

1928.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT.
PRISONS BOARD

(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1927.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Hon. Sir WILLIAM SIM (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,—

13th August, 1928.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1927.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

W. A. SIM, President.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.

THE Board has to report that during the year ended 31st December, 1927, it dealt with a total of 1,250 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						Totals.	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.	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.	Habitual Criminals Remission of Hard Labour.	Recommended Variation Terms of Probation.		
						Crimes Amendment Act.										Offender Probationers.
January ..	..	95	8	..	..	..	..	103	19	76	3	5	..	..	..	103
" ..	1	14	7	..	..	..	..	22	10	12	..	..	..	..	..	22
" ..	1	8	5	..	..	..	..	14	..	12	1	1	..	..	..	14
" ..	10	29	14	..	..	..	..	53	10	37	4	2	..	..	..	53
March ..	54	108	64	..	3	4	3	236	60	133	25	15	2	1	..	236
June ..	4	181	108	..	4	4	5	306	71	160	45	22	4	4	..	306
September	7	137	41	..	3	5	9	202	60	111	10	10	7	1	3	202
November	38	93	70	..	1	..	3	205	48	122	22	10	2	1	..	205
December	..	101	8	..	..	..	..	109	34	66	..	9	..	..	..	109
	115	766	325	..	11	13	20	1,250	312	729	110	74	15	7	3	1,250