ..	" ..	To forfeit 24 marks.
W. G.	"	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.

**NAPIER PRISON.**

P. M.	Threatening language ..	Warder Nicholson ..	J. S. Large, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
P. C.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Speight ..	" ..	"
J. D.	Insubordination and disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Forsythe ..	" ..	"
E. D.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Speight ..	" ..	"
J. D.	Resisting officers in the execution of their duties	The Gaoler ..	" ..	"

**NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.**

B. T. T.	Escaping from legal custody	The Gaoler ..	R. L. Stanford, S.M.	5 days bread and water, and to forfeit 200 marks.
C. W. C.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	Warder Down ..	H. Weston, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
C. A. W.	Abusive and threatening language to a fellow-prisoner	" ..	H. Weston, V.J., D. Berry, V.J., and E. Dockrell, V.J.	1 day bread and water.

**WANGANUI PRISON.**

A. J.	Disobedience of lawful orders	The Gaoler ..	E. N. Liffiton, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
A. J.	"	Warder Steele ..	F. A. Krull, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
W.M.H.	Damaging prison property	" ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.
W.M.H.	Smoking in his cell ..	The Gaoler ..	" ..	3 days bread and water.
R. H.	Secreting tobacco ..	Warder Kearney ..	" ..	1 day bread and water.

Table K—continued.

## PUNISHMENTS for PRISON OFFENCES during the Year 1899—continued.

## WELLINGTON PRISON.

Initials of Prisoner.	Offence for which punished.	By whom reported.	By whom sentenced.	Punishment.
T. McG.	Disobedience of lawful orders	Warder Meehan ..	J. C. Martin, V.J. ..	1 day bread and water.
T. McG.	Abusive language to his officer	Warder Bethune ..	" ..	2 days bread and water.
J. R. C.	Obscene language, and resisting his officers in the execution of their duty	Warder Lodge and Warder Knight	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	3 days bread and water.
W. A.	Escaping from legal custody	Pl. Warder Millington	H. E. Kenny, S.M. ..	12 months hard labour in addition to original sentence.
J. M. F.	Assault on a constable ..	" ..	His Honour Mr. Justice Denniston	3 years hard labour in addition to original sentence
R. S.	Damaging prison property	Warder Knight ..	J. Lachman, V.J. ..	3 days bread and water.
R. S.	Disrespectful language to his officer	The Gaoler ..	" ..	To forfeit 84 marks.
S. J. F.	Being in possession of prohibited articles	The Matron ..	C. E. W. Willeston, V.J.	1 day bread and water.
S. J. F.	Disturbing the quiet of the prison	" ..	" ..	"
W. H.	Being in possession of prohibited article	Warder Knight ..	E. Arnold, V.J. ..	"
W. H.	Disrespect to his officer ..	" ..	" ..	"
W. H.	Attempting to write a clandestine letter	" ..	" ..	"
W. L.	Filthy and insulting language to his officer	Warder Rosengrave ..	" ..	3 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 1899.

Ages.	Three Months and under.	Six Months.	Nine Months.	Twelve Months.	Two Years.	Total.
Under 10 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
From 10 to 15 years .. .. .	1	1	..	1	..	3
" 15 " 20 " .. .. .	15	13	..	13	5	46
" 20 " 25 " .. .. .	4	4	..	7	..	15
" 25 " 30 " .. .. .	3	2	1	3	..	9
" 30 " 40 " .. .. .	7	6	..	12	2	27
" 40 " 50 " .. .. .	6	..	..	3	2	11
" 50 " 60 " .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	2
60 years and upwards .. .. .	1	3	..	..	..	4
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