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(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.

Police Department, Wellington, 4th June, 1912.

I have the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force for the year ended the 31st March last.

During the period covered by this report the administration of the Force was carried on by my predecessor, Mr. F. G. B. Waldegrave, who relinquished the offices of Commissioner of Police and Under-Secretary for Justice on the 31st March, 1912.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 835 of all ranks, being an increase of 47 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Inspectors	9
Sub-Inspectors	6
Senior sergeants	20
Sergeants	69
Constables	676
Chief Detectives	5
Detective sergeants	7
Detectives	27
Acting-detectives	16
In addition to the above there were—	
Police surgeons	4
Matrons	4
District constables	16
Native constables	8

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Grey Lynn, Mount Albert, Patutahi, Rakauroa, and Whataupoko, and the designation of Eden Terrace Station has been changed to "Mount Eden." Temporary stations have been opened at Cass, Pareora, and Waitua.

The district constable at Mangawai has been replaced by a regular member of the Force.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended the 31st March last: Retired on pension under Public Service Superannuation Act, 13; retired as medically unfit, 3; died, 2; resigned voluntarily, 27; called upon to resign, 9; discharged, 1; dismissed, 1: total, 56. This is 4 less than in the preceding year.

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 107 on the figures of 1910. The proportion of offences to the population was 2.32 per cent., as against 2.39 the previous year.

The principal increases during the year appear under the following headings, viz. :—

Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour	30	Failing to provide for wives, children, or relatives	193
Assaults, common	23	Introducing liquor into Maori pas	22
Assaults, indecent	15	Neglected or criminal children	23
Deserting or absenting from merchant vessels	77	Stone-throwing	38
Disobeying orders of Court or summonses	91	Theft (undescribed)	150
		Theft from the person	16

The principal decreases were,—

Arson	14	Illegally on premises	43
Assaults and robbery	20	Malicious injury to property	59
Breaches of the peace	82	Obscene and profane language	42
Burglary, breaking and entering, &c.	90	Refusing to quit licensed premises	31
Cruelty to animals	33	Sly-grog selling	20
Deserting or absenting from H.M. ships	27	Sureties of the peace	25
Discharging firearms	19	Theft from dwellings	70
Drunkenness	19	Theft of cattle and horses	18
Forgery and uttering	20	Trespass	67
Furious riding and driving	26	Vagrancy	61
Gaming offences	50		

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year 1911 was 93·97, the figures of the preceding year being 95·39.

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

District.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	6,622	5,978	644
Thames	842	817	25
Napier	1,874	1,833	41
Wanganui	2,663	2,558	105
Wellington	5,513	5,234	279
Greymouth	877	816	61
Christchurch	3,971	3,774	197
Dunedin	1,940	1,807	133
Invercargill	697	675	22
	24,999	23,492	1,507

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1910.		1911.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	29	23	15	13
Assault and robbery	39	38	19	16
Burglary (breaking into shops and dwellings)	461	359	371	284
Forgery and uttering	142	130	122	108
Murder	6	5	5	5
" attempted	2	2	1	1
Rape	7	7	5	5
Receiving stolen property	51	51	42	42
Shooting with intent	1	1	..	..
	738	616	580	474

During the last ten years the number of serious crimes as above described has varied from 520 to 759, the present total (580) being somewhat below the average.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Crimes.	1910.	1911.
Assaults, indecent	57	72
Bestiality	1	3
Carnally knowing girls	22	31
Carnally knowing, attempted	3	6
Concealment of birth	3	4
Incest	5	6
Indecent exposure or behaviour	371	378
Rape	7	5
Rape, attempted	13	13
Sodomy	3	6
Sodomy, attempted	6	2
	491	526

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 19 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 37.39 per cent. of the males and 65.75 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 6.78 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS DURING THE YEAR 1911, AND THE NUMBER OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS AGAINST THEM, SO FAR AS IS 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 ..	1,599	18	304	14	219	18	72	9	67	22	46	14	280	75	2,587	170	213
Thames ..	203	6	43	..	15	..	13	2	12	..	3	..	13	..	302	8	5
Napier ..	563	15	162	6	110	3	67	..	37	1	15	1	48	7	1,002	33	43
Wanganui ..	738	22	309	12	137	7	106	3	16	2	6	1	68	5	1,380	52	..
Wellington ..	1,963	144	377	66	179	33	105	24	42	15	29	18	42	6	2,737	306	328
Greymouth ..	270	4	52	2	23	2	12	..	5	..	3	..	10	2	375	10	30
Christchurch ..	371	46	211	19	94	14	78	11	40	9	46	9	172	42	1,512	150	60
Dunedin ..	447	15	81	9	51	3	35	2	19	1	4	..	81	30	718	60	53
Invercargill ..	167	5	49	3	22	..	12	1	3	1	8	..	22	4	283	14	7
	6,821	275	1,588	131	850	80	500	52	241	51	160	43	736	171	10,896	803	739

The number charged with drunkenness in 1910 was 11,718 (10,898 males and 820 females), whereas in 1911 the number was 11,699 (10,896 males and 803 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1910 and 1911, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Increase in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1910.		Number arrested, 1911.		Number convicted, 1911.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.		Total Increase in Arrests.	Total Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,942	163	1,847	165	1,845	165	2	..	..	93
Wellington and suburbs	2,194	289	2,158	295	2,149	295	9	..	..	30
Christchurch and suburbs	790	107	897	130	897	130	..	..	130	..
Dunedin and suburbs ...	562	47	559	58	559	58	..	..	8	..
Totals ...	5,488	606	5,461	648	5,450	648	11	..	138	123

Total increase, 15.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS ON SUNDAYS WITHIN EACH PRINCIPAL CENTRE DURING THE YEARS 1910 AND 1911 (MALES AND FEMALES SHOWN SEPARATELY).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1910.		Number arrested, 1911.		Number convicted, 1911.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	13	5	34	..	34	..	..	..
Wellington and suburbs ...	33	7	41	7	41	7	..	..
Christchurch and suburbs	15	2	19	2	19	2	..	..
Dunedin and suburbs ...	11	1	4	..	4	..	..	..
Totals ...	72	15	98	9	98	9	..	..

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for the years 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1910, in Australia and New Zealand. These are the latest figures available at the time of writing:—

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Commonwealth	127.7	119.5	119.4	126.0
New Zealand	110.8	112.2	110.1	117.0

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (294) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 38 as compared with the preceding year.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST PUBLICANS IN EACH DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1911 AS COMPARED WITH 1910, THE NUMBER CONVICTED, AND THE NUMBER DISCHARGED OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

District.	Prosecutions, 1910.	Prosecutions, 1911.	Convictions, 1911.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.
Auckland	40	83	56	27
Thames	16	20	11	9
Napier	12	9	4	5
Wanganui	21	29	15	14
Wellington	47	25	12	13
Greymouth	82	73	33	40
Christchurch	22	30	26	4
Dunedin	16	12	9	3
Invercargill ... ..	...	13	9	4
Totals	256	294	175	119

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST PUBLICANS WITHIN EACH PRINCIPAL CENTRE DURING THE YEAR 1911, THE NUMBER CONVICTED, AND THE NUMBER DISCHARGED OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

Centre.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with.
Auckland and suburbs	7	4	3
Wellington and suburbs	17	6	11
Christchurch and suburbs	10	10	...
Dunedin and suburbs	1	...	1
Totals	35	20	15

SLY-GROG.

There were 178 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 123 convictions, against 196 prosecutions and 117 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1911 amounted to £2,670, as against £1,862 in 1910.

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

Auckland	785	0	0
Thames	340	0	0
Napier	25	0	0
Wanganui	75	0	0
Wellington	420	0	0
Greymouth .. .. .	..	..	..
Christchurch	170	0	0
Dunedin	410	0	0
Invercargill	445	0	0
Total	£2,670	0	0

The direct cost to the Dominion in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £662 11s., this being £2,007 9s. less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 152 prosecutions, resulting in 120 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 205 prosecutions and 169 convictions in 1910.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 12,097 offenders, being an increase of 1,192 on the previous year. The impressions of 592 prisoners were received during the last quarter—an increase of 219 on the corresponding period of the preceding twelve months.

During the year the finger-prints of 931 previously convicted prisoners were received for registration, and of these 178 offenders whose antecedents were unknown to the police of the districts in which they were in custody were identified solely by means of their finger-impressions, showing an increase of 30 over last year.

The following table shows the increase of the finger-print collection, and prisoners traced thereby, since the introduction of the finger-print system of identification in March, 1903 :—

Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904	3,500	3,500	117
1905	4,200	700	72
1906	5,000	800	88
1907	6,151	1,151	104
1908	7,622	1,471	123
1909	8,718	1,096	138
1910	9,919	1,201	140
1911	10,905	986	148
1912	12,097	1,192	178

Finger-prints of persons in custody here have been identified in Holland, England, and the Australian Commonwealth as those of persons previously convicted in those places, while prints of persons in custody in the various States of Australia have been identified here as those of persons previously convicted in New Zealand, and constant correspondence regarding the antecedents of offenders is maintained with the police throughout the British Empire and in European and American countries.

During the year several instances of finger-print identifications resulting in detections of considerable import were recorded. In August last a case occurred which aptly illustrates the value of the finger-print system as a detective agency: A set of almost indecipherable finger-impressions of a prisoner who was undergoing a short sentence for a minor offence was received for registration, and careful search in the filed collection of prints disclosed his identity with a man of different name who had been wanted on warrant for a period of upwards of five years, and who had successfully evaded the efforts of the general police to trace him. Following on this identification he was brought to justice and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

Within the year the photographs of 2,168 prisoners were dealt with, and 818 photographs were taken for general police purposes by the photographer at headquarters—an increase of 165 over the preceding year—at a cost of 2½d. each.

The complete criminal histories of 2,111 finger-printed offenders are now recorded in official registers which admit of immediate reference, the *Police Gazette* has been brought into closer association with the work of criminal registration, the increased requirements of this section have received due attention, and the result has been profitable to the Department generally.

CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

One hundred and three men were taken on during the year, their nationalities, religions, and occupations being as follows :—Nationalities : Australia, 8 ; England, 20 ; Ireland, 17 ; New Zealand, 41 ; Scotland, 17. Religions : Baptist, 1 ; Brethren, 1 ; Church of England, 36 ; Methodist, 3 ; Presbyterians, 28 ; Roman Catholics, 29 ; Wesleyans, 5. Occupations : Artillerymen, 3 ; asylum attendants, 2 ; blacksmiths, 2 ; butchers, 3 ; carpenter, 1 ; clerks, 2 ; commission agent, 1 ; contractor, 1 ; dredge hand, 1 ; drapers, 2 ; engine-drivers, 4 ; ex-constables, 35 ; farm labourers, 8 ; fitter, 1 ; fruiterer, 1 ; grocer, 1 ; labourers, 24 ; miners, 2 ; ploughman, 1 ; sawmill hand, 1 ; seaman, 1 ; shepherds, 2 ; shop-assistant, 1 ; storeman, 1 ; tramway inspector, 1 ; tramway motor-man, 1.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

During the year ended March, 1912, 74 probationers presented themselves, at the conclusion of their course of training at the depot, for examination in "first aid to the injured," the examinations being held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Of the 74 men who sat, all passed.

The maximum number of marks was gained in two cases, the average of those who passed being 82.71. (Maximum, 100 ; bare pass, 50.)

The lecturer was in each case Dr. Henry, Police Surgeon, and the examiners different medical men appointed by the Association.

STATIONS, ETC.

During the year the following works have been carried out :—

New Buildings erected.

Wellsford.	Napier (Inspector's residence).	Blackwater (lock-up).
Eden Terrace.	Taihape (constable's residence).	Rangiora.
Parnell.	Otaki.	New Brighton.
Morrinsville (lock-up, office, &c.).	Johnsonville.	Riccarton.
Hamilton (offices and cells).	Wellington South (gymnasium, &c.).	Timaru (police-gaol).
Frankton.		South Invercargill.

New Buildings in course of Erection.

Te Kuiti.

Taumarunui.

Properties purchased.

Mount Albert	Station.	Maungaturoto	Site.
Grey Lynn	"	Huntly	"
Te Puke	"	Papanui	"

Additions, improvements, &c., were also effected at the following stations: Remuera, Ponsonby, Rotorua, Opotiki, Waitara, Waverley, Raetihi, Moawhango, Mount Cook (Wellington), Greymouth, Kaikoura, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, Clyde, Wyndham, and Otatau.

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available:—

Year.	Officers.	Non-commis- sioned.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Sum- monses re- sulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944		432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263	3/3	587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293	3/0 $\frac{3}{4}$	613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266	3/2	625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	3/5	1,075,250			

In addition to the strength of the Force as shown above, there are 16 district constables, 8 Native constables, 4 police surgeons (one in each city), and 4 matrons (one in each city).

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

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

J. CULLEN,
Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR CULLEN, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I have the honour to submit for your information the following report upon police matters in the Auckland District during the year ended the 31st March, 1912.

The criminal statistics for the year ending the 31st December, 1911, were forwarded to you in due time, and show that there has been no appreciable increase in crime notwithstanding the fact that the population of the district is increasing steadily.

The casualties in the Force here during the year have been as follows: 1 sergeant and 1 constable died, 2 constables were discharged on superannuation on reaching the age-limit, 1 sergeant was superannuated as medically unfit, 1 constable was discharged as medically unfit, 4 constables resigned to better their positions, 2 constables were called upon to resign for unsatisfactory conduct, and 1 sergeant was dismissed for failing to tender his resignation when called upon to do so for unsatisfactory conduct. I have much pleasure in stating that the general conduct of the members of the Force under my charge has been better during the past year than during any corresponding period since I took charge of this district.

New stations have been opened at Grey Lynn and Mount Albert, and the station at Eden Terrace has been closed and a new one opened in the same locality, which is now known as Mount Eden Station. The district constable at Mangawai has been replaced by a regular constable.

As Auckland City and suburbs are steadily increasing in population, it will be necessary to increase the police here proportionately, so as to give the various localities where the population is growing most rapidly the amount of police supervision they are entitled to.

Nearly all the country townships, more especially those along the main line of railway, are also increasing in population, and here again it will be necessary to provide extra police at an early date.

The strength of the district has been increased since my last annual report by 1 sergeant, 8 constables, and 2 acting-detectives, who have been posted as follows: 1 sergeant was placed in charge of Ponsonby, where a constable had charge previously; 4 constables and the 2 acting-detectives were attached to Auckland Station; and a constable was sent to each of the following stations: Grey Lynn, Mount Albert, Cambridge, and Mangawai, the man going to the latter station replacing a district constable. As the foregoing increase, although fairly substantial, has not been sufficient to meet the ever-growing police requirements of the district, it will be necessary to make provision for a further substantial increase to the strength of the Force here during the current year.

New buildings have been completed at Frankton Junction, Parnell, Wellsford, and Mount Eden, and sites with residences thereon suitable for police-stations have been purchased at Grey Lynn and Mount Albert, and a site without buildings has been purchased at Huntly on which station buildings should be erected without delay.

Sites with suitable residences thereon are still needed at Mount Roskill, Kingsland, Northcote, Devonport, Takapuna, Owen's Road (Mount Eden), Mount Eden Road South, and Herekino. Sites suitable for police-stations should also be acquired at Hobsonville, Ohaeawai, and Houhora.

INSPECTOR WRIGHT, THAMES DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1912, the strength was as follows: 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants, 31 constables, 1 detective sergeant, 2 district constables, and 3 Native constables; the only alteration on last year's figures being an increase of 1 constable at Waihi.

Increases are now required at Te Aroha, Rotorua, and Waihi East, 1 constable at each place. At Te Aroha the work has increased to such an extent that I have to send a constable there every week-end and on every holiday to assist, and, as I have no spare man in the district for such duty, it means depriving other stations of the protection they are entitled to.

No new stations have been opened and none closed during the year. A police camp has been established at Kerepehi, and has proved very useful, the police now having a place to put up at when on duty in the locality. It will suffice for the present.

There were no deaths or retirements on pension during the year, but 3 constables resigned.

The offence return for the year ending 31st December last discloses that 842 offences were reported, as compared with 726 the previous year, showing a net increase of 116 offences. The principal increases were—Drunkenness, 45; petty thefts, 64. The increase in the number of arrests for drunkenness has no significance, as they mostly occurred in districts where considerable public works have been carried on during the year, and where casual labour is employed to any extent there is always more drunkenness than among the settled population. The increase under the heading "Thefts (undescribed)" is almost entirely accounted for by a gang of youthful desperadoes, who, in imitation of picture-show heroes, dressed themselves in feathers, &c., armed themselves with revolvers, and stole from all and sundry. They were committed to the Industrial School.

Sly-grog selling in the prohibited areas is still carried on to a limited extent, 25 persons being prosecuted during the year, of whom 20 were convicted. Fines amounting to £340 were inflicted, as compared with £267 10s. the previous year. The sergeants and constables have shown considerable ability in dealing with this troublesome subject, and have succeeded in keeping illicit trading in check without resorting to objectionable methods.

There have been no serious crimes calling for special mention during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force in this district has, on the whole, been very satisfactory, and punishments have been exceedingly rare. The new scale of pay for the constables has, so far as I can hear, given great satisfaction, and I trust that the increase will soon be extended proportionately

to other members of the Force. The rate of pay has a strong bearing upon discipline, for if men can obtain higher wages outside the Force than in it they are not inclined to submit to the discipline of a well-organized Force.

As pointed out in my last annual report, it would greatly strengthen the hands of the police if the Licensing Act were amended to make it an offence for any unlicensed person to keep liquor for sale in a licensed area, and to throw upon such person keeping an unreasonable quantity the onus of satisfying the Court that it was not kept for sale, the same as is the case in no-license areas (see subsection (d) of section 146).

Another defect in the Licensing Act is in section 146, subsection (1), paragraph (iv). This paragraph would be more workable if the words "To take into such district" were inserted at the beginning of the paragraph. We find much difficulty in dealing with persons taking considerable quantities of liquor into the no-license area in bags, sacks, &c., which are not labelled as containing liquor. The liquor is not "sent" or "delivered" within the meaning of the Act when the person found taking it in is accosted by the police, and several cases, where considerable quantities of liquor were involved, have had to be abandoned on the grounds that no "delivery" or "sending" could be proved, although the liquor was not labelled.

The Arms Act, 1908, might, I think, be suspended with advantage in the North Island as in the South. It is, in my opinion, completely out of date. The conditions under which it was passed have altogether altered, and to attempt to enforce its provisions now would be irksome both to Natives and Europeans.

INSPECTOR DWYER, NAPIER DISTRICT.

The offences return for the Napier District furnished to your office for the year ended the 31st December last shows that during the year 1,874 offences of all descriptions were reported, and 1,833 arrests or summonses resulted. The figures show a decrease of 196 of all offences reported on those of the previous year. This is largely due to the decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness, the figures for the year 1910 being 1,211, and for the year ended the 31st December last 1,035.

The district has, on the whole, been very quiet during the year, and no crime calling for any special remark was committed.

That portion of my district included in the Horouta Maori District, extending from Waipiro Bay to Hicks Bay, has been brought under the provisions of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, and Natives are now prohibited from being supplied with liquor anywhere within that area. The prohibition came into force on the 9th March last, and up to the present I have not received any complaints that the law is not being observed by the hotelkeepers in that district.

I am pleased to be able to state that the conduct of the members of the Force has, on the whole, been very good during the year in this district. They have been very attentive and active in the discharge of their duties.

The time has arrived when a police-station will have to be opened at Nuhaka, a place distant some thirty miles from Wairoa and forty miles from Gisborne. The district is fast becoming settled, and, as it will embrace the districts of Morere and Mahia, there will be ample work for a constable. At present the work is performed from Wairoa Station, and sometimes one of the constables is absent from there for days at a time, thus causing the Wairoa residents to complain that the town is unpoliced.

INSPECTOR WILSON, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength is 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 6 sergeants, 66 constables, 2 detective sergeants, 1 detective, 1 acting-detective, and 1 district constable.

The population of the district is approximately 150,000. The present strength is 84—this includes Ongarue, Raurimu, and Taumarunui Stations; so that we have about 1 constable to each 1,785 of the population.

The conduct of the men on the whole has been good. They have been zealous, careful, and attentive to the discharge of their duties.

The criminal statistics for the year 1911 show a small increase—viz., 100 offences. 2,663 offences were reported, and 2,558 arrests or summonses were made, leaving 105 offences undetected—about 4 per cent. When it is remembered that quite a number of these alleged offences are not reported until some time after the occurrence, it is obvious we have not a fair opportunity to inquire and discover the offenders. On referring to the annual offences return it will be found there was an increase of 112 cases of drunkenness, so that there is an actual decrease of the more serious offences. I can only attribute the increase of drunkenness to the continued prosperity of the country and better wages paid to all classes of labour.

INSPECTOR ELLISON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district on the 31st March was 149, being an increase of 4 over the preceding year. During last year 27 recruits were appointed to the district, including 3 sworn in on the 29th March who are waiting to be transferred.

Six constables resigned, 5 were called upon to resign, and 1 retired on superannuation.

The new buildings at Otaki and Johnsonville which were commenced the previous year have been completed, and thereby the monthly rent account of the Department has been reduced. Considerable addition has been made to Mount Cook Station, which is found very useful.

Population in the residential parts of the city is now increasing, and there are not so many empty houses as there were when my last annual report was furnished.

It will be necessary to provide for a new station in Kelburne during the coming year, so that a resident constable may be available there.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1911, shows a decrease of 224 offences as compared with the previous year. The principal decreases were—Common assaults, 40; assault and robbery, 7; burglary and housebreaking, 22; cruelty to animals, 25; drunkenness, 15; gaming offences, 38; illegally on premises, 29; indecent exposure, 11; obscene language, 29; theft (ordinary), 22; and vagrancy, 36. Increases appear under—Indecent assaults, 5; deserting merchant ships, 38; disobeying orders of Court, 16; false pretences, 12; and mischief (malicious injury), 27. The undetected offences are 279, including 50 ship-deserters, 37 for disobeying orders of Court or failing to provide for relatives, and many other trivial cases of theft, &c.

The conduct of the Force has been good. Only 11 fines were recorded for breaches of discipline during the year, and 5 constables were called upon to resign.

I again beg to draw attention to the necessity for better cell accommodation at Lambton Quay Station.

A few years ago I drew attention to the continually increasing clerical work, a great deal of it being in connection with duties of other Departments, which is thrust upon Police Inspectors, thereby preventing them from giving attention to far more important police duties and outside supervision. Immense files of correspondence arise in connection with the collection of debts due to the Education Department for maintenance of children in industrial schools. There is also a great deal of correspondence attended to for the Railway Department in hunting for goods, luggage, and parcels sent astray on both freight and passenger trains. For the Old-age Pensions Department there is a great deal of inquiry and writing to be done. I estimate the work done for the Education Department throughout this district is equal to the services of two men, and when the time occupied by clerical work and outside inquiries in connection with the same is taken into account I consider the value of the services is from £300 to £400 annually. The Railway inquiries are probably worth nearly £200 when all the time and work is taken into account. Each of these classes of inquiries has to pass through the Inspector's hands probably three or four times—never less than twice—so that when the same is added to the ordinary police correspondence, accounts, and inquiries, the time of an Inspector is usually occupied seven to eight hours daily on purely clerical work. The increase of clerical work during the past ten years has been marvellous.

I beg to ask that a new station may be authorized at Kelburne for one constable, another constable for Kilbirnie and Miramar Peninsula, and two constables for Wellington City; also another sergeant for this city for relieving work and other special duties within the district. An extra sergeant has been on the strength temporarily for some time past, but he has been nearly all the time absent on relieving duty in other districts.

Included in the strength of Wellington Station there is, as in other cities, one constable continuously employed in the Magistrate's Court doing Court orderly and other duties; another constable is nearly all his time occupied as orderly in the Supreme Court, owing to the numerous sittings of the Appeal Court and civil work; and a third is employed under the Department of Internal Affairs (away from the police-station) as Inspector of Weights and Measures. The latter duty might well be amalgamated with some other Department, as the Health Department now attends to a great deal of the work which used to be done in former years by Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

INSPECTOR BLACK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1912, was 1 Inspector, 5 sergeants, 37 constables, and 1 detective sergeant, total 44, being the full authorized strength of the Force for this district.

One constable was retired on pension, having reached the age-limit. During the year 2 constables were fined for neglect of duty and 1 for another offence. With these exceptions the conduct of the men in this district has been good.

I understand that a police-station is soon to be erected at Cobden, and I consider it is badly needed.

The criminal statistics show 877 offences reported during the year ended the 31st December, 1911, being a decrease of 19 on previous year's totals. Out of 877 offences reported, 816 are accounted for by arrests and summonses, being, I submit, a very fair record for the police in this district.

INSPECTOR KIELY, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was as follows: 1 Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 5 senior sergeants, 9 sergeants, 109 constables, 8 detectives, 3 acting-detectives.

The casualties for year were—Resignations, 8; discharged on superannuation, 2.

The total number of offences reported in this police district during the year ending on the 31st December, 1911, was 3,971, and the number for which persons were apprehended or summoned was 3,774. A decrease of 13 offences is shown in comparison with the number of offences reported for the year 1910. The principal increases in offences for the year are as follows: Common assaults, 33; cruelty to animals, 13; deserting or absenting from merchant vessels, 39; disobeying orders of Court and summonses, 19; false pretences, 28; malicious injury to property, 7; mischief, 6; neglected

and criminal children, 42; theft (undescribed), 55; theft by servants, 34; theft from dwellings, 8; theft from the person, 5. The principal decreases for the year are: Arson, 7; burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c., 5; deserting or absenting from H.M. ships, 10; disorderly and riotous conduct, 16; drunkenness, 84; failing to provide adequate maintenance for wives, children, parents, or other near relatives, 65; false declarations, 9; Fisheries Act, offences under, 22; illegally on premises, 13; sly-grog selling, 14; soliciting prostitution, 8; trespass, 43; vagrancy, 13.

The number of bicycles reported lost or stolen was 787. Of this number, 639 were recovered by the police, and 52 are in the store unclaimed. Many are recovered by the owners, who never inform the police.

During the year the amount of fines imposed in sly-grog cases was £170.

I am pleased to say that no serious breaches of the Police Regulations had to be reported, and the number of minor complaints made against constables was comparatively small. The younger members of the Force have shown an aptitude and willingness to conform to discipline which is very creditable to themselves as well as to the sergeants in charge of them.

INSPECTOR MITCHELL, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 12 sergeants, 85 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 4 detectives, and 1 acting-detective.

During the year ended the 31st March 3 constables retired on pension, having reached the age-limit; 1 constable retired as medically unfit; and 2 constables resigned. One detective and 7 constables were transferred from, and 1 sergeant, 1 detective, and 16 constables were transferred to, the district.

The conduct of the members of the Force has, with two or three exceptions, been very good, and their attention to duty has been fairly well proved by the fact that out of 1,940 offences reported 1,807 were detected.

During the year ended the 31st December last 1,940 offences were reported, as against 2,167 in the preceding year. Of the former, serious offences, such as burglary, &c., show a decrease of 37. Of drunkenness 778 cases were dealt with, showing a decrease of 30. For sly-grog selling 29 cases were reported, and 17 convictions obtained, resulting in fines totalling £410 being imposed.

The accommodation at the Central Station is inadequate. The present site could possibly be enlarged by adding a portion of the adjoining section belonging to the Prisons Department, and thus enabling some very necessary additions to be made.

INSPECTOR O'DONOVAN, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength of the district was as follows: 1 Inspector, 4 sergeants, 31 constables, 1 detective, 1 acting-detective, 1 district constable. During the year the strength was augmented by 1 acting-detective.

The conduct of the majority of the men has been good, especially so in the case of those in charge of stations. Two constables retired in consequence of breaches of regulations; in three other cases fines were imposed.

During the year ending the 31st December last 697 offences were reported, as against 578 in 1910, an increase of 119. Of those reported, 675 were detected. The principal increases in offences last year occur in the following cases: Threatening behaviour, 9; common assault, 9; disorderly and riotous conduct, 12; drunkenness, 44; mischief, 20; sly-grog selling, 23; theft, 23; vagrancy, 14. Decreases occurred in these cases: Breaches of the peace, 10; disobeying orders of Court, 14; malicious injury to property, 6; theft by servants, 9; failing to provide for relatives, 4.

Throughout the district there has been no crime of an abnormal character; and both the uniform and detective branches have applied themselves unsparingly, and with gratifying success, to the task of dealing with the crime reported.

Last year I intimated that vigorous efforts were being made for the suppression of illicit dealing in liquor and other offences against the licensing laws in no-license districts. A return already forwarded you shows that fines amounting to £445 were imposed during 1911 for sly-grog selling in the district. There is no relaxation of vigilance in respect of this class of offences.

Section 13, Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, requires to be re-enacted, or declared to subsist for purposes of the no-license districts as constituted by the Representation Commission last year.

The population of Southland Provincial District in 1906 was 35,184, and in 1911 58,728. The population of the police district is about 61,000. The proportion of police to population is about 1 to 1,600. The population of Invercargill and the suburban area served by the police stationed in the town is about 18,000. With the full strength there are only 12 constables, 3 of whom are stationed in the suburbs and 9 at the chief station, available for this area. This number is scarcely adequate at any time; but it is certainly deficient when some of the men are on leave, sick, or absent relieving at other stations. In order to fairly meet requirements I must ask for an increase of 2 constables, 1 of whom is urgently wanted already to patrol residential parts of the town at night. I think the statistics I have quoted show that I am justified in detailing the other for the special task of suppressing illicit transactions in liquor, at least for some time.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1910, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1911.

Offences.	1910.		1911.								Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.		Increase.	Decrease.
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.		M.	F.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Abandoning children .. .. .	..	3	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..
Abduction	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Abetting attempted rape	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Abortion, procuring	2	5	5	1	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	..
Abortion, attempt to procure	1	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
Absconding from apprenticeship .. .. .	..	12	12	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	12	..
Absconding from bail	1	11	9	1	..	7	..	1	..	1	..	10	..
Absconding from industrial schools	129	122	106	..	..	91	3	12	..	..	..	..	7
Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour	203	233	220	..	..	167	6	39	8	..	..	30	..
Animals Protection Act, offences under	57	69	69	..	..	57	..	12	..	..	..	12	..
Arson	29	15	13	12	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	14
Arson, attempted	5	11	6	3	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	6	..
Assault, aggravated	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assaults, common	804	827	790	3	..	593	19	156	19	1	..	23	..
Assaults, indecent	57	72	69	52	..	9	..	8	..	37	..	15	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm	39	47	43	24	1	6	1	11	..	15	..	8	..
Assaults on bailiffs	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Assaults on police	68	78	78	..	..	75	1	2	..	..	..	10	..
Assaults and robbery	39	19	16	12	..	..	..	4	..	12	..	..	20
Attempting to commit crimes not otherwise specified in this return	10	8	8	6	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	2
Bankruptcy offences	14	14	13	11	..	..	..	2	..	11	..	..	..
Being in possession of housebreaking implements	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Being in possession of sheep-skins with the ears cut off	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Begging	28	35	35	..	..	33	..	2	..	..	..	7	..
Bestiality	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Bigamy	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Boarding train while in motion	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Breaches of the peace not otherwise specified in this return	579	497	497	..	..	445	4	47	1	..	..	..	82
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	461	371	284	150	7	105	3	19	..	141	3	..	90
Carnally knowing girls	22	31	30	24	..	..	..	6	..	11	..	9	..
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	3	6	6	4	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
Coinage offences	2	4	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	..
Concealment of birth	3	4	4	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..
Conspiring to defeat justice or corrupting juries or witnesses	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Contempt of Court	4	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Counselling the commission of an offence	19	7	7	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	12
Cruelty to animals	273	240	240	1	..	197	4	38	..	1	..	..	33
Cruelty to children	14	4	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	10
Damaging police uniform	41	32	32	..	..	31	..	1	..	..	..	..	9
Deserting or absenting from H.M. ships	48	21	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Deserting or absenting from merchant vessels	148	225	156	..	..	143	..	13	..	..	..	77	..
Detaining, opening, or destroying postal packets	5	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	1	..
Discharging firearms	47	28	28	1	..	26	..	1	..	1	..	..	19
Disobeying orders on board ships	43	31	31	..	..	25	..	6	..	..	..	..	12
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	772	863	749	..	..	542	37	152	18	..	..	91	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct	278	264	264	..	..	249	3	11	1	..	..	..	14
Disturbing meetings and congregations	24	30	30	..	..	26	1	3	..	..	..	6	..
Drunkenness	11,718	11,699	11,699	..	..	10,873	803	23	..	..	..	..	19
Education Act, breach of (disturbing school)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Escaping from legal custody	15	16	15	4	..	11	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders' Probation Act	9	22	17	1	..	14	1	..	1	1	..	13	..
Failing to provide adequate maintenance for wives, children, parents, or other near relatives	1,055	1,248	917	..	..	657	55	176	29	..	..	193	..
False declarations	23	21	21	9	1	7	..	4	..	7	1	..	2
False pretences	256	266	223	44	3	147	3	25	1	43	3	10	..
Falsifying accounts .. .. .	..	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..
Fisheries Acts, offences under	77	49	48	..	..	44	..	4	..	..	..	..	28
Forgery and uttering	142	122	108	90	4	8	..	6	..	81	4	..	20
Fortune-telling .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Fraudulently destroying documents .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Furious riding and driving	117	91	91	..	..	80	1	7	3	..	..	..	26
Gaming offences	206	156	152	..	..	120	..	31	1	..	..	..	50

APPENDIX A—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1910, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1911—continued.

Offences.	1910.		1911.								Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.		Increase.	Decrease.
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.		M.	F.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Habitual criminal failing to report himself	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Illegally on premises	180	137	137	..	..	111	4	21	1	..	..	..	43
Illegally pawning .. .. .	..	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Incest	5	6	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Indecent exposure or behaviour	371	378	372	14	1	323	14	20	..	..	..	..	7
Indecent Publications Act, offences under	1	7	7	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	6
Infants Act, breach of	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Introducing liquor into Maori pa	14	36	35	..	..	33	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Keeping disorderly houses or brothels	29	27	27	..	..	8	12	1	6	..	..	..	22
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses	1	8	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	7
Malicious injury to property	516	457	445	1	..	410	6	28	..	..	..	..	59
Maliciously killing or maiming animals	6	20	20	6	..	12	..	2	..	3	..	..	14
Manslaughter	4	9	9	7	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	5
Manslaughter (accessory) .. .. .	..	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3
Mischief not otherwise specified in this return	..	55	55	..	..	46	..	9	..	..	..	..	55
Murder	6	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1
Murder, attempted	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Neglected and criminal children	203	226	226	..	..	129	73	15	9	..	..	..	23
Obscene and profane language	982	926	905	1	..	786	52	55	11	1	..	..	42
Obstructing or resisting police	221	224	224	..	..	212	1	11	..	..	..	..	3
Obstructing railway-lines	14	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Obstructing railway officers	12	11	11	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Obstructing thoroughfares	64	57	57	..	..	49	..	8	..	..	..	..	7
Opium, smoking or being in possession of	46	41	41	..	..	38	..	3	..	..	..	..	5
Perjury	20	16	15	11	1	2	..	1	..	8	..	..	4
Permitting stallion to serve mare in public place	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Personating electors	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison-laying	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prohibited immigrants, unlawfully landing	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rape	7	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2
Rape, attempted	13	13	13	11	..	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..
Receiving stolen goods	51	42	42	12	2	12	3	12	1	12	2	..	9
Refusing to quit licensed premises	157	126	125	..	..	108	5	11	1	..	..	..	31
Rescuing cattle from being impounded	33	35	35	..	..	17	..	17	1	..	..	..	2
Robbery or extortion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sending false telegrams	4	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1
Setting spring gun .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Shooting with intent	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sly-grog selling| .. .. .	200	180	178	1	..	107	16	45	9	..	..	..	20
Smuggling	5	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sodomy	3	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	3
Sodomy, attempted	6	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Soliciting prostitution	71	64	64	..	..	..	57	..	7	..	..	..	7
Stamp Act, breach of	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stone-throwing	77	115	115	..	..	94	1	20	..	..	..	..	38
Stowing away on board ships	47	33	33	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Suicide, attempted	63	55	55	1	..	38	6	7	3	1	..	..	8
Sureties of the peace	46	21	21	..	..	11	..	10	..	..	..	..	25
Theft (undescribed)	2,191	2,341	1,749	126	11	1,300	91	198	23	104	7	150	..
Theft as a bailee	13	7	6	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Theft, attempted	12	18	18	3	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Theft by servants	122	109	107	27	..	65	8	6	1	24	..	..	13
Theft from dwellings	285	215	164	53	6	88	5	12	..	45	6	..	70
Theft from the person	49	65	55	23	1	18	..	13	..	13	..	..	16
Theft of cattle and horses	58	40	33	24	..	4	..	5	..	17	..	..	18
Theft of dogs	20	12	10	2	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	8
Theft of pigs .. .. .	..	6	6	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	6
Theft of sheep	20	26	23	12	..	2	..	9	..	6	..	..	6
Theft of post-letters	12	16	16	13	1	..	..	2	..	13	1	..	4
Threatening letters	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Threatening to shoot	3	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares	33	39	39	..	..	36	..	3	..	..	..	..	6
Trespass	137	70	70	..	..	56	..	13	1	..	..	..	67
Unlawfully selling arms to Natives	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Vagrancy offences not otherwise specified in this return	745	684	679	2	..	467	156	44	10	2	..	..	61
Wounding with intent .. .. .	..	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4
Totals	25,106	24,999	23,492	859	53	19,501	1,461	1,451	167	673	37	954	1,061

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1912.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective Sergeants.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective Sergeants.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Auckland District—															Napier District—														
Auckland ..	1	1	1	5	54	1	1	4	6	74				1	Napier ..	1			1	9		1			12				
Aratapu ..					1					1					Carlisle Street ..					1					1				
Avondale ..					1					1					Clive ..					1					1				
Birkenhead ..					1					1					Dannevirke ..				1	2					3				
Cambridge ..					2					2					Gisborne ..				1	7				1	9				
Cowes ..										1					Hastings ..				1	4				1	6				
Dargaville ..				1	1					2					Herbertville ..											1			
Devonport ..				1	3					4					Mohaka ..														1
Ellerslie ..				1	1					1					Ongaonga ..					1						1			
Epsom ..				1	1					1					Ormondville ..					1						1			
Frankton Junc.				1	1					1					Patutahi ..					1						1			
Freeman's Bay				3						3					Porongahau ..					1						1			
Grey Lynn ..				1	1					1					Port Awanui ..					1						1			
Hamilton ..			1	3						4					Rakauroa ..					1						1			
Helensville ..				1	1					1					Scinde (Napier)					1						1			
Herekino ..				1	1					1					Spit (Napier) ..					1						1			
Hikurangi ..				1	1					1					Taradale ..					1						1			
Hobsonville ..										1				1	Te Karaka ..					1						1			
Houhora ..										1					Tokomaru Bay ..					1						1			
Howick ..				1	1					1					Tolaga Bay ..					1						1			
Huntly ..				2	2					2					Tuparoa ..					1						1			
Kaikohe ..				1	1					1					Waipawa ..					1						1			
Kaitaia ..				1	1					1					Waipiro Bay ..					1						1			
Kawakawa ..				1	1					1					Waipukurau ..					1						1			
Kawhia ..				1	1					1					Wairoa ..					1						1			
Kihikihi ..				1	1					1					Weber ..					1						1			
Kingsland ..				1	1					1					Whataupoko ..					1						1			
Kirikiroa ..				1	1					1					Woodville ..					2						2			
Mangawai ..				1	1					1					Totals ..	1			4	43		1	2		51	4	1		
Mangonui ..				1	1					1				1															
Maungaturoto				1	1					1					Wanganui Dis-														
Mercer ..				1	1					1					trict—														
Mount Albert				1	1					1					Wanganui ..	1		1	1	11		1			15				
Mount Eden ..				1	5					6					Aramoho ..					1						1			
Mount Roskill				1	1					1					Ashhurst ..					1						1			
Newmarket ..				1	3					4					Bull's ..					1						1			
Newton ..			1	3	10		1			15					Eltham ..					1						1			
Ngaruawahia ..				1	1					1					Feilding ..				1	2						3			
Northcote ..				1	1					1					Fitzroy ..					1						1			
Ohaeawai ..										1				1	Foxton ..					2						2			
Okupu (G. Barr'r)				1	1					2				1	Hawera ..				1	2						3			
Onehunga ..				1	1					1					Hunterville ..					1						1			
Ongarue ..				1	1					1					Inglewood ..					1						1			
Otahuhu ..				1	1					1					Kimbolton ..					1						1			
Otorohanga ..				1	1					1					Manaia ..					1						1			
Panmure ..										1					Mangaweka ..					1						1			
Papakura ..				3	3					3					Marton ..					2						2			
Parnell ..				1	3		1			5					Moawhango ..					1						1			
Ponsonby ..				1	3					1				1	Mokau ..					1						1			
Pukekohe ..				1	6					7					New Plymouth			1		5		1				7			
Queen St. Wharf				1	6					7					Normanby ..					1						1			
Raglan ..				1	1					1					Ohakune ..					1						1			
Raurimu ..				1	1					1					Opunake ..					1						1			
Rawene ..				1	1					1				1	Palmerston N.		1		1	10		1	1	1	14				
Remuera ..				1	1					1					Patea ..					1						1			
Russell ..				2	2					2					Raetihi ..					1						1			
Taumarunui ..				1	1					1					Rahotu ..					1						1			
Te Awamutu ..				2	2					2					Rongotea ..					1						1			
Te Kuiti ..				1	1					1					Shannon ..					1						1			
Waipu ..				1	1					1					St. John's (Wa-					1						1			
Waiuku ..				1	1					1					nganui)					1						1			
Warkworth ..				1	1					1					Stratford ..				1	2						3			
Wellsford ..				1	1					1					Taibape ..				1	2						3			
Whangarei ..				1	2					3					Terrace End					1						1			
Whangaroa ..				1	1					1				1	(Palmerston N.)					1						1			
Totals ..	1	1	4	15	147	1	1	6	6	182	6	4	1	1	Tewera ..					1						1			
Thames District—															Waitara ..					1						1			
Thames ..	1			1	5		1			8					Waitotara ..					1						1			
Coromandel ..					1					1					Wanganui East					1						1			
Hikua ..					1					1					Waverley ..					1						1			
Karangahake ..					1					1					Whangamomona					1						1			
Katikati ..										1					Willis Street					1						1			
Morrinsville ..										1				1	(Palmerston N.)														
Opotiki ..					2					2					Totals ..	1	1	2	6	66		2	1	1	80	1			
Paeroa ..					1					1					Wellington Dis-														
Rotorua ..				1	3					4					trict—														
Shortland ..					1					1					Wellington ..	1	1	1	5										

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective-Sergeants.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective-Sergeants.	Detectives.	Acting-Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Matrons.	Surgeons.
Wellington District—contd.															Christchurch District—contd.														
Island Bay					1					1					Phillipstown					1					1				
Johnsonville					1					1					Pleasant Point					1					1				
Karori					1					1					Rakaia					1					1				
Kilbirnie					1					1					Rangiora				1	1					2				
Levin					2					2					Riccarton					1					1				
Lower Hutt					2					2					St. Albans				1	1					2				
Mangatainoka					1					1					St. Andrew's					1					1				
Manners Street															Southbridge					1					1				
Martinborough					1					1					Sumner					1					1				
Masterton			1		4					5					Sydenham				1	4					5				
Motueka					1					1					Temuka					2					2				
Mount Cook			1	3	21			1		26					Timaru			1	1	9			1		12				
Nelson			1		6				1	8					Waikari					2					1				
Otaki					1					1					Waimate				1	2					3				
Pahiatua					2					2					Woolston					1					1				
Petone				1	2					3					Totals	1	2	5	9	109	1	7	3	137	1	1	1	1	1
Picton					2					2																			
Pongaroa					1					1					Dunedin District—	1	1	1	6	33	1	4	1	48	1	1	1	1	
Richmond					1					1				Dunedin					1					1					
Seddon					1					1				Alexandra					1					1					
Takaka					1					1				Anderson's Bay					1					1					
Te Nui					1					1				Balclutha					1					1					
The Port					1					1				Caversham					1					1					
Thorndon Quay					1					1				Clyde				1	1					2					
Tinakori Road					1					1				Cromwell					1					1					
Upper Hutt					1					1				Duntroun					1					1					
Wakefield					1					1				Green Island					1					1					
Wellington S.			1		3					4				Hampden					1					1					
Totals	1	1	5	10	124	1	1	6	4	153	1	1	1	1	Kaitangata					1				1					
Grey mouth District—														King Street				1	5					6					
Grey mouth	1		1	1	5		1			9				Kurow					1					1					
Ahaura					1					1				Lawrence					1					1					
Blackball					1					1				Middlemarch					1					1					
Blackwater					1					1				Milton					1					1					
Brunnerton					1					1				Mornington					1					1					
Charleston					1					1				Mosegiel					1					1					
Denniston					1					1				Naseby					1					1					
Dunollie					1					1				North-east Valley					1					1					
Globe Mine					1					1				Oamaru			1	1	6					8					
Granity					1					1				Ophir					1					1					
Hokitika			1	3						4				Outram					1					1					
Karamea					1					1				Owaka					1					1					
Kumara					1					1				Palmerston S.					1					1					
Lyll					1					1				Port Chalmers				1	4					5					
Murchison					1					1				Portobello					1					1					
Okarito					1					1				Ranfurly					1					1					
Otira					2					2				Ravensbourne					1					1					
Reefton			1	3						4				Roslyn					2					2					
Rimu					1					1				Roxburgh					1					1					
Ross					1					1				St. Bathans					1					1					
Seddonville					1					1				St. Clair					1					1					
Stafford					1					1				St. Kilda					1					1					
Waiuta					1					1				South Dunedin				1	5					6					
Westport			1		5					6				Waikouaiti					1					1					
Totals	1	2	3	37	1	1	1	1	44	44				Totals	1	1	2	12	88	1	4	1	110	1	1	1	1	1	
Christchurch District—														Invercargill District—															
Christchurch	1	1	1	6	41	1	6	2	59	1	1			Invercargill	1		2	9			1	1	14						
Addington					2					2				Arrowtown				1					1						
Akaroa					1					1				Bluff				1	2				3						
Annat					1					1				Clinton					4					1					
Amberley					1					1				Gladstone					1					1					
Ashburton			1		5					6				Gore				1	2				3						
Belfast					1					1				Half-moon Bay										1					
Bingsland					1					1				Lumsden					1					1					
Cass					1					1				Mataura					1					1					
Chatham Islands					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.	Estimated Population (31st Dec., 1911).	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand	835	1,075,250	1 to 1,287	s. d. 3 5
Victoria	1,636	1,337,678	1 to 817	4 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
New South Wales	2,425	1,693,374	1 to 698	5 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
South Australia.. .. .	500	420,238	1 to 840	5 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Queensland	1,017	622,129	1 to 611	7 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Western Australia	480	294,133	1 to 612	8 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tasmania	233	193,156	1 to 829	4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

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