

SESSION II.
1923.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT.
PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1922.

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

MEMBERS OF BOARD.

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT STOUT, P.C., K.C.M.G. (President); Sir GEORGE FENWICK, Kt.; EDWIN HALL, Esq.; FRANK HAY, Esq., M.B.; C. B. JORDAN, Esq.; CHARLES E. MATHEWS, Esq.; WILLIAM REECE, Esq.

Sir,—

Wellington, 31st July, 1923.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1922.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT STOUT, President.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1922.

The Board has to report that during the year 1922 it dealt with a total of 1,007 cases at meetings held at Wellington, Invercargill, Paparua, Addington, Christchurch, Wi Tako, Point Halswell, Waikune, Hautu, Auckland, and Waikeria. The following table sets out, under their respective statutory headings, the number of cases considered at each meeting, together with the decisions reached:—

Table A.

Month of Meeting.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of					Totals.	Decisions showing how Cases were disposed of.								Totals.	
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons undergoing Reformative Detention.	Hard-labour Prisoners.	Crimes Amendment Act.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation.		Offender Probationers.	Recommended for Release on Probation.	Petitions deferred.	Petitions declined.	Recommended for Discharge from Prison or from Probation.	Offender Probationers ordered discharge.	Recommended Variation Terms of Probation.	Recommended for Remission of Hard-labour Sentence.		
Feb.	Wellington	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Mar.	Invercargill	1	140	8	..	..	149	40	101	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	149
	Paparua	5	37	22	..	..	64	26	31	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	64
	Addington	..	6	1	1	..	8	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
	Christchurch	5	30	26	4	9	74	34	18	3	8	8	1	..	2	..	74
April	Wellington	..	7	10	1	2	20	5	2	2	6	2	..	3	..	..	20
	Wi Tako	..	8	8	..	..	16	4	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	16
	Pt. Halswell	..	13	1	..	..	14	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
June	Wellington	11	71	62	5	10	159	36	83	6	20	9	..	..	5	..	159
Aug.	Wellington	12	79	47	3	7	148	29	77	17	22	2	..	..	1	..	148
Oct.	Wellington	4	49	37	5	2	97	19	57	8	12	..	..	..	1	..	97
	Waikune	2	17	7	..	..	26	12	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	26
	Hautu	1	7	4	..	..	12	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	12
	Auckland	52	61	25	..	..	138	48	56	16	13	..	..	..	5	..	138
Nov.	Waikeria	..	67	10	..	..	77	18	46	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	77
Dec.	Wellington	..	2	1	..	..	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
		93	594	271	19	30	1,007	291	506	61	108	21	2	18	1,007		