

1927.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT.
PRISONS BOARD

(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1926.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Hon. Mr. Justice STRINGER (President); Sir GEORGE FENWICK, Kt.; WILLIAM REECE, Esq.; Sir DONALD MCGAVIN, Kt., C.M.G., M.D. (Lond.); D. G. A. COOPER, Esq.; JOHN ALEXANDER, Esq., C.M.G.; and B. L. DALLARD, Esq., Controller-General of Prisons.

SIR,—

Auckland, 3rd August, 1927.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1926.

I have, &c.,

T. W. STRINGER, President.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

THE Board has to report that during the year ended 31st December, 1926, it dealt with a total of 1,138 cases at meetings held at Wellington and the various prison institutions of the Dominion. 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.	Cases considered of							Decisions showing how Cases were disposed of.							Totals.
	Habitual Criminals.	Persons undergoing Reformatory Detention.	Hard-labour Prisoners.	Habitual Offenders.	Habitual Criminals for Remission of Hard-labour Sentence.	Crimes Amendment Act.	Offender Probationers.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation or Variation Terms of Release.	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.		Totals.
March ..	10	200	28	..	..	4	5	247	52	167	..	23	5	..	247
" ..	7	35	19	..	..	..	..	61	22	33	..	6	..	..	61
" ..	..	5	4	..	..	..	..	9	3	6	..	..	..	..	9
May ..	9	110	57	1	..	2	4	183	43	74	49	12	4	1	183
August ..	1	33	20	..	..	..	..	54	27	11	10	6	..	..	54
" ..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	46	8	35	..	3	..	..	46
" ..	2	18	9	..	..	..	..	29	10	14	2	3	..	..	29
" ..	..	32	14	..	..	..	..	46	14	24	2	6	..	..	46
October ..	7	2	11	1	..	..	..	21	1	15	2	3	..	..	21
" ..	2	80	37	..	..	2	2	123	35	50	24	12	2	..	123
" ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
December ..	..	181	1	..	..	..	..	182	31	150	..	1	..	..	182
" ..	..	38	10	..	..	..	..	48	8	35	3	2	..	..	48
" ..	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	10	4	4	1	1	..	..	10
" ..	9	36	22	..	2	4	5	78	17	35	11	10	5	..	78
	47	822	237	2	2	12	16	1,138	275	654	104	88	16	1	1,138