

STATIONS, ETC.

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

New Buildings erected.—Ashburton, Cobden, Gisborne, Huntly, Masterton, Mataura, Papakura, Porongahau, Tapanui, Tokaanu, Warkworth.

New Buildings in course of Erection.—Patutahi, Tokomaru Bay.

Properties purchased.—Ohaeawai (site), Ross (site and building), Takapuna (site and building).

Additions, improvements, &c., were also effected at the following stations: Kingsland, Howick, Helensville, Kawakawa, Remuera, Waiuku, Whitianga, Te Aroha, Napier, Woodville, Mohaka, Ohakune, Taihape, Mangaweka, Waitotara, Te Nui, Eketahuna, Featherston, Kilbirnie, Culverden, Timaru, Oamaru, Balclutha, Owaka, Pembroke, and Lumsden.

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-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	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	Not obtainable	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		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328		646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347		652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346		664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416	
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360	
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251	
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594	
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636	
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005	
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204	
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532	
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289	
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299	
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057	
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269	
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815	
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615	
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707	
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210	
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203	
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343	
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657	
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718	
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699	
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884	
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707	
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	1,134,506				

In addition to the strength of the Force as shown above, there were 15 district constables, 8 Native constables, 4 police surgeons (one in each city), and 4 matrons (one in each city).

GENERAL.

The conduct of members of the Force has been, on the whole, very satisfactory during the year just ended. It is only natural to expect that some of the junior men of the Force feel their duties irksome for the first year or two of their service, but they soon settle down to their new conditions of life, and generally become very good and trustworthy policemen.