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# THE POLICE FORCE OF THE COLONY

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

The COMMISSIONER OF POLICE to the Hon. the MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

SIR,— Police Department, Commissioner's Office, 5th June, 1906.

I have the honour to submit for your information the annual report on the Police Force of the colony (together with the criminal statistics) for the year ended 31st March last.

### STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 667 (exclusive of one constable on leave prior to retirement) of all ranks, being an increase of 12 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sub-inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	6
Station sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sergeant-major	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	66
Constables	...	...	...	...	...	540
Chief detectives	...	...	...	...	...	4
Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	21
Acting-detectives	...	...	...	...	...	17
In addition to the above there were—						
Police surgeons	...	...	...	...	...	4
Matrons	...	...	...	...	...	4
District constables	...	...	...	...	...	21
Native constables	...	...	...	...	...	9
Troop horses	...	...	...	...	...	58

### STATIONS.

New stations have been formed at Birkenhead, Willis Street (Palmerston North), and Tinakori Road (Wellington); a district constable has been placed at Murchison, and a Native constable at Omaio. The stations at Chatto Creek and Surrey Hills have been closed.

### CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last. The figures are somewhat in excess of previous years, principally owing to dismissals and compulsory resignations following the investigations held into the Dunedin trouble: Retired under Police Provident Fund Act, 14; died, 5; resigned voluntarily, 11; dismissed, 11; called upon to resign, 25; total, 66.

### CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with all offences reported to the police during the year ended the 31st December last, and show an aggregate net decrease of 817 on the figures of 1904.

The average annual increase for the last five years being 944, makes the actual decrease on an average basis 1,761, which is principally accounted for by the reduction (908) in the number of persons dealt with for drunkenness. The proportion of offences to the population as compared with the preceding year has been reduced from 2.33 to 2.18 per cent.

The principal decreases during the year as shown by the statistics were as follows, viz.:—

Abusive and threatening language	...	54	Malicious injury to property	...	56
Drunkenness	...	908	Obscene and profane language	...	77
Illegally on premises	...	50	Obstructing and resisting police	...	65
Indecent exposure or behaviour	...	51	Theft from dwellings	...	44

## The principal increases were—

Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	40	Gaming offences	...	...	...	67
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children	...	Neglected and criminal children	...	...	...	49
Disobeying orders on board ships	...	Theft undescribed	...	...	...	167
False pretences	...	Trespass	...	...	...	88

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year under review is 94·87, the figures of the preceding year being 95·23; the average percentage for the last five years was 94·49.

## SERIOUS CRIMES.

From the following return of serious crimes it will be observed that the only noticeable increase is in the number of burglaries (40) and forgeries (29), but as the returns for the last ten years show that the annual number of burglary cases varied from 314 to 458 and the forgery cases from 71 to 113, the present figures (397 burglaries and 112 forgeries) are not exceptional. The number of arrests shown for such offences appears figuratively small, but it frequently occurs that one person commits a series of offences, a number of which are not brought home to him, hence the apparent discrepancy.

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

Crimes.	1904.		1905.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	29	22	16	14
Assault and robbery	53	47	45	34
Burglary (breaking into shops and dwellings)	357	219	397	241
Forgery and uttering	83	76	112	97
Murder	3	3	5	5
" attempted	2	2	1	1
Rape	10	10	11	11
Receiving stolen property	44	40	40	36
Shooting with intent	1	1	5	5
	582	420	632	444

The number of indecent and sexual offences shows a decrease of 30 as compared with the preceding year, the number being 347 in 1904 and 318 in 1905, a prosecution being instituted in 306 cases.

## DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a considerable decrease (908) in the total number of persons dealt with under this heading as compared with the preceding year. The average annual increase for the previous five years was 665, so that, although the numbers vary considerably from year to year, this year's decrease seems satisfactory, and may, I think, be principally attributed to the passing of "The Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1904," and the activity of police in carrying it out, and partly to the discontinuance of licenses to railway refreshment-rooms.

From the following table it will be observed that 38·59 per cent. of the males and 64·21 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 9·61 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the colony.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS charged with DRUNKENNESS during the Year 1905, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as known.

District.	Not Previously Convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland	975	50	289	20	84	14	60	4	49	4	31	2	133	80	1,621	174	213
Napier	548	15	136	11	72	13	43	3	16	1	24	4	74	4	913	51	18
Wanganui	676	37	97	10	42	2	20	..	7	1	5	..	21	2	868	52	8
Wellington	1,424	127	294	53	177	18	83	15	15	..	17	5	53	5	2,063	223	238
Greymouth	189	11	32	3	8	2	9	1	2	1	2	..	1	..	243	18	29
Christchurch	569	36	208	20	101	15	100	10	106	6	120	..	155	91	1,359	178	130
Dunedin	357	9	43	8	31	8	25	4	20	8	45	15	83	40	604	92	105
Invercargill	116	2	41	2	27	3	13	1	7	1	10	1	20	4	234	14	19
	4,854	287	1,140	127	542	75	353	38	222	22	254	27	540	226	7,905	802	760

The number charged with drunkenness in 1904 was 9,615 (8,660 males and 955 females), whereas in 1905 the number was 8,707 (7,905 males and 802 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1904-5, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or withdrawn (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Decrease in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1904.		Number arrested, 1905.		Number convicted, 1905.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1905.		Total Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,176	161	1,094	132	1,089	132	5	...	111
Wellington and suburbs...	1,882	302	1,617	192	1,617	192	...	...	375
Christchurch and suburbs	912	176	594	144	591	144	3	...	350
Dunedin and suburbs ...	549	118	413	89	411	88	2	1	165
Totals ...	4,519	757	3,718	557	3,708	556	10	1	1,001

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS on SUNDAYS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1904-5 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1904.		Number arrested, 1905.		Number convicted, 1905.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1905.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	38	9	26	...	25	...	1	...
Wellington and suburbs...	40	3	7	3	7	3	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	16	1	5	1	5	1	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	5	2	19	4	19	4	...	...
Totals ...	99	15	57	8	56	8	1	...

#### PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 34 as compared with the preceding year, this increase being probably due to recent legislation on the licensing laws. The management of hotels generally continues to improve.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS in each District during the Year 1905 as compared with 1904, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

District.	Prosecutions, 1904.	Prosecutions, 1905.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland ...	27	46	20	26
Napier ...	27	43	15	28
Wanganui ...	21	25	9	16
Wellington ...	8	6	2	4
Greymouth ...	21	33	17	16
Christchurch ...	20	19	8	11
Dunedin ...	6	2	1	1
Invercargill ...	10	...	...	...
Totals ...	140	174	72	102

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS within each Principal Centre during the Year 1905, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

Centre.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland and suburbs ...	8	7	1
Wellington and suburbs ...	3	1	2
Christchurch and suburbs ...	3	1	2
Dunedin and suburbs ...	...	...	...
Totals ...	14	9	5

## SLY-GROG.

There were 188 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 115 convictions, against 169 prosecutions and 113 convictions during the preceding year.

Although the Department continues to adopt special tactics to bring sly-grog sellers to justice, the offence is still persisted in and carried on with greater secrecy. I am of opinion that if more severe punishments were inflicted when convictions are recorded they would have a deterrent effect. The work of detection is disagreeable and demoralising, but with one or two exceptions it has been carried out by members of the Force, and has resulted most satisfactorily both as regards the number of prosecutions and the reduction in expenditure (£638 9s. 10d.).

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1905 amounted to £1,103 10s., against £1,584 in 1904.

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	319	10	0
Napier	2	0	0
Wanganui	83	0	0
Wellington	67	0	0
Greymouth	75	0	0
Christchurch	187	0	0
Dunedin	320	0	0
Invercargill	50	0	0
Total	£1,103	10	0

The direct cost to the colony in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £727 9s. 9d., this being £376 0s. 3d. less than the amount of fines imposed.

## GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 180 prosecutions, resulting in 162 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 115 prosecutions and 91 convictions in 1904.

If it is intended to minimise gambling in the direction of playing "two-up" in private places (which is carried on to a considerable extent, and frequent complaints are received concerning it) to prevent "Totalisator advertisements" appearing in the Press (which probably is an inducement for persons to bet), or to reduce the number of Tattersall's agents who collect lottery subscriptions in this colony, it will be necessary to amend "The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881," accordingly.

## "THE INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1896."

During the year there were 557 registered homes throughout the colony, representing 862 infants, against 528 homes and 728 infants in 1904.

Twenty deaths occurred in the homes during the year, against 21 in the preceding year. Four licensees were prosecuted for breaches of the Act, and three were convicted, against 5 prosecutions and 5 convictions in 1904. No licenses were cancelled, and no neglect of licensees was disclosed at inquests.

## CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

During 1905 15 men were punished for being under the influence of liquor, 7 of whom were dismissed or called upon to resign, and the remainder severely punished either by fine or reduction; 2 were fined for drinking whilst on duty, and 2 for entering hotels while on duty and not reporting same; otherwise the conduct of the men has been good and the efficiency of the force well maintained.

## FINGER-PRINT BRANCH.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 5,000 offenders.

During the year 88 persons, claiming to be first offenders, were by means of their finger prints identified as previously convicted persons.

Finger prints of unidentified prisoners—that is, of persons whose antecedents were unknown to the police, have been identified, during the year at London, Johannesburg, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Sydney, and Brisbane.

In comparing the number of identifications here with those in other colonies, attention has to be directed to the fact that the mere finding of corresponding prints in the finger-print cabinet is not recorded as an identification unless the police are ignorant of the man's identity. The finger-print officers in other colonies usually hold the finding of corresponding prints to be an identification regardless of the fact that perhaps the police were thoroughly conversant with the prisoner's whole history.

At the beginning of the year the special attention of the police was directed to the necessity of careful search being made for finger impressions in all cases where such evidence could possibly be found, as in cases of burglary, housebreaking, &c., and an expert from the Finger-print Branch visited all the principal police-stations in the colony, explaining and showing the importance of the system, with the result that during the year 35 finger-marked articles were submitted to the branch for identification. Of these many were too indistinct to be of any value, but 6 of these impressions were found identical with those of persons previously convicted, whose finger prints were filed in the Finger-print Branch. Two of these occurred in Dunedin, 1 at Blenheim, 1 at Auckland, and 2 at Wellington. All 6 persons were arrested and charged, 5 were convicted, the sixth being able to prove that his finger print had been impressed on the glass of window in a legitimate manner was discharged.

Another instance showing the value of the system occurred at Auckland. A man was convicted there of breaking and entering the Roman Catholic Convent, Orphanage, and Bishop's Palace. This offender was brought to justice through the branch identifying certain finger marks found on the Orphanage as those of the person now convicted of the offence. As the offender was known to have recently arrived from Sydney, a set of his finger impressions were forwarded there. Comparison of his prints with some found on the window of the North Sydney Convent, which had been broken into some time previously, showed beyond doubt that this man had also committed that offence, for which the Sydney Police now demand his extradition.

All photographs required by police are still taken by members of the Force, the Finger-print Branch alone supplying during the year over 1,800.

#### TRAINING OF CANDIDATES, ETC.

The training of candidates is still proving highly satisfactory. The benefits derived from the instruction imparted to probationers in education, drill, ambulance work, technical police duties, police Acts, and the finger-print system of identification is having a marked effect on the men.

Eligible candidates are still plentiful, but I regret to say that, owing to want of accommodation at Mount Cook Police-station for training purposes, I have been unable up to the present to fill all the extra vacancies which occurred during last year, and to augment the strength as authorised. A section of land has, however, now been purchased at Newtown, which is admirably suited for the erection of a police-station and training-depot, and I trust the recommendation made for a sum being voted for that purpose will be approved of, so as to remove existing difficulties.

During the year there were 98 fresh candidates, who, after inquiry, measurement, &c., were found to be eligible for the service.

Eighty-seven men were taken on during the year. The nationalities, religions, and occupations of these 87 men are as follows:—Nationalities: New-Zealand-born, 46; English, 4; Scotch, 14; Irish, 10; Australian, 11; Canadian, 1; Manxman, 1. Religions: Church of England, 21; Presbyterians, 30; Roman Catholics, 30; Wesleyans, 5; Salvationist, 1. Occupations: Labourers, 38; farmers, 11; miners, 4; artillerymen, 3; ex-constables, 3; asylum warder, 1; carters, 5; platelayer, 1; shepherds, 2; ploughmen, 3; blacksmiths, 4; grooms, 2; boot-makers, 2; sailor, 1; lighthouse-keeper, 1; machinist, 1; joiner, 1; storemen, 2; porters, 2.

#### POLICE PROVIDENT FUND.

On the 31st March last the amount standing to the credit of the fund was £27,121 2s. 6d., being an increase on the year of £2,245 11s. 4d. On the same date there were on the fund 3 ex-Inspectors, 15 ex-sergeants, 31 ex-constables, 3 ex-detectives, and 2 widows and 3 orphans of deceased constables, their aggregate annual allowances being £5,037 11s. 1d.

Since the Act came into force the Government have saved the sum of £14,932 18s. 11d. in the form of retiring allowances which would no doubt have been paid had it not existed.

#### STATIONS, ETC.

During the year the following works have been completed:—

##### *New Buildings.*

Belfast ... ..	Lock-up.	St. Andrew's ... ..	Lock-up.
Cambridge ... ..	"	Taumarunui ... ..	"
New Brighton ... ..	"	Te Awamutu ... ..	"
Palmerston North ... ..	New cells, &c.	Waiuku ... ..	Station.
Rotorua ... ..	Lock-up.		

##### *New Buildings in Course of Erection.*

Bingsland ... ..	Station.	Hokitika ... ..	Lock-up.
Christchurch ... ..	Barracks.	Newton (Auckland) ... ..	Barracks.
Gore ... ..	Station.		

##### *Additions, Repairs, &c.*

Amberley ... ..	Additions, &c.	Milton ... ..	Renovations.
Ashburton ... ..	Improvements.	Napier ... ..	Additions to ser- geants' quarters.
Auckland ... ..	Conversion of Bri- gade Office into Inspector's quar- ters, and improve- ments to married men's quarters.	Napier (Carlyle Street) ... ..	Renovations.
		Onehunga ... ..	Fencing.
		Opunake ... ..	Renovations.
		Pahiatua ... ..	Drainage.
		Papanui ... ..	Improvements.
Christchurch ... ..	Improvements.	Pleasant Point ... ..	Additions.
Clyde ... ..	Renovations.	Pukekohe ... ..	Renovations.
Dunedin ... ..	Improvements.	Reefton ... ..	"
Eltham ... ..	Water supply and drainage.	Ross ... ..	"
		Timaru ... ..	Additions and reno- vations.
Greytown North ... ..	Improvements.	Waimate ... ..	Renovations.
Hikurangi ... ..	Renovations.	Waipukurau ... ..	Additions and im- provements.
Hokitika ... ..	Repairs, &c.	Whangaroa ... ..	Renovations.
Howick ... ..	Repairs to lock-up.		
Mangonui ... ..	Renovations.		

<i>Additions, Repairs, &amp;c., in Hand.</i>						
Blenheim	...	Fencing.	Tauranga	...	...	Additions, &c.
Mokau	...	Renovations.	Timaru	...	...	Improvements
Oxford	...	Additions.	Wellington (Lambton Quay)			Additions.
Rotorua	...	Additions, &c.				
<i>New Stations, &amp;c., required.</i>						
Alexandra South	...	New office.	Masterton	...	...	New station and improvements.
Auckland	...	Renovating.	Methven	...	...	New station and lock-up.
Carterton	...	New station.	Milton	...	...	New lock-up and shed
Cheviot	...	"	Newtown (Wellington)	...	...	New station.
Clinton	...	"	Petone	...	...	Purchase of site.
Collingwood	...	Additions and repairs.	South Dunedin	...	...	Additions.
Dunedin	...	New wing to Central Station.	Taupo	...	...	New station.
Geraldine	...	Lock-up.	Waimate	...	...	"
Hampden	...	New station and lock-up.	Wellington	...	...	New training depot.
Kaiapoi	...	New station.	Whangarei	...	...	Purchase of site, and new cells.
Kihikihi	...	"				
Kumara	...	"				
<i>Sites acquired.</i>						
Ngapara.						
Newtown (Wellington).						
<i>Building removed.</i>						
Lock-up from Hakarau to Mangawai.						

## LEGAL.

*"The Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1904."*

This Act, from a departmental view, has supplied a long-felt want, and enables the police to deal much more effectively with hotelkeepers who infringe the law, whilst it inflicts no hardships on them, the result being that hotels are better conducted, drinking during prohibited hours is checked, and drunkenness is minimised.

*"The Police Provident Fund Act, 1899."*

In view of the satisfactory state of this fund, which on the 31st March last shows a credit balance of £27,121, and the fact that the sum of £14,932 has been saved in the way of compassionate-allowances since its inauguration, I consider the time has arrived for removing some of the disadvantages now apparent in the working of the Act.

*Allowances to Widows and Children.*—At present no provision is made for widows and children of deceased contributors whose deaths occur from natural causes whilst in the service, and they have to look to the Government for assistance. Provision should be made to meet such cases.

*Dismissals and Resignations.*—If members are dismissed from the service the Act provides that the Board may grant the return of half their contributions, and if they resign voluntarily, having under ten years' or over twenty-five years' service, no return of their contributions can be granted. In all such cases provision should be made for the return of the whole of the sum contributed.

*Computation of Pensions.*—Under the Act a pension is computed on the rate of pay drawn at time of retirement, or if promoted within five years of retirement on the average pay drawn during the preceding seven years; but no provision is made for averaging the allowance for members reduced. The same provision should apply to reduction as to promotion.

The Railway Superannuation Fund Act provides for the advantages herein sought.

*"The Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1881."*

I have to direct attention to the apparent necessity to amend this Act so as to enable police to deal with persons congregating in private places and playing the game of "two-up." This kind of gambling is on the increase, especially on Sundays and holidays, and ought to be stamped out. Under existing laws the police cannot cope with it.

*"The Habitual Criminals Act, 1905," of New South Wales.*

This Act, which provides for indeterminate sentences being passed on persons declared habitual criminals, is believed to be driving the worst class of criminals to this colony, it is therefore essential that similar legislation should obtain here. I have little faith in the reformation of habitual criminals by such treatment, but if properly administered it may be the means of their longer detention and better supervision on release than at present. The juveniles or first offenders are the persons concerning whom the greatest exertions should be made with the view to reformation.

*"The Criminal Code Amendment Act, 1905."*

This Act, which provides for the extension of time from one to six months under which proceedings can be instituted against persons having knowledge of girls under sixteen years of age, is a most satisfactory one, and will be productive of good results in minimising this class of offence.

*"The Shipping and Seamen Act, 1903."*

Stowaways continue to arrive in this colony, and are dealt with summarily under this Act then set at liberty after serving a short term of imprisonment. Most of them are undesirables of the criminal class, and if provision were made to prevent the landing of stowaways in the colony we would have less crime to contend with.

*Firearms.*

There is evident need for legislation in respect to persons carrying or possessing firearms. Serious accidents are becoming far too prevalent through the careless use of firearms by both adults and youths. Criminals, drunkards, persons of weak intellect, and bad characters can all carry firearms to the danger of the public, resulting in occasional accidents through carelessness, suicides, murders, and attempted murders. Provision should be made preventing youths under sixteen years of age (except cadets) possessing firearms or ammunition of any description, and all over that age who carry firearms should be licensed (defence forces and members of rifle clubs carrying Government arms exempted). The police could act as licensing officers, a nominal fee charged and applied as considered advisable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

*Transfers.*

In the interests of the service it is imperative to occasionally transfer members of the Force from one district or station to another, but in connection with such transfers I regret to say that influence is frequently resorted to, resulting in appeals being made by the inhabitants of the district concerned to countermand orders issued by the Department. Such action, I need scarcely say, is not conducive to the maintenance of discipline and efficiency, and the less it is indulged in the better for the service. Interference of this description is conspicuous by its absence in well disciplined forces.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Misleading comments have been publicly made in respect to alleged non-investigation by the Department of complaints lodged against members of the Force. I desire it to be clearly understood that there exists no foundation whatsoever for any such assertion. Every complaint, no matter how trivial, is thoroughly investigated and dealt with on its merits as records prove, and I think erring members of the service have occasion to know this. Such comments can only be made without consideration or knowledge of facts, and are not applicable to this Department.

*Finger Prints.*

I again direct attention to the necessity of providing a prison by-law enabling warders in special cases to take the finger prints of prisoners awaiting trial or on remand, as several instances have arisen in which prisoners have refused to permit their prints to be taken, and in consequence their previous convictions were not traced until after they had been dealt with. It is only those with previous convictions who decline, hence the necessity in the interests of justice to secure their prints. In England provision is made which enables prisoners' finger prints to be taken at any time.

*Alterations in Districts.*

The transfer on 19th March last of the undermentioned stations from one district to another has resulted in better supervision being maintained, and the executive work being dealt with more expeditiously. The following stations were transferred from Napier District to Auckland District: Katikati, Omaio, Opotiki, Rotorua, Taupo, Tauranga, Te Puke, Te Whaiti, Tokaanu, and Whakatanu. The following from Greymouth District to Wellington District—Collingwood, Motueka, Nelson, Richmond, Spring Grove, Takaka, and the Port.

*Strength and Distribution of the Force.*

Continued demands for additional police protection, principally from outside districts, are received by the Department; and, owing to the increased population, it is evident that a number of them will soon have to be satisfied. I consider that an augmentation of at least 2 sergeants, 15 constables, and 3 detectives is necessary to meet legitimate demands. The proportion of police to population would then be only one to every 1,360 inhabitants.

The augmentation authorised last year of a station-sergeant in each of the four centres to assist the sub-inspector has thus far given every satisfaction and resulted in the better supervision of the men and more efficient performance of police duties generally.

COST OF POLICE, ETC.

A return is herewith annexed (Appendix C) giving proportion of police to the population and the cost of police per inhabitant in each of the Australian States and in this colony.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Extracts from the annual reports of the Inspectors in charge of districts are hereto annexed.

I have, &c.,  
W. DINNIE,  
Commissioner of Police.

## EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

## INSPECTOR J. CULLEN, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The authorised strength of the district on the 31st March last was 155 of all ranks, an increase of 14 over the preceding year. Eight of the number of increase were transferred from Napier and East Coast District.

The Force has been increased at Auckland (1 station-sergeant, 1 sergeant and 2 constables), Eden Terrace (1 sergeant), Howick (1 constable), Waihi (2 constables), and was decreased at Coromandel (1 constable), and Paeroa (1 constable).

The station in course of erection at Newton is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupation at an early date. A station has been erected at Waiuku, and cells at Cambridge, Taumarunui, and Te Awamutu. Quarters have also been provided for the Inspector at Auckland.

The following stations have been transferred to this district from the Napier and East Coast District: Katikati, 1 district constable; Omapo, 1 Native constable; Opotiki, 1 constable and 1 Native constable; Rotorua, 1 sergeant, 1 constable, and 1 Native constable; Taupo, 1 constable; Te Puke, 1 constable; Te Whaiti, 1 district constable; Tokaanu, 1 district constable; Tauranga, 1 sergeant, 1 constable; and Whakatane, 1 constable. A station has been opened at Birkenhead, and Surrey Hills Station has been closed.

The casualties during the year were as follow: Death, 1 constable; retired on pension, 1 constable; resigned, 3 constables; dismissed, 3 constables.

The appointment of a station sergeant to assist the sub-inspector is so far giving satisfaction.

A considerable number of cases of house-breaking and burglary have been reported during the year, but I am pleased to be able to state that most of the offenders have been brought to justice.

A physical-culture class, Sandow system, with Constable Skinner as instructor, is being carried on here for the benefit of those members of the Force who are desirous to avail themselves of the opportunity of improving their physique.

## INSPECTOR E. MACDONELL, NAPIER DISTRICT.

The return of crimes for the year ending 31st December, 1905, shows that 2,199 offences of various kinds were reported to the police, as against 1,898 during the year 1904, an increase of 301. Of these, 2,117 resulted in the prosecution of the offenders, leaving 82 offences for which the offenders were not arrested or summoned.

The following offences show the principal increases over last year: Assaults, common, 20; assaults occasioning bodily harm, 8; breaches of peace, 33; deserting wives and children, 6; drunkenness, 203; failing to support parents and relatives, 21; illegally on premises, 16; malicious injury to property, 24; obscene language, 8; theft of cattle and horses, 9; vagrancy, 16; forcibly detaining land from lawful custody, 14.

The principal decreases are: Burglary, 29; carnally knowing girls, 4; disorderly and riotous conduct, 12; forgery and uttering, 10; furious riding and driving, 9; obstructing and resisting police, 9; theft undescribed, 13.

The increase in drunkenness occurs mainly at Napier (37), Gisborne (141), Dannevirke (21), and Spit (17).

The police in the Rotorua Sub-district have experienced a certain amount of trouble in dealing with the Native trouble over the Galatea Block claimed by Mrs. Beale, from which she endeavoured to evict the Natives. Fourteen of the Natives were prosecuted for "forcibly detaining the land," 7 being discharged in the lower Court, and the remaining 7, after committal, were discharged at the Supreme Court, Auckland.

Forty-three informations were laid during the year ending 31st December against licensees for breaches of the licensing laws, resulting in 15 convictions, 28 being dismissed or withdrawn. So many discharges are accounted for by usually having two or more informations laid for one offence to, if possible, prevent offenders escaping on technicalities, &c.

Seventy-five fires were reported during the year, as against 89 for the previous year, one person being arrested for three cases of arson and sentenced to four years' hard labour on each charge.

Several transfers of members of the service were made during the year, no doubt to the benefit of the service in this district. The members remaining and the new arrivals have conducted themselves, as a whole, very fairly, and the Force in the district is now more satisfactory than it was a couple of years ago. Considering the amount of crime reported, the small proportion undetected shows that the police throughout the district have been very attentive to their duty.

On the 19th March last ten stations situated in the Bay of Plenty and Rotorua districts were transferred to the Auckland Police District.

## INSPECTOR N. KIELY.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The criminal statistics for 1905 show 2,354 offences reported and 2,288 detected, which leaves a very low percentage of undetected crimes. There was a decrease of 422 offences from the number for 1904, chiefly in drunkenness, 284; abusive and threatening language, 14; breaches of the peace, 14; disobeying orders of Court, 38; disorderly conduct, 19; failing to support parents, 25; indecent exposure 15; malicious injuries to property, 13; obscene and profane language, 55; obstructing the police, 29; theft from dwellings, 19; and vagrancy, 16. There was a slight increase



over figures for 1904 in common assaults, 15; cruelty to animals, 16; deserting wives, &c., 24; disobeying orders on ships, 37; theft (undescribed), 42; and theft by servants, 18. Of crimes of a more atrocious character, such as arson, there were 5; assaults occasioning bodily harm, 8; assault and robbery, 10; carnally knowing girls, 3; incest, 2; attempted rape, 1; and all were detected, the perpetrators being brought to justice.

During the year a police gaol was opened at Palmerston North, at the chief station there. There was also a new station opened in Willis Street, Palmerston North. There has been an augmentation of three constables to the police in Palmerston North and suburbs, thus bringing the strength of the Force in the district up to 1 Inspector, 4 sergeants, 59 constables, and 3 detectives.

The Town of Palmerston North is still giving a lot of trouble on account of a large number of criminals making it a resting-place owing to the prosperity there. Money being plentiful the class in question is attracted there, and generally remain until either hunted out or sent to gaol. However, very few crimes go undetected, and with the change lately effected in the detective branch even better results may be expected.

There is still improvement in the management and conduct of hotels in this district, especially in the Town of Wanganui.

The conduct of the constables in this district, with one or two exceptions, has been very good.

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#### INSPECTOR J. W. ELLISON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The general prosperity of the district has been well maintained during the past year, and a great many persons have arrived from other places to settle in the district. The census to be taken this year will, I feel certain, show a very large increase of population both in town and country.

In making a comparison of crime, the year 1905 shows a decrease of 349 offences, as compared with 1904. As will be seen by the return of arrests furnished, there was a decrease of 295 for drunkenness. Other offences showed in some cases a small decrease, and in some slight increases, the net comparison being in favour of last year. There were no serious crimes calling for special reference.

The large number of persons arriving at the Port of Wellington requires continual vigilance on the part of the police, as occasionally criminals from other places find their way here; but the result of the year's work shows that the police have been fairly successful in keeping criminals in reasonable check, although at the same time giving individuals of this class who show a desire to lead honest lives every opportunity to do so.

The police buildings and Government property have been kept in serviceable condition, although a few of the buildings are getting much the worse of age—viz., at Masterton and Carterton.

Improvements are now in progress at the head station, Wellington, which will be a great benefit to the Department.

A new station in a rented house has been opened in Tinakori Road, where one constable is stationed; and another constable is now under orders to Petone, as an increase to that rapidly improving borough.

The addition recently made of a station sergeant and a sergeant for street duty to the city is a most beneficial one.

A few constables have shown little energy or aptitude for police-work; some of these have been got rid of during the year, otherwise the conduct of the police of all ranks has been good, in many cases most exemplary, both as to energy, tact, and good behaviour.

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#### INSPECTOR E. WILSON, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

I have the honour to furnish report on the Greymouth Police District. I may mention, however, that I am including herein the Nelson Sub-district up to the 19th March, 1906, the date on which it was added to the Wellington Police District, consequently I report all changes therein up to that date.

The strength of Greymouth District on 31st March was: 1 Inspector, 5 sergeants, 1 detective, 22 constables, and 2 district constables.

During the year 1 sergeant and 4 constables were transferred from other districts, while 1 sergeant and 5 constables were transferred to other districts, and 7 constables were transferred to stations within the district.

One sergeant was pensioned off during the year under the Police Provident Fund, and 2 constables were promoted to the rank of sergeant.

A new station was opened during the year at Murchison, and a district constable appointed there.

As already alluded to, the Nelson Sub-district comprising the following stations—viz., Collingwood, Motueka, Nelson, Richmond, Spring Grove, Takaka, and the Port—have been added to the Wellington District, together with 1 sergeant and 12 constables occupying them.

The conduct of the men has been good, and they have given general satisfaction while doing their duty fairly and firmly, and there have been no complaints from the public.

Our criminal statistics for 1904 show 695 offences reported; and for 1905, 678 offences reported, out of which 560 summary convictions were obtained; while 16 persons were committed

for trial, 5 only of the latter being convicted; and 63 persons were discharged at the lower Court, thus leaving 43 offences undetected during the year, or something like 6 per cent. on the total cases reported.

During the year there has been 33 prosecutions against publicans, resulting in 17 convictions, while fines amounting to £75 were inflicted for selling sly-grog, against 21 prosecutions and £66 fines in 1904.

We continue to have a number of prosecutions under the Licensing Act Amendment Act of 1904, almost all resulting in convictions. This law has had a very good effect, and publicans and the general public conform thereto fairly well.

#### INSPECTOR R. J. GILLIES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 128 men of all ranks, made up as follows: Inspector, 1; Sub-Inspectors, 2; station-sergeant, 1; sergeants, 12; constables, 103; detectives, 7; acting-detectives, 2.

The casualties were: Discharged, 5; resignations, 3; dismissals, 2; death, 1.

The annual return for the year ending 31st December, 1905, shows a decrease of 353 offences compared with those reported for the previous year. The total number of offences reported during the year ending the 31st December, 1905, was 3,561. The total number of persons apprehended or summoned for the same period was 3,386. From the return it will be seen that the number of arrests made in respect of the offences reported during the year may on the whole be considered satisfactory. The work in the detective office, Christchurch, is considerably increased by inquiries concerning bicycles which are reported lost or stolen, and it is safe to say that it takes a man going constantly on this duty alone. There were 444 bicycles reported lost or stolen, and of this number 433 were recovered and restored to the owners.

The aggregate amount of fines imposed in sly-grog cases was £187. Prosecutions were instituted in 38 cases, 15 males and 3 females being discharged. These offences were committed mostly in what is known as a "no-license district," and the usual difficulties in procuring evidence to prosecute were apparent among a large section of the community who do not care to give the police any information or otherwise assist them in enforcing the law relating to sly-grog selling. So far as I am aware the police may claim to have succeeded in bringing these cases before the Court without having to procure informers to assist them.

New buildings are being erected at Christchurch and Bingsland. At the former station the accommodation when completed will be for the use of the single men, who will appreciate going out of the old building which was built some thirty years ago to accommodate the small Force of the city at that time.

During the year the numerical strength of the district has been increased as follows: Sub-Inspector, 1; station sergeant, 1; constable, 1.

The conduct of the men in the district has on the whole been satisfactory, a marked improvement can be seen on the recruits who have been transferred from the training depot during the year. In my opinion the efficiency of the Force in my district has risen considerably during the year, which is mostly due to the appointments and changes made by your directions. A few undesirable men were removed, and their places filled to the advantage of the service.

#### INSPECTOR T. O'BRIEN, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1905, was 1,798, showing an increase of 65 as compared with the preceding year; and the total number of persons apprehended or proceeded against by summons 1,628, leaving 170 offences in which neither arrest nor summons resulted; it may be mentioned, however, that the majority of the cases remaining undetected are trivial matters—such as failing to pay fines, and petty thefts in instances where the stolen property was not identifiable; many of the former have been detected during the past three months. It will be seen that a substantial decrease has taken place in the following offences as compared with the preceding year, viz.: Assaults, common, 8; drunkenness, 144; obscene and profane language, 7; assault and robbery, 4; obstructing and resisting police, 9; and vagrancy, 11; but, against that, it has to be stated some of the more serious class of offences—such as breaking into shops and dwellings, 40; cruelty to animals, 5; disorderly and riotous conduct, 17; illegally taking fish, 12; neglected and criminal children, 14; refusing to quit licensed premises, 9; sly-grog selling, 20; theft undescribed, 59; theft from dwellings, 33; trespass, 15; and being found on unlicensed premises for the purpose of illegally dealing in liquor, 8, show an increase: but on the whole, taking into consideration the large population, I consider the district may be congratulated upon its immunity from crime.

The provisions of the Licensing Act of 1904, particularly sections 5, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45, has materially assisted the police in enforcing the licensing laws. In one case—in the Clutha district—a conviction ensued against a sly-grog seller, where there was no evidence except the tracing of large quantities of liquor from time to time to the suspected person, and he being unable to offer the Court any satisfactory explanation as to how such liquor was disposed of, a substantial fine was inflicted, the after-results being very satisfactory. The provision making it an offence to be found in licensed premises after closing hours, and finding prohibited persons in possession of liquor, has been productive of good results.

It would be idle to contend that sly-grog selling does not, to a limited extent, exist in the "no-license" districts, and, indeed, in the city of Dunedin, but as regards the first-mentioned places

it would be utterly impossible for a person who was not well known to purchase liquor. A large number of prosecutions for this offence have taken place during the year, and substantial penalties have been inflicted which, no doubt, will have a deterrent effect. The business is therefore neither pleasant nor profitable to those who embark in it.

Licensed hotels, particularly in the city, have been conducted in a most satisfactory manner during the year. There has, however, been a few instances where the conduct of some of the country hotels has not been so good; prosecutions have in such cases ensued, and although convictions did not follow in every case the effect has been satisfactory.

The conduct of private billiard-rooms has been satisfactory during the year, the provisions of "The Police Offences Amendment Act, 1903," regulating the hours of closing, &c., having been found to work well.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 93 of all ranks. The total is made up as follows: Inspector, 1; sub-inspector, 1; station sergeant, 1; sergeants, 10; constables, 78; detectives, 2. In addition to the above there were: Police surgeon, 1; matron, 1; and district constable, 1. One station was closed during the year—viz., Chatto Creek. This was owing to the railway works in course of construction in that part of the district approaching completion; the constable from this station was added to the strength at Alexandra.

The casualties have been: Retired under Police Provident Fund Act, 1; resigned, 13; dismissed, 5; deceased, 1. The majority of those who resigned were men who were found to be unfit for the service, and were called upon to tender their resignations.

The conduct of the sergeants, constables, and detectives now remaining in the Force here has, with a few trivial exceptions, been very good. The granting of house allowance to married constables after twelve months' service and the more liberal scale of uniform material has been much appreciated, and has added to the contentment of the men.

The appointment of a station sergeant has filled a long-felt want, and the appointment of an additional sergeant now permits of two sergeants being placed in charge of the night-duty section. This arrangement insures additional supervision which, under hitherto existing circumstances, was impossible.

The Infant Life Protection Act continues to perform its function in a satisfactory manner. Inspection of the infant homes has invariably disclosed the fact that the children maintained therein are properly fed, clad, clean and healthy. Very few deaths have been recorded, and the only prosecutions under the Act were for receiving children without being duly licensed to do so.

The common betting-house is not now so much in evidence as hitherto; laying totalisator odds is still indulged in by a few bookmakers, but not to any great extent. The difficulty in the detection of this class of offence is that the other party to the bet may decline to give evidence on the grounds that such evidence would tend to incriminate himself. It seems to me that the law in this respect should be amended so as to compel all parties concerned in the transaction to give evidence. The Chinese game known as "pa-ka-poo" received a considerable check on the conviction here of a Chinaman who was fined £100 for the sale of a ticket giving an interest in such a lottery. There is, however, another form of gambling which seems to infatuate a large section of the community—namely, "two-up," which consists of the tossing of two coins in the air and wagering as to whether they will be "heads" or "tails" on reaching the ground. This game is usually played on Sundays and holidays on private lands in some secluded place; and, as it must be shown before a conviction can ensue that the game was played in a public place, those taking part in such games escape conviction. I would suggest that the playing of such a game be made an offence wheresoever played.

#### INSPECTOR A. J. MITCHELL, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The casualties during the year have been one constable died and two resigned.

The conduct of members still in the Force has been good; they have been attentive to their duties, with the result that 93 per cent. of crime in this district has been detected.

A case of wife-murder was dealt with last June, the accused being found guilty and sentenced to death; afterwards commuted to imprisonment for life.

The hotels in this district have, as a whole, been well conducted during the past year. There have been no prosecutions against licensees, and a decrease of 71 in the number of cases of drunkenness as compared with the previous year.

## APPENDIX A.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1904, and Year ending 31st December, 1905.

Offences.	1904.		1905.								Increase.	Decrease.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summons resulted.	Persons apprehended or summoned.						Total Number of Persons apprehended or summoned.			Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.	
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Discharged.					M.	F.
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Abandoning children .. .. .	3	5	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	1	2	..
Abduction .. .. .	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring .. .. .	7	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	5
Abortion, attempt to procure .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absconding from apprenticeship .. .. .	4	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	2
Absconding from bail .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Absconding from industrial schools .. .. .	86	83	72	..	..	..	70	2	..	72	..	..	..	3
Abusive and threatening language .. .. .	294	240	240	..	..	..	148	25	59	8	240	..	..	54
Arson .. .. .	29	16	14	5	1	1	..	6	1	14	1	..	..	13
Arson, attempted .. .. .	8	9	6	2	..	1	..	2	1	6	2	..	1	..
Assaults, common .. .. .	890	874	870	2	..	..	549	16	274	28	869	1	..	16
Assaults, indecent .. .. .	38	48	44	28	..	2	..	14	..	44	23	..	10	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm .. .. .	45	47	46	21	1	9	..	16	1	48	14	1	2	..
Assaults on bailiffs .. .. .	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
Assaults on police .. .. .	77	85	84	1	..	73	4	6	..	84	..	..	8	..
Assaults and robbery .. .. .	53	45	34	26	..	..	..	7	1	34	18	..	..	8
Attempts to commit felony .. .. .	3	4	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	1	..	1	..
Bankruptcy offences .. .. .	15	8	5	4	..	..	..	1	2	7	3	..	..	7
Being in possession of house-breaking implements .. .. .	4	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	1
Begging .. .. .	15	17	17	..	..	16	..	..	1	17	..	..	2	..
Bestiality .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bigamy .. .. .	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3
Breaches of the peace .. .. .	475	496	496	..	..	..	440	5	45	6	496	..	..	21
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. .. .. .	357	397	241	179	..	..	48	6	26	4	263	117	..	40
Carnally knowing girls .. .. .	17	20	17	13	..	..	..	..	5	..	18	6	..	3
Carnally knowing, attempted .. .. .	3	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..
Cattle and horse stealing (see Theft). .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle-maiming .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coinage offences .. .. .	1	7	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	6	..
Concealment of birth .. .. .	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Conspiring to defraud .. .. .	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Contempt of Court .. .. .	4	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..
Counselling the commission of an offence .. .. .	15	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	6
Cruelty to animals .. .. .	183	184	184	..	..	140	2	43	..	185	..	..	1	..
Cruelty to children .. .. .	9	12	12	..	..	5	7	..	..	12	..	..	8	..
Cutting and wounding .. .. .	5	5	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..
Damaging police uniform .. .. .	22	21	21	..	..	19	1	1	..	21	..	..	..	1
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children .. .. .	547	598	520	1	..	379	13	119	8	520	1	..	51	..
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships .. .. .	43	35	14	..	..	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	8
Deserters and absentees from merchant vessels .. .. .	96	82	69	..	..	62	..	7	..	69	..	..	..	14
Detaining postal packets .. .. .	4	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	1
Discharging firearms .. .. .	38	35	35	1	..	29	..	5	..	35	1	..	..	3
Disobeying orders on board ships .. .. .	47	89	82	..	..	67	..	15	..	82	..	..	42	..
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses .. .. .	492	473	439	1	..	350	17	66	5	439	..	..	..	19
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act .. .. .	9	12	9	3	..	6	..	..	..	9	1	..	3	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct .. .. .	282	293	293	..	..	262	12	18	1	293	..	..	11	..
Dissuading a witness from giving evidence .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disturbing meetings and congregations .. .. .	42	45	45	..	..	38	..	7	..	45	..	..	3	..
Drunkenness .. .. .	9,615	8,707	8,707	..	..	7,867	800	38	2	8,707	..	..	..	908
Escaping from custody .. .. .	19	19	17	5	..	10	..	2	..	17	5	..	..	..
Failing to support parents and near relatives .. .. .	279	284	280	..	..	171	11	88	10	280	..	..	5	..
False declarations .. .. .	26	23	20	6	..	13	..	1	..	20	5	..	..	3
False pretences .. .. .	177	244	228	46	..	121	5	45	..	217	41	..	67	..
Fish, illegally taking .. .. .	49	57	57	..	..	41	..	20	..	61	..	..	8	..
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	83	112	97	91	..	..	..	5	..	96	81	..	29	..
Fortune-telling .. .. .	..	6	6	..	..	3	2	..	1	6	..	..	6	..
Furious riding and driving .. .. .	60	62	62	..	..	57	..	5	..	62	..	..	2	..
Game, illegally shooting .. .. .	51	39	39	..	..	30	..	9	..	39	..	..	..	12
Gaming offences .. .. .	116	183	180	..	..	160	2	18	..	180	..	..	67	..
Illegally on premises .. .. .	172	122	122	..	..	93	10	16	3	122	..	..	..	50
Illegal sale of arms .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Illegal pawning .. .. .	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
Incest .. .. .	4	7	7	4	..	..	..	3	..	7	3	..	3	..
Indecent exposure or behaviour .. .. .	273	222	218	8	..	184	6	20	..	218	4	..	..	51

## APPENDIX A—continued.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1904, and Year ending 31st December, 1905—  
continued.

Offences.	1904.		1905.										Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summons resulted.	Persons apprehended or summoned.						Total Number of Persons apprehended or summoned.	Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Discharged.			M.	F.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Introducing liquor into Maori Pa	3	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Keeping disorderly houses and brothels	21	22	22	..	1	5	9	3	5	23	..	1	1	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcases	2	5	5	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	3	..
Killing s-al .. .. .	1	2	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..
Malicious injury to property ..	433	377	363	1	..	307	18	46	1	373	1	..	..	56
Maliciously killing animals ..	7	7	7	1	..	5	..	1	..	7	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter .. .. .	13	6	6	2	2	..	..	3	..	7	..	..	..	7
Murder .. .. .	3	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	6	3	..	2	..
Murder, attempted .. .. .	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Neglected and criminal children	144	193	193	..	..	122	70	..	1	193	..	..	49	..
Obscene and profane language ..	783	706	701	3	..	595	45	52	6	701	..	..	..	77
Obstructing and resisting police	269	204	203	1	..	187	3	12	..	203	..	..	..	65
Obstructing railway-lines .. .. .	17	13	12	..	..	10	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	4
Obstructing railway officers .. ..	13	13	13	..	..	12	..	1	..	13	..	..	..	..
Obstructing thoroughfares .. .. .	105	111	111	..	..	105	1	5	..	111	..	..	6	..
Offensive publications .. .. .	3	4	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	1	..	1	..
Opium, smoking or being in possession of	80	90	89	..	..	66	..	23	..	89	..	..	10	..
Perjury .. .. .	33	28	27	19	6	..	..	1	1	27	13	1	..	5
Poison laying .. .. .	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Prison offences (loitering about and communicating with prisoners)	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Procuring defilement of a girl ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..
Rape .. .. .	10	11	11	8	..	..	..	3	..	11	3	..	1	..
Rape, attempted .. .. .	7	14	13	10	..	..	..	3	..	13	6	..	7	..
Receiving stolen property .. .. .	44	40	36	12	1	16	2	5	..	36	1	..	..	4
Refusing to quit licensed premises	90	78	78	..	..	73	2	3	..	78	..	..	..	12
Rescuing cattle from being impounded	32	22	22	..	..	11	2	9	..	22	..	..	..	10
Restricted immigrants, unlawfully landing	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Robbery under arms .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Sacrilege .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sending false telegrams .. .. .	3	5	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	5	4	..	2	..
Sheep-stealing (see Theft).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shooting with intent .. .. .	1	5	5	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	2	..	4	..
Sly-grog selling .. .. .	178	196	183	2	..	86	29	61	10	188	..	..	18	..
Smuggling .. .. .	14	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	5
Sodomy .. .. .	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..
Sodomy, attempted .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Soliciting prostitution .. .. .	37	33	33	..	..	..	31	..	2	33	..	..	..	4
Stone-throwing .. .. .	114	121	121	..	..	90	2	26	3	121	..	..	7	..
Stowing away on board ships .. ..	71	56	56	..	..	56	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	15
Suicide, attempted .. .. .	40	54	54	1	..	33	11	9	..	54	..	..	14	..
Sureties of the peace .. .. .	40	52	52	..	..	37	3	10	2	52	..	..	12	..
Theft (undescribed) .. .. .	1,770	1,937	1,498	81	1	1,088	128	182	33	1,513	43	1	167	..
Theft as a bailee .. .. .	25	5	5	1	..	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	20
Theft, attempted .. .. .	13	23	22	4	..	11	..	5	2	22	1	..	10	..
Theft by servants .. .. .	30	68	62	26	..	22	5	2	1	56	26	..	38	..
Theft from dwellings .. .. .	331	287	184	53	9	96	7	19	1	185	46	3	..	44
Theft from the person .. .. .	90	89	67	28	2	19	..	16	2	67	18	2	..	1
Theft of cattle and horses .. .. .	68	65	49	19	1	14	..	14	1	49	4	..	..	3
Theft of dogs .. .. .	10	8	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	8	..	..	..	2
Theft of pigs .. .. .	10	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	9
Theft of sheep .. .. .	29	12	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	17
Theft of post-letters .. .. .	25	15	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	15	15	..	..	10
Threatening letters .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Threatening to shoot .. .. .	7	4	4	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	3
Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares	19	23	23	..	..	21	..	2	..	23	..	..	4	..
Trespass .. .. .	116	204	204	..	..	140	2	62	..	204	..	..	88	..
Vagrancy .. .. .	672	605	605	..	..	339	166	74	26	605	..	..	..	67
Witchcraft .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Totals .. .. .	21,066	20,249	19,211	771	31	15,097	1482	1688	182	19,251	534	12	848	1665

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APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH, &c., of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Station-Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Station-Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.		
Wellington District—continued.													Christchurch District—continued.														
Cullensville					1			1					Pleasant Point					1			1						
Eketahuna					1			1					Rakaia					1			1						
Featherston					1			1					Rangiora				1				1						
Greytown North					1			1		1			St. Albans				1				1						
Havelock					1			1					St. Andrews				1				1						
Johnsonville					1			1					Sheffield				1				1						
Levin					2			2					Southbridge				1				1						
Lower Hutt					2			2					Sumner				1				1						
Makuri					1			1		1			Sydenham				1		2		3						
Mangatainoka					1			1					Temuka				2				2						
Martinborough					1			1					Timaru	1			7		1		9						
Masterton				1	4			5					Waimate				3				3						
Motueka					1			1					Woolston				1				1						
Nelson				1	5		1	7					Totals	1	2	1	12	103	7	2	128					1	1
Otaki					1			1					Dunedin District—														
Pahiatua					2			2					Dunedin	1	1	1	5	31	2	4	45					1	1
Petone					2			2					Alexandra				2				2						
Picton					2			2					Anderson's Bay				1				1						
Renwicktown					1			1		1			Balclutha				1				1						
Richmond					1			1					Broad Bay				1				1		1				
Spring Grove					1			1					Caversham				1				1						
Takaka					1			1					Clinton				1				1						
Tenui					1			1					Clyde				1		1		2						
The Port (Nelson)					1			1					Cromwell				1				1						
Upper Hutt					1			1					Green Island				1				1						
Totals	1	2	1	1	10	101	3	6	125	3	1	1	1	Kaitangata				1				1					
Greymouth District—													King Street				1	4			5						
Greymouth	1				2	3	1	7					Lawrence				1	1			2						
Ahaura					1			1					Middlemarch				1				1						
Blackball					1			1					Milton				1				1						
Brunnerton					1			1					Mornington				1				1						
Charleston					1			1					Mosgiel				1				1						
Denniston					1			1					Naseby				2				2						
Hokitika				1	2			3					North-east Valley				1				1						
Kanieri					1			1					Ophir				1				1						
Karamea					1			1		1			Outram				1				1						
Kumara					1			1					Owaka				1				1						
Lyell					1			1					Palmerston South				1				1						
Murchison					1			1		1			Port Chalmers				1	2			3						
Okarito					1			1					Ravensbourne				1				1						
Reefton				1	2			3					Roslyn				1				1						
Ross					1			1					Roxburgh				1				1						
Seddonville					1			1					St. Bathans				1				1						
Stafford					1			1					St. Clair				1				1						
Westport				1	3			4					South Dunedin				1	5			6						
Totals	1			5	22	1		29	2				Tapanui				1				1						
Christchurch District—													Waikouaiti				1				1						
Christchurch	1	1	1		6	38	5	2	54			1	1	Waitahuna				1				1					
Addington					1			1					Waitati				1				1						
Akaroa					2			2					Woodhaugh				1				1						
Amberley					1			1					Totals	1	1	1	10	74	2	4	93	1				1	1
Ashburton				1	5			6					Invercargill District—														
Belfast					1			1					Invercargill	1			1	9	1		12						
Bingsland					1			1					Arrowtown				1	1			1						
Cheviot					1			1					Bluff				1	2			3						
Coalgate					1			1					Gore				1	2			3						
Culverden					1			1					Half-moon Bay				1				1		1				
Fairlie					1			1					Lumsden				1				1						
Geraldine					1			1					Mataura				1				1						
Glenavy					1			1					Nightcaps				1				1						
Hampden					1			1					North Invercargill				1				1						
Kaipoi					2			2					Orepuki				1				1						
Kaikoura					1			1					Otautau				1				1						
Kurow					1			1					Pembroke				1				1						
Leeston					1			1					Queenstown				1	1			2						
Lincoln					1			1					Riverton				1				1						
Linwood					1			1					South Invercargill				1				1						
Little River					1			1					Waikaia				1				1						
Lyttelton				1	4	1		6					Winton				1				1						
Methven					1			1					Wyndham				1				1						
New Brighton					1			1					Totals	1			4	27	1		33	1					
Ngapara					1			1					Grand totals	8	6	4	1	66	540	25	17	667	21	9	4	4	
Oamaru				1	6			7					On leave prior to retirement					1			1						
Oxford					1			1																			
Papanui					1			1																			
Phillipstown					1			1																			

## APPENDIX C.

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the undermentioned Places.

Place.	Number of Police.	Population.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand .. .. .	667	925,605	1 to 1,387	s. d. 2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Victoria .. .. .	1,524	1,218,575	1 to 799	4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
New South Wales.. .. .	2,377	1,496,050	1 to 629	5 11
South Australia .. .. .	375	374,398	1 to 998	4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Queensland .. .. .	874	528,048	1 to 604	6 7
Western Australia .. .. .	516	254,779	1 to 493	9 11
Tasmania .. .. .	234	177,984	1 to 760	4 0

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