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THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION

(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 IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Police Department, Wellington, 1st August, 1927.

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

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of permanent members of the Force of all ranks was 1,033, being an increase of 13 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	5
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	13
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	4
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	31
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	92
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	882
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	6
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	8
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	42

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	6
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	3

There were also thirteen temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919; these were appointed during the war period, and are over age or otherwise unsuitable for permanent appointment.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established during the year at Papatoetoe, St. Helier's Bay, Marton Junction, and Wadestown.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 5; retired as medically unfit, 5; died, 4; resigned voluntarily, 37; called upon to resign, 4; dismissed, 10: total, 65. This is twenty more than in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 1,145 on the figures of 1925. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·19 per cent., as against 2·16 the previous year.

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

Theft (undescribed)	806	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	73
Theft from dwellings	30	Vagrancy offences	234
Theft from dwellings (attempted)	65	Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. ..	201
False pretences	108	Failing to maintain wives, &c.	706
Obtaining credit by fraud	60	Breaches of Arms Act	127
Burglary, house-breaking, &c.	211	Breaches of Motor-vehicles Act	684
Indecent exposure, &c.	88		

There were decreases in the following :—

Assault (common)	31	Stealing postal packets	31
Mischief	68	Ship-desertion	132
Breaches of the peace	152	Disciplinary-offences on ships	782
Drunkenness	424	Selling liquor after hours	125
Trespassing on racecourses	68	Being found on licensed premises after hours	337

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 :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	890	842	48
Auckland	8,281	7,299	982
Hamilton	3,017	2,889	128
Gisborne	1,163	1,142	21
Napier	1,550	1,492	58
New Plymouth	1,055	979	76
Wanganui	1,157	1,121	36
Palmerston North	1,242	1,143	99
Wellington	5,350	5,064	286
Greymouth	1,159	1,128	31
Christchurch	3,650	3,210	440
Timaru	651	613	38
Dunedin	1,486	1,334	152
Invercargill	964	943	21
Totals	31,615	29,199	2,416

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1926 was 92·35, the figures of the preceding year being 94·08.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1925.		1926.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	22	18	24	13
Robbery and aggravated robbery	4	3	13	9
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	639	445	850	511
Forgery and uttering	222	210	196	181
Murder	6	5	13	9
Murder, attempted	2	2	5	5
Rape	11	8	8	6
Receiving stolen property	116	116	111	109
Wounding with intent	1	1	4	4
Totals	1,023	808	1,224	847

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:—

Offences.	1925.	1926.
Unnatural offence	6	7
Unnatural offence, attempted	5	4
Indecently assaulting a male	52	36
Incest	7	16
Indecent acts	42	30
Concealment of birth	7	3
Assault, indecent	106	112
Rape	11	8
Rape, attempted	12	8
Carnally knowing girls	55	47
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	14
Abortion, procuring, &c.	16	10
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	224	312
Totals	552	607

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 423 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1926 was 7,854 (7,489 males and 365 females), whereas in 1925 the number was 8,277 (7,899 males and 378 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 33·26 per cent. of the males and 48·76 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 6·32 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1926, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	4,998	187	5,185
One previous conviction	823	56	879
Two previous convictions	471	26	497
Three previous convictions	306	17	323
Four previous convictions	203	12	215
Five previous convictions	199	21	220
Over five previous convictions	489	46	535
Totals	7,489	365	7,854

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port 474

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1921 to 1925 in Australia and New Zealand:—

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Commonwealth	96·9	101·8	102·9	98·7	97·3
New Zealand	69·0	48·4	52·2	52·7	58·6

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of forty-nine as compared with the preceding year. There were 511 prosecutions, resulting in 285 convictions, during 1926, as against 560 prosecutions and 294 convictions in 1925.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were seventy-five prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in sixty-two convictions, and there were also twenty-four prosecutions, resulting in twenty-one convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1926 amounted to £1,101.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 420 prosecutions, resulting in 373 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 432 prosecutions and 393 convictions in 1925.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1927 :—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
			£
Carrying on business of bookmaker	24	22	860
Keeping common gaming house	46	43	1,928
Found in common gaming house	19	14	37
Laying totalizator odds	29	29	350
Publishing betting-charts	3	2	..
Street betting	6	3	170
Betting with infant	1	1	25
Betting with bookmaker	1	1	30
Totals	129	115	3,400

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

The finger-impressions of 3,846 persons were received, classified, searched, and filed during the year; 255 persons were identified as previous offenders, either in this Dominion, the Australian States, or England, &c., who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; one unknown deceased person was identified; 1,246 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the branch; the photographs of 1,796 prisoners (5,930 photographs) were dealt with, and 736 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

In thirty-nine cases of breaking and entering, and one case of indecent assault, finger-prints left by offenders when committing the crime were identified. In these forty cases, all the offenders except three pleaded guilty. These three were found guilty on production of finger-print evidence in the Supreme Courts. The following cases are worthy of note :—

The office and garage of the Bell Motor-bus Co., of Wellington, were broken into, and the premises were examined by an expert from this branch, who found a portion of one finger-print on the front of one of the drawers in the office desk; from this the offender was identified after a most tedious and strenuous search of six days' duration. He was arrested, and admitted not only this offence, but ten others also. The same offender's finger-impressions were identified as those found at H. L. Young's premises at Hamilton, and he admitted breaking into eleven premises in that town.

A shop in one of the Wellington suburbs was broken into during the night, and next morning finger-prints found on the broken window were brought to this branch, from which the offender was identified within two hours; he was arrested an hour later with all the stolen property in his possession.

The following table shows the increase 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.	Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904 ..	3,500	3,500	117	1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232
1910 ..	9,919	1,201	140	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1911 ..	10,905	986	148	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1926 ..	35,844	2,042	292
1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270	1927 ..	37,808	1,964	255

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	Not obtainable	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		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	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	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	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	3/8	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	3/9	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	4/1	1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
1916	19	104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258	4/2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,152,669	24,920	23,848	10,833
1917	20	108	36	734	898	1 to 1,280	4/3	1,150,002	21,724	20,701	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	878	1 to 1,319	5/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,158,156	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	21	114	38	743*	916	1 to 1,325	4/11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,214,184	26,106	24,718	8,979
1921	23	112	47	768*	950	1 to 1,310	6/4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,244,620	26,551	25,054	8,671
1922	22	118	43	826*	1,009	1 to 1,289	6/3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,300,967	24,699	22,843	6,409
1923	23	118	44	818*	1,003	1 to 1,321	5/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,325,301	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924	23	120	47	837*	1,027	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,347,853	27,025	25,048	7,470
1925	23	121	51	831*	1,026	1 to 1,344	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,379,487	30,470	28,668	8,277
1926	24	121	52	888*	1,085	1 to 1,299	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,409,692	31,615	29,199	7,854
1927	22	123	56	895*	1,096	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,437,980	...	...	...

* Includes temporary constables.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out during the year by the Public Works Department:—

New police-stations were erected at Eketahuna and Putaruru; offices at Mokau and Waikiwi; and a lock-up at Ruatorea. A house for use as a police-station was purchased at Te Karaka, and sites were purchased at Normanby and St. Clair (Dunedin). The police-station at Aratapu was removed and re-erected at Ruawai, and the building of a new station at Phillipstown (Christchurch) was put in hand.

Alterations, renovations, and improvements were effected at a number of stations, the principal being Hikurangi, Houhora, Rawene, Whangarei, Northcote, Auckland Central, Grey Lynn, Onehunga, Birkenhead, Pukekohe, Papakura, Matamata, Waihi, Whakatane, Havelock North, Napier, Wairoa,

Mokau, Manaia, Stratford, Wanganui, Feilding, Masterton, Karori, Wellington South, Wakefield, Greymouth, Christchurch, Addington, Fendalton, Kaiapoi, Darfield, Temuka, Pleasant Point, Dunedin, South Dunedin, Woodhaugh, Owaka, Invercargill, and Bluff.

Extracts from reports of officers in charge of districts are appended.

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EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR HOLLIS, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1927, the authorized strength of the Force in the Whangarei Police District was thirty-one, being a decrease of one. One constable and one temporary constable were replaced by two district constables, and one Native constable discharged. The same efficiency was maintained at a considerable saving to the Department.

There is a slight falling-off in offences committed during the year, the number reported being 890, against 949 for the previous year.

There was a great decrease in breaches of the Licensing Act, such as drunkenness, "found upon licensed premises," &c., due to the railway-construction work being partly finished, and with it the discharge of men. There was an increase of serious crime, such as burglary, breaking and entering, &c., committed in most instances by young men and youths, who were arrested and convicted, the majority being first offenders.

The general conduct of members of the Force in the Whangarei Police District has been good, there being only two defaulters. Efficiency has been maintained, the result being excellent.

SUPERINTENDENT WOHLMANN, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force on the 31st March, 1927, was 207. During the year the strength was increased by four constables and one detective.

New stations were opened during the year at St. Helier's Bay and Papatoetoe. A permanent constable has been appointed to charge of Panmure Station, replacing a district constable.

The casualties totalled thirteen, made up as follows: Discharged as medically unfit, 3; discharged on resignation, 10.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1926, shows a total of 8,281 offences reported, as compared with 8,544 in the previous year; but the decrease of 263 is accounted for by the absence this year of 457 breaches of the Shipping and Seamen Act on occasion of the shipping strike in 1925. In the total of other offences, therefore, there is this year an increase of 194. Of the total offences reported, 7,299 were accounted for by arrests or summonses, leaving 982 undetected.

Two charges of murder were preferred against a man for the murder of his two children near Papakura. He was found to be insane at the time of the act, and ordered to be detained in a mental hospital during the Governor's pleasure.

The conduct of the police during the year has been on the whole satisfactory. Thirty-four constables were punished for fifty-four breaches of regulations.

During the year the police in the City of Auckland, with the exception of the Borough of Newmarket, were relieved of the duty of regulating traffic. This afforded relief, and enabled the diversion of the whole time of the constables required to man the points to regular police-duty.

INSPECTOR WILLIS, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force on the 31st March last was seventy-seven, being an increase of one sergeant and four constables during the year. Of this increase one sergeant and one constable were posted to Frankton Junction, and three constables to Hamilton Station. These additions to strength, which had been asked for for years, were urgently required, and have made for smoother working and efficiency, and have enabled me to meet outside calls and contingencies without unduly weakening the strength at Hamilton.

The number of offences reported during the year was 3,017, as against 2,501 for the previous year, being an increase of 516. Theft (undescribed), drunkenness, obscene language, vagrancy, &c., were responsible for most of the increase. The figures do not call for any special comment; there was no crime of a very serious nature during the year.

With one or two minor exceptions, the conduct of the non-commissioned officers and men has been very satisfactory, and efficiency has been well maintained.

INSPECTOR ECCLES, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1927, was thirty-four. There has been no increase or decrease during the year. The only casualties were two constables dismissed and two constables resigned.

For the year ended 31st December, 1926, the total number of offences reported was 1,163, as against 1,024 for the previous year, an increase of 139. Arrests or summonses resulted in 1,142 cases, leaving twenty-one unaccounted for.

I think the increase in the number of prosecutions during the year is principally due to the fact that the police in this district have been more active than former years.

The only cases of serious crime worthy of mention were two cases of murder, one case of attempted murder, and one case of robbery with violence.

In one case of murder the crime was practically admitted by the solicitor for accused at the Supreme Court trial, but the defence was that the accused was insane when he committed the murder. The jury evidently ignored the defence of insanity, and returned a verdict of "Guilty of manslaughter," and offender was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

The other case of murder was a most unfortunate one for the offender, as he had been struck three times in the street by another man before he actually retaliated by striking the blow that caused death. When the fatal blow was struck the man fell back on the footpath, fracturing his skull. The medical evidence went to show that the skull of deceased was abnormally thin. The accused was committed for trial, but the grand jury returned "No bill."

In the case of attempted murder the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty of assault causing actual bodily harm," and the offender received a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment.

Two constables were dismissed for misconduct, and five constables were fined for breaches of Police Regulations. With the exceptions mentioned the general conduct of the Force in this district has been good.

The Police Offences Amendment Act, 1926, has proved of great assistance to the police in prosecuting offenders under the Act mentioned.

INSPECTOR CUMMINGS, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength of the Force was fifty-two, the same as the previous year.

For the year ended 31st December, 1926, the total number of offences reported was 1,550, as against 1,467 the previous year, an increase of eighty-three, and 1,492 prosecutions resulted. None of the cases call for special mention.

The general conduct of the police has been excellent, only one constable being dealt with for a minor breach of the regulations.

INSPECTOR FRASER, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength was thirty-four.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1926, shows the total number of all offences committed to be 1,055, compared with 882 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 173. Of all offences reported, 979 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving seventy-six undetected. There were no crimes of a serious nature reported during the year.

The conduct of the police has been very good. During the year only one constable was dealt with for a breach of regulations. The general work has been carried out with efficiency.

INSPECTOR TILL, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1927, was forty-four, an increase of two constables over the previous year at Wanganui Station.

There was a slight decrease in the total of all offences during 1926. The increase was mostly in thefts, false pretences, breaches of probation, vagrancy, and disobeying maintenance orders.

The conduct of the police in this district was good, it being necessary to deal with only two constables for breaches of the Police Regulations.

INSPECTOR SIMPSON, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1927, the authorized strength of the Force in the Palmerston North District was forty-four.

A new station was opened at Marton Junction during the year, which increased the authorized strength by one constable.

The casualties for the year were as follows: Three constables were dismissed, two constables resigned voluntarily, one constable retired on superannuation, and one constable died.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1926, show the total number of offences reported as 1,242, as against 1,033 the previous year, an increase of 209. Of the offences reported 1,121 were dealt with either by arrest or summons.

The most serious crimes committed were three murders, two of which were committed by a poultry-farmer of Levin, who was found not guilty on the grounds of insanity, and ordered to be detained in a mental hospital during the pleasure of the Hon. Minister of Justice. The other was a case of infanticide by a young girl, who was acquitted by the jury at the Supreme Court. The increased crime is of the ordinary class, and calls for no special comment.

The general conduct of the police for the period has been satisfactory, and the standard of efficiency very good.

SUPERINTENDENT EMERSON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1927, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was 194. During the year the authorized strength of the Wellington District has been increased by a sergeant and a constable at Kilbirnie, a constable at Wadestown, and a constable at Blenheim.

The casualties were—one constable died, three constables resigned voluntarily, one constable resigned compulsorily, and one constable was dismissed.

For the year ended 31st December, 1926, the total number of offences reported was 5,350, being an increase of 641.

There has been no serious crime worth mentioning during the year except a case at Petone, where four children were killed by their mother, who has been committed to a mental hospital.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been satisfactory. Fifteen constables were dealt with for breaches of the regulations during the year.

INSPECTOR O'HALLORAN, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1927, the actual strength of the district of all ranks was forty-four, being one constable short of authorized strength.

One temporary constable was discharged from the service during the year.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December last shows the total number of all offences reported to be 1,159, as compared with 1,274 for the previous year, being a decrease of 115. The offences generally are much the same as last year, and do not call for special comment.

There were two serious cases of incest during the year, one offender receiving a sentence of five years, and the other a sentence of seven years.

The general conduct of members of the Force in this district has been good, and a high standard of efficiency has been maintained. One constable was fined for a minor breach of the regulations. A temporary constable was also fined, and subsequently discharged from the service.

SUPERINTENDENT EALES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1927, was 125.

The casualties in the district during the year were three constables and one temporary constable dismissed; seven constables resigned; one Superintendent and one detective-sergeant retired on superannuation.

The offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1926, numbered 3,650 as compared with 3,460 in 1925, an increase of 190.

There was one murder charge, where a woman was found dead in an office attached to a blacksmith's shop under suspicious circumstances. The owner of the shop was committed for trial, but was acquitted at the Supreme Court.

Nine manslaughter charges were entered, principally the result of negligently driving motor-vehicles.

Considerable activity has been maintained to detect offences under the Gaming Act; as a result fifteen offenders were charged with unlawful betting in 1926, as against none in 1925.

Taken generally, the conduct of the members of the Force has been good. For breaches of the regulations three constables were dismissed, one temporary constable was discharged, and five constables tendered their resignations to save dismissal. Others were dealt with by fine.

INSPECTOR KEMP, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was forty, a decrease of one as compared with the previous year. One constable retired medically unfit; one was dismissed from the service, and one resigned. Five constables were fined for six breaches of regulations.

The number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December last was 651, as against 927 the previous year, being a decrease of 276.

There were two murders during the year. One was a case of a man wilfully shooting his mate. He was arrested for this offence and committed to the Supreme Court for trial. A change of venue was granted to Christchurch and the trial Judge directed the grand jury to bring in "No bill," as he thought "there was insufficient evidence at present; and if this course were adopted and further evidence came to light he could be again charged." This was done.

The second charge is that of a farmer's wife near Makikihi who while in a state of dementia drowned her infant child in a creek near to her house. Since then she has been an inmate of a mental hospital, and up to the present the Superintendent of the institution reports that her mental condition is such that she is not able to appear.

At Geraldine an incendiary caused a lot of trouble and destruction of property, but was eventually detected and convicted on two charges of arson.

The detection here of three leading bookmakers, who were each fined £100 for keeping common gaming-houses, has had a salutary effect; and although it is hard to stamp out the bookmaker as the law at present stands, it has had the effect of making him most circumspect in his operations.

The conduct of the police has been good on the whole.

SUPERINTENDENT MURRAY, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

I took charge of the district on the 29th December last, from Inspector Cameron, of Christchurch police, who was in temporary charge during the latter part of the illness of the late Superintendent W. Mathieson.

The authorized strength of the Force in the District on the 31st March, 1927, was 106 of all ranks. The casualties were two deaths (one Superintendent and one constable), six resignations (constables), two retired on superannuation (constables), and one dismissed for misconduct (constable).

The total number of offences reported during the year was 1,486, as against 1,493 for the previous year, an increase of seven; 1,334 cases led to prosecution.

The conduct of the Force in this district with a few exceptions has been good, and the duties satisfactorily performed.

INSPECTOR BIRD, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was forty-seven. Four constables resigned voluntarily during the year.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1926, was 964, as against 1,035 for the previous year, being a decrease of seventy-one. There has been no serious crime.

The conduct of all ranks, with few exceptions, has been satisfactory. One senior sergeant and two constables were fined for breaches of regulations.

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 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1925, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

Offences.	1925.		1926.								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.		
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
False statements and declarations ..	31	36	36	5	..	27	..	4	..	4	..	5	..
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Breaking prison ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	25	36	32	11	..	21	..	..	..	9	..	11	..
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Offences against Religion.</i>													
Disturbing public worship ..	9	5	4	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence ..	6	7	7	6	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	5	4	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	1
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Indecently assaulting a male ..	52	36	34	34	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	16
Incest ..	7	16	16	14	..	1	..	1	..	10	..	9	..
Indecent acts ..	42	30	29	5	..	23	..	1	..	4	..	..	12
Publishing obscene matter ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Incest, attempted ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>Offences against the Person, &c.</i>													
Neglecting duties tending to the preservation of life or health	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..
Murder ..	6	13	9	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Murder, attempted ..	2	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
Manslaughter ..	19	17	17	14	1	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	2
Suicide, attempted ..	60	78	78	..	..	62	11	5	..	..	..	18	..
Suicide, aiding and abetting ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Concealment of birth ..	7	3	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Administering poison or other noxious things with intent to injure or annoy	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	26	18	16	11	..	4	..	1	..	8	..	..	8
Causing actual bodily harm under circumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter	2	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
Assault, indecent ..	106	112	103	83	..	7	..	13	..	58	..	6	..
Assault with intent to commit a crime	4	14	14	..	..	11	..	3	..	..	..	10	..
Assault ..	838	807	790	10	..	671	17	73	19	6	..	..	31
Rape ..	11	8	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	3
Rape, attempted ..	12	8	8	7	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	4
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	55	47	47	41	..	..	..	6	..	32	..	..	8
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years, attempts to	9	14	14	12	..	..	..	2	..	10	..	5	..
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Defilement of women or girls, procuring, permitting, or conspiring to induce, &c.	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Abortion, procuring ..	11	9	9	1	7	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	2
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Abortion, procuring own ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Bigamy ..	11	8	8	7	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	3
Abduction ..	..	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
Stealing children under fourteen years	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed) ..	4,146	4,952	3,730	135	10	3,072	277	218	18	125	6	806	..
Theft, attempted ..	20	24	23	3	..	14	1	5	..	3	..	4	..
Theft from the person ..	23	30	9	3	..	5	..	1	..	2	..	7	..
Theft from the person, attempted	5	3	1	..	2	1	..	5	..

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				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.—<i>continued.</i>													
<i>Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.</i>													
Theft from dwellings	295	325	171	47	1	107	8	8	..	36	1	30	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted	13	78	68	4	..	64	..	..	..	4	..	65	..
Theft by clerks or servants	149	160	153	103	..	46	2	2	..	101	..	11	..
Theft of animals (specified)	44	40	33	10	..	20	..	3	..	10	..	..	4
Theft of animals, attempted .. .. .	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
False pretences	609	717	674	111	..	476	62	24	1	104	..	108	..
False pretences, attempted	23	13	13	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
Obtaining credit by fraud	58	118	107	7	2	73	16	8	1	6	2	60	..
False accounting by officials or clerks	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Conspiracy to defraud	2	8	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	6	..
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Robbery and aggravated robbery	4	13	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	9	..
Assault with intent to rob	4	6	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..
Extortion by threats	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Burglary	74	126	85	69	..	10	..	6	..	37	..	52	..
Burglary, attempted	2	13	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	11	..
House or shop breaking, &c.	511	628	367	265	..	74	6	22	..	251	..	117	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	52	83	52	15	..	29	..	8	..	11	..	31	..
Being found in a dwellinghouse by night	13	11	11	1	..	5	..	3	2	1	..	..	2
Being disguised or in possession of house-breaking implements	2	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	116	111	109	11	..	71	5	18	4	4	..	..	5
Forgery	177	171	156	142	1	9	1	3	..	138	..	..	6
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	45	25	25	19	..	5	1	..	..	19	..	..	20
Sending false telegram	4	7	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Personation	2	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Coin, offences relating to .. .. .	..	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
Arson	22	24	13	12	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	2	..
Arson, attempted	10	7	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	5	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Placing explosive with intent to destroy buildings, ships, &c. .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Mischief	604	536	518	5	..	480	11	20	2	2	..	..	68
Mischief on railways and tramways	38	9	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Possessing or making explosive substance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Sending threatening letters	5	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aiding and abetting or counselling the commission of an offence	28	11	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	686	534	533	..	..	479	10	39	5	..	..	..	152
Cruelty to animals	230	139	135	..	..	111	2	20	2	..	..	..	91
Drunkenness	7,690	7,261	7,261	..	..	6,906	351	4	..	..	..	..	429
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	217	277	277	..	..	268	..	9	..	..	..	60	..
Drunk and disorderly	371	316	316	..	..	302	14	..	..	..	..	..	55
Soliciting prostitution	9	8	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	224	312	290	28	..	242	5	11	4	3	..	88	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	669	742	742	1	..	687	27	26	1	..	..	73	..
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	598	832	831	1	..	684	90	42	14	1	..	234	..
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	217	207	206	..	..	199	1	6	..	..	..	..	10
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	37	17	17	..	..	15	..	2	..	..	..	..	20
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	272	473	378	1	..	343	3	31	..	1	..	201	..
Unlawfully on premises by night without criminal intent	53	130	130	115	8	7	77	..
Sunday trading	93	67	67	52	14	1	26

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GAMING ACT.														
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c.	52	57	57	49	1	7	5	..
Found in a common gaming-house ..	95	88	88	76	..	12	7
Gaming with instruments ..	25	52	50	..	..	42	..	8	..	..	..	..	27	..
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	21	11	11	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	45	89	89	..	..	77	..	10	2	..	..	..	44	..
Betting, unlawful ..	54	50	48	..	..	42	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	4
Following occupation of a bookmaker	7	10	10	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..
Trespass on racecourses ..	135	67	67	..	..	66	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	68
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.														
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	14	12	12	4	2	4	..	2	..	4	2	..	..	2
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	54	35	34	26	..	8	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	19
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets	34	22	22	15	..	7	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	12
Unlawfully opening mail-bags ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	17	12	8	7	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	..	..	5
Damaging telephones ..	4	7	6	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..
Damaging insulators ..	3	12	12	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Posting indecent post-cards or letters ..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Fraudulently using postage-stamps ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
False statement re posting postal packets	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.														
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	1,729	2,066	1,963	..	..	1,660	23	277	3	..	..	..	337	..
Failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance moneys	1,851	2,220	2,078	..	..	1,931	13	127	7	..	..	..	369	..
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force	24	51	50	..	..	48	..	2	..	..	..	..	27	..
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act	17	19	16	..	..	12	..	3	1	..	..	..	2	..
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.														
Misconduct endangering his ship or lives of persons thereon	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ship-desertion ..	217	85	60	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	132
Absent without leave ..	127	30	24	..	..	23	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	97
Offences against discipline ..	834	52	52	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	782
Embezzling cargo ..	12	16	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Stowing away ..	47	32	32	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
LICENSING ACT.														
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct	11	15	15	..	..	7	1	6	1	..	..	..	4	..
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons	12	21	21	..	..	12	2	7	..	..	..	..	9	..
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c. ..	3	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	560	435	432	..	..	240	13	164	15	..	..	..	..	125
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	58	36	36	..	..	29	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	22
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons	68	58	58	..	..	45	2	10	1	..	..	..	..	10
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	2	3	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar	1	6	6	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..
Employing minors in bars ..	1	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives	46	42	42	..	..	36	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	4
Selling adulterated liquor ..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Obstructing Inspectors or refusing entrance to Inspectors or constables	8	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Using bottles with labels more than once	1	8	8	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..
Breaches of prohibition orders ..	889	930	927	..	..	823	94	10	..	..	..	..	41	..
Found on licensed premises after closing-hours	1,902	1,565	1,563	1,407	12	140	4	337

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				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
LICENSING ACT—continued.														
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	64	27	27	25	2	37
Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license	72	77	75	..	..	57	5	13	..	..	..	..	5	..
Found on premises where liquor was seized under a warrant	10	6	6	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	4
Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	42	24	24	..	..	20	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	18
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	11	20	20	..	..	16	1	3	..	..	..	..	9	..
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	64	79	79	..	..	64	3	9	3	..	..	..	15	..
Supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts	57	93	93	..	..	76	..	17	..	..	..	..	36	..
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurant after hours	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Failing to provide accommodation ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
MISCELLANEOUS.														
Absconding from industrial schools ..	74	75	71	..	..	68	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Bankruptcy offences ..	25	14	14	9	..	5	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	11
Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping, &c.	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing	10	14	14	1	..	4	6	2	1	..	..	..	4	..
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	32	24	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offensive manner, &c., on a railway, &c.	82	58	58	..	..	55	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	24
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders' Probation Act	192	214	193	5	..	175	9	4	..	3	..	..	22	..
Habitual criminals or offenders, breach of conditions of probationary license	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Indecent Publications Act, offences under	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Opium-smoking, &c.	25	32	32	..	..	29	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..
Smuggling	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Trespassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c.	41	48	48	..	..	44	2	2	..	..	..	..	7	..
Arms Act, breaches of	313	440	437	..	..	402	6	29	..	..	..	..	127	..
Motor-vehicles Act, breaches of ..	494	1,178	1,170	19	1	1,013	8	127	2	7	..	..	684	..
Chattels Transfer Act, breaches of ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..
Totals	30,470	31,615	29,199	1,413	33	24,767	1,170	1,695	121	1,183	17	..	3,995	2850
Increase .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,145	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1927.

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.			
Whangarei District—														Hamilton District—																
Whangarei	1			1	1	6			1	10				<i>continued.</i>																
Aratapu														Putaruru						2						2				
Dargaville					1	2				3				Raglan						1						1				
Hikurangi						1				1				Rotorua				1		4						5				
Houhora						1				1				Taupo						1						1				
Kaikohe						1				1				Tauranga						3						3				
Kaitaia						2				2				Te Aroha						2						2				
Kawakawa						1				1				Te Awamutu						2						2				
Mangawai												1		Te Kuiti				1		3						4				
Mangonui						1				1				Te Puke						1						1				
Maungaturoto						1				1				Te Whaiti														1		
Ohaeawai												1		Thames				1		4						5				
Pukehuia						1				1				Thames South						1						1				
Rawene						2				2				Tokaanu						1						1				
Russell						1				1				Waihi				1		4						5				
Waipu						1				1				Whitianga						1						1				
Whangaroa						1				1			1	Totals	1			3	4	66			2	76			1			
Totals	1			1	2	22			1	27		2	1	Gisborne District—																
Auckland District—														Napier District—																
Auckland	1	1	1	2	8	74	2	2	7	98				Napier		1		1	1	15		1	19	1						
Avondale						1				1				Carlyle Street					1		1	1								
Birkenhead						1				1				Clive					1		1									
Cowes												1		Dannevirke				1	3			4								
Devonport					1	4				5				Hastings					1	6		1	8							
Eilerslie						1				1				Havelock North					1		1									
Epsom						1				1				Mohaka					1		1									
Freeman's Bay					1	4				5	1			Nuhaka					1		1									
Grey Lynn						1				1				Ongaonga					1		1									
Helensville						1				1				Ormondville					1		1									
Henderson						1				1				Petane					1		1									
Howick						1				1				Porangahau					1		1									
Kingsland						1				1				Spit (Napier)					2		2									
Mercer						1				1				Takapau					1		1									
Mount Albert						1				1				Taradale					1		1									
Mount Eden					1	7				8				Waipawa					1		1									
Mount Eden South						1				1				Waipukurau					1		1									
Mount Roskill						1				1				Wairoa					1	2		3								
Newmarket					1	8				9				Weber									1							
Newton				1	3	13		1		18	2			Totals	1			2	3	41		1	1	49	1	1				
Northcote						1				1				New Plymouth District—																
Okupu (G. Barrier)														New Plymouth		1		1	2	7		1	12	1						
Onehunga						1				6				Eltham					1		1		1							
Otahuhu						1				2	1			Fitzroy					1		1		1							
Panmure						1				1				Hawera				1	4		5									
Papakura						1				1				Inglewood					1		1									
Papatoetoe						1				1				Kaponga					1		1									
Parnell						1	3			4				Manaia					1		1									
Point Chevalier						1				1				Mokau					1		1									
Ponsonby						1	4			5				Moturoa					1		1									
Pukekohe						1	2			3				Normanby					1		1									
Queen St. Wharf					1	10				12				Opunake					1		1									
Remuera						1				1				Rahotu					1		1									
St. Heliers Bay						1				1				Stratford					1	3		4								
Takapuna						2				2				Waitara					1		1									
Tuakau						1				1				Whangamomona					1		1									
Waiuku						1				1				Totals	1			1	4	26		1	33	1						
Warkworth						1				1																				
Wellsford						1				1																				
Totals	1	1	1	3	21	161	2	3	8	201	4	1																		
Hamilton District—																														
Hamilton	1			1	1	17			2	22																				
Arapuni						1				1																				
Cambridge						2				2																				
Coromandel						1				1																				
Frankton Junction					1	3				4																				
Huntly						2				2																				
Katikati						1				1																				
Kawhia						1				1																				
Kerepehi						1				1																				
Kihikihi						1				1																				
Kirikiri-roa						1				1																				
Matamata						1				1																				
Morrinsville						1				1																				
Ngaruawahia						1				1																				
Otorohanga						1				1																				
Paeroa						1				1																				

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	1			1	2	15			2	21			
Aramoho ..						1				1			
Castlecliff ..						1				1			
Gonville ..						1				1			
Hunterville ..						1				1			
Mangaweka ..						1				1			
Manunui ..													
Moawhango ..											1		
Ohakune ..						1				1			
Ohura ..						1				1			
Ongarue ..						1				1			
Patea ..						1				1			
Raetihi ..						1				1			
Raurimu ..						1				1			
St. John's (Wanganui) ..						1				1			
Taihape ..				1	2					3			
Taumarunui ..				1	3					4			
Waitotara ..						1				1			
Wanganui East ..						1				1			
Waverley ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	35			2	43		1	
Palmerston North District—													
Palmerston North ..	1			1	2	11	1		2	18	1		
Ashhurst ..						1				1			
Bull's ..						1				1			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.) ..						1				1			
Eketahuna ..						1				1			
Feilding ..					1	3				4			
Foxton ..						2				2			
Kimbolton ..						1				1			
Levin ..						2				2			
Marton ..						1				1			
Marton Junction ..						1				1			
Otaki ..						1				1			
Pahiatua ..						2				2			
Pongarea ..						1				1			
Rongotea ..						1				1			
Shannon ..						2				2			
Terrace End (Palmerston N.) ..						1				1			
Woodville ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	3	34	1		2	42	1		
Wellington District—													
Wellington ..	1	1	1	2	4	50	1	1	9	70			
Blenheim ..				1		5				6			
Brooklyn ..						1				1			
Carterton ..						2				2			
Collingwood ..						1				1			
Eastbourne ..						1				1			
Featherston ..						2				2			
Greytown North ..						1				1			
Havelock ..						1				1			
Island Bay ..						1				1			
Johnsonville ..						1				1			
Karori ..						1				1			
Kilbirnie ..				1	2					3			
Lower Hutt ..						2				2			
Lyal Bay ..						1				1			
Martinborough ..						1				1			
Masterton ..					1	5				6			
Motueka ..						1				1			
Mount Cook ..				1	3	23				27	1		
Nelson ..						7				8			
Petone ..				1		4				5			
Picton ..						2				2			
Richmond ..						1				1			
Seatoun ..						1				1			
Seddon ..						1				1			
Takaka ..						1				1			
Taranaki Street ..				1	3	27				31			
The Port ..						1				1			
Thorndon Quay ..						1				1			
Wellington District—continued.													
Tinui ..						1				1			
Tinakori Road ..						1				1			
Upper Hutt ..						1				1			
Wadestown ..						1				1			
Wakefield ..						1				1			
Wellington South ..				1		5				6			
Wharf (Wellington) ..					1	6			1	8			
Training Depot ..						21				21			
Totals ..	1	1	1	8	13	185	1	1	10	221	1		
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth ..	1			1	1	9			1	13			
Ahaura ..						1				1			
Blackball ..						1				1			
Brunnerton ..						1				1			
Charleston ..						1				1			
Cobden ..						1				1			
Denniston ..						1				1			
Dunollie ..						1				1			
Granity ..						1				1			
Hokitika ..					1	3				4			
Kanieri ..						1				1			
Karamea ..						1				1			
Kumara ..						1				1			
Millerton ..						1				1			
Murchison ..						1				1			
Okarito ..						1				1			
Otira ..						1				1			
Reefton ..						1	2			3			
Ross ..						1				1			
Seddonville ..						1				1			
Waiata ..						1				1			
Westport ..				1		6				7			
Totals ..	1			2	3	38			1	45			
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	1	1	2	5	49	1	2	4	66	2		
Addington ..					1	2				3			
Akaroa ..						1				1			
Amberley ..						1				1			
Ashburton ..					1	5				6			
Belfast ..						1				1			
Bingsland ..						1				1			
Chatham Islands ..						1				1			
Cheviot ..						1				1			
Coalgate ..						1				1			
Culverden ..						1				1			
Darfield ..						1				1			
Fendalton ..						1				1			
Islington ..						1				1			
Kaipoi ..						2				2			
Kaikoura ..						1				1			
Leeston ..						1				1			
Lincoln ..						1				1			
Linwood ..						1				1			
Little River ..						1				1			
Lower Riccarton ..						1				1			
Lyttelton ..						1	6			7	1		
Methven ..						1				1			
New Brighton ..						1				1			
Oxford ..						1				1			
Papanui ..						1				1			
Phillipstown ..						1				1			
Rakaia ..						1				1			
Rangiora ..					1	1				2			
Riccarton ..						1				1			
St. Albans ..						1	2			3			
Southbridge ..						1				1			
Sumner ..						1				1			
Sydenham ..					1	4				5			
Waikari ..						1				1			
Woolston ..						1							

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Timaru District—														Dunedin District—														
Timaru	1			1	2	11			1	16	1			<i>continued.</i>														
Dunroon						1				1				South Dunedin					1	5					6	1		
Fairlie						1				1				Waikouaiti						1					1			
Geraldine						1				1				Waitahuna						1					1			
Glenavy						1				1				Waitati						1					1			
Hampden						1				1				Woodhaugh						1					1			
Kurow						1				1				Totals	1		1	10	76	1		7	97	1				
Oamaru				1		7				8				Invercargill District—														
Pleasant Point						1				1				Invercargill		1			3	12			1	1	18			
St. Andrew's						1				1				Arrowtown					1	2			1		3			
Temuka					1	2				3				Bluff					1	2			1		1			
Waimataitai						1				1				Clinton					1	1			1		1			
Waimate					1	2				3				Fortrose					1	1			1		1			
Totals	1			2	4	31			1	39	1			Gore					1	3			1		4			
Dunedin District—														Half-moon Bay					1				1		1			
Dunedin	1		1	1	6	29	1		7	46				Lumsden					1	1			1		1			
Alexandra						1				1				Mataura					1	1			1		1			
Anderson's Bay						1				1				Nightcaps					1	1			1		1			
Balclutha						1				1				North Invercargill					1	1			1		1			
Caversham						1				1				Orepuki					1	1			1		1			
Clyde					1	1				2				Otautau					1	1			1		1			
Cromwell						1				1				Pembroke					1	1			1		1			
Green Island						1				1				Queenstown					1	1			1		1			
Kaitangata						1				1				Riverton					1	1			1		1			
Lawrence						2				2				South Invercargill					1	1			1		1			
Middlemarch						1				1				Tapanui					1	1			1		1			
Milton						1				1				Tuatapere					1	1			1		1			
Mornington						1				1				Waikaka					1	1			1		1			
Mosgiel						1				1				Waikiwi					1	1			1		1			
Naseby						1				1				Winton					1	1			1		1			
North Dunedin					1	5				6				Wyndham					1	1			1		1			
North-east Valley						1				1				Totals		1			5	37			1	1	45			
Ophir						1				1				Attached to headquarters staff	1				2	2	4				9			
Outram						1				1				Lent to Cook Islands Administration						1					1			
Owaka						1				1				On leave prior to retirement					1						1			
Palmerston South						1				1				Grand totals	5	13	4	31	92	832	6	8	42	1088	13	6	3	
Port Chalmers					1	4				5																		
Portobello						1				1																		
Ranfurlly						1				1																		
Ravensbourne						1				1																		
Roslyn						2				2																		
Roxburgh						1				1																		
St. Bathans						1				1																		
St. Clair						1				1																		
St. Kilda						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.	Estimated Population.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand	1,096	1,437,980	1 to 1,312	s. d. 5 8½
Victoria	2,003	1,711,827	1 to 854	8 0¼
New South Wales	2,979	2,347,781	1 to 788	10 3¾
Queensland	1,186	882,193	1 to 743	11 9
South Australia	618	566,394	1 to 916	9 4¼
Western Australia	518	378,746	1 to 731	11 2
Tasmania	234	214,754	1 to 917	8 2¼

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