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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, 13th August, 1935.

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 1,159, being an increase of seventeen during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	17
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	7
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	29
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	98
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	930
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	3
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	15
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	56
In addition to the above there were—						
Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	4
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	1

There were also sixty temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919. The majority of these were appointed on probation with a view to filling vacancies in the permanent staff if found suitable.

STATIONS.

A new station was established during the year at Matawai, and the stations at Motu and Waitaki Hydro Works were closed.

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, 3; resigned voluntarily, 9; resigned compulsorily, 2; dismissed, 3: total, 27.

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 decrease of 1,016 on the figures of 1933. The proportion of offences to the population was 2.07 per cent., as against 2.15 the previous year.

There were increases during the year under the following headings, viz. :—

Theft by clerks or servants	104	Gaming offences	35
Theft of animals	27	Selling or supplying liquor after hours ..	36
False pretences	229	Offences against provisions of no-license in	
Forgery	43	Native proclaimed areas	45
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	48	Opium-smoking	25
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables	38	Minor breaches of Motor-vehicles Act ..	158

The principal decreases were—

False statements or declarations.. .. .	32	Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	41
Indecently assaulting a male	20	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	66
Assault (common)	165	Vagrancy offences	49
Theft (petty)	458	Unlawfully using motor-cars, &c.	112
Obtaining credit by fraud	29	Stealing postal packets	31
Burglary, house or shop breaking	74	Failing to maintain wives and children ..	268
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	54	Breaches of Arms Act	38
Mischief	131	Being intoxicated in charge of a motor-car	78
Drunkenness	205		

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	1,189	1,124	65
Auckland	6,629	5,898	731
Hamilton	2,094	1,982	112
Gisborne	983	888	95
Napier	1,665	1,537	128
New Plymouth	1,185	1,113	72
Wanganui	1,159	996	163
Palmerston North	1,651	1,494	157
Wellington	5,796	5,446	350
Nelson	800	677	123
Greymouth	873	794	79
Christchurch	3,808	3,454	354
Timaru	813	717	96
Dunedin	2,324	2,199	125
Invercargill	1,317	1,108	209
Totals	32,286	29,427	2,859

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1934 was 91.16, the figures of the preceding year being 90.48.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1933.		1934.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	14	9	12	7
Robbery and aggravated robbery	11	8	13	11
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	1,348	875	1,274	831
Forgery and uttering	176	160	218	213
Murder	22	12	16	4
Murder, attempted	3	3	1	1
Rape	5	5	6	6
Receiving stolen property	209	209	155	155
Wounding with intent	4	2	4	4
Totals	1,792	1,283	1,699	1,232

Sixteen deaths occurred as a result of murder, being 6 less than in the previous year. In respect of the 16 offences reported there were 9 offenders, 4 of whom (responsible between them for 11 deaths) committed suicide following their crimes; and 4 were committed for trial. Of those committed for trial, 2 were acquitted and discharged; 1 was acquitted on the grounds of insanity and detained; in 1 case the Grand Jury returned a "no bill." In the remaining case the alleged offender has since been arrested and is awaiting trial.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:—

Offences.	1933.	1934.
Unnatural offence	14	6
Unnatural offence, attempted	4	..
Indecently assaulting a male	82	62
Incest	10	18
Indecent acts	25	36
Concealment of birth	2	2
Assault, indecent	82	96
Rape	5	6
Rape, attempted	1	6
Carnally knowing girls	44	62
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	32	14
Abortion, procuring, &c.	5	9
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	196	155
Totals	502	472

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 205 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1934 was 3,294 (3,152 males and 142 females), whereas in 1933 the number was 3,499 (3,344 males and 155 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 39·07 per cent. of the males and 66·43 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 2·03 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1934, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	1,920	47	1,967
One previous conviction	328	12	340
Two previous convictions	183	16	199
Three previous convictions	133	8	141
Four previous convictions	112	..	112
Five previous convictions	98	3	101
Over five previous convictions	378	56	434
Totals	3,152	142	3,294

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 64.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1929 to 1933 in Australia and New Zealand:—

	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Commonwealth	89·5	73·0	58·6	60·7	67·6
New Zealand	46·3	42·4	32·1	26·7	23·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 108 as compared with the preceding year. There were 654 prosecutions, resulting in 411 convictions during 1934, as against 546 prosecutions and 328 convictions in 1933.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 67 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 64 convictions, and there were also 63 prosecutions, resulting in 42 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1934 amounted to £1,030 12s. 6d.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 558 prosecutions, resulting in 490 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 524 prosecutions and 475 convictions in 1933.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1935:—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
Carrying on business of bookmaker	35	34	£ 835 0 0
Keeping common gaming-house	80	77	2,716 0 0
Laying totalizator odds	9	8	92 0 0
Publishing betting-charts	7	5	65 0 0
Street betting	11	8	385 0 0
Totals	142	132	4,093 0 0

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		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	3/3	587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293	3/0 $\frac{3}{4}$	613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266	3/2	625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265	3/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{3}{8}$	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	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	32,144	29,799	6,884
1928	23	127	54	913*	1,117	1 to 1,301	5/9	1,453,517	33,138	30,622	6,601
1929	23	128	56	948*	1,155	1 to 1,273	6/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,470,649	34,250	31,575	6,810
1930	22	127	54	943*	1,146	1 to 1,298	6/1	1,488,612	37,214	33,690	6,125
1931	25	120	65	959*	1,169	1 to 1,292	6/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,510,940	36,680	32,659	4,687
1932	25	123	65	944*	1,157	1 to 1,317	5/5	1,524,633	35,368	32,006	3,868
1933	24	121	67	983*	1,195	1 to 1,286	5/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,536,964	33,302	30,133	3,499
1934	23	124	72	992*	1,211	1 to 1,279	5/6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,548,909	32,286	29,427	3,296
1935	28	127	74	990*	1,219	1 to 1,280	5/7	1,559,624	...	...	...

* Includes temporary constables.

POLICE PROSECUTIONS.

The following is a return of the number of convictions for which fines were imposed and the total amount of such fines in respect of prosecutions instituted by the police during the year ended 31st March, 1935 :—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.		
		£	s.	d.
Consolidated Fund	10,707	22,024	12	1
Main Highways Revenue Fund (section 24, Motor-vehicles Act, 1924)	3,857	5,508	9	6
Local authorities (by-law offences)	353	188	8	0
Total	14,917	27,721	9	7

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At Headquarters the finger-impressions of 2,720 persons were received, classified, searched, indexed, and filed during the year; 200 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; 1,645 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch; the photographs of 2,815 prisoners (5,064 photographs) were dealt with, 542 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*, and 13 wanted persons located.

In twenty cases of breaking and entering, &c., finger-prints left by the offenders when committing the crimes were identified, and the offenders prosecuted. In three of these cases enlarged photographs were prepared and the necessary evidence tendered in the lower Court, but each pleaded guilty at the Supreme Court. The seventeen other offenders pleaded guilty at the lower Court.

Some cases worthy of mention are the following :—

In the Ruawaro murder case a knife was used by the offender to cut blood-stains from the rail of a fence. Notches, which corresponded with ridges showing in the knife cut at the scene of the crime, were discovered in the blade of the accused's knife; these were microscopically photographed and the necessary evidence tendered.

In another case a dwelling was broken into and various articles stolen. The following morning a black wooden box which had apparently been handled by the offender was submitted for examination. Finger-prints were discovered on this box and a search immediately started. Later the same day the prints were traced and the detective was informed who had handled this exhibit. The offender, although unknown to the local police, was located and arrested the following day, when he admitted this and six other offences. He also implicated a second offender.

It is interesting to note that the finger-print system in New Zealand has to date been responsible for the identification of no less than 6,309 persons.

The following table shows the increase in the finger-print collection 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	1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267
1910 ..	9,919	1,201	140	1926 ..	35,844	2,042	292
1911 ..	10,905	986	148	1927 ..	37,808	1,964	255
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1928 ..	39,409	1,601	276
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1929 ..	40,852	1,443	208
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1930 ..	42,371	1,519	239
1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270	1931 ..	43,973	1,602	257
1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218	1932 ..	45,692	1,719	215
1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166	1933 ..	47,306	1,614	213
1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132	1934 ..	48,545	1,239	183
1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153	1935 ..	49,796	1,251	200

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 Taradale and St. Johns (Wanganui), and additions were made to the police-station at Otahuhu.

Repairs, renovations, and improvements were effected at a number of stations, the principal being Bulls, Caversham (Dunedin), Christchurch Central, Clyde, Dunedin Central, Dunedin North, Eastbourne (Wellington), Featherston, Fendalton (Christchurch), Green Island (Dunedin), Geraldine, Gore, Greymouth, Hamilton, Hampden, Hastings, Hawera, Hikurangi, Hunterville, Invercargill Central, Kawakawa, Kingsland (Auckland), Levin, Mangaweka, Matawai, Napier, Ongarue, Opotiki, Otataua, Otira, Owaka, Pahiatua, Palmerston North, Pembroke, Port Ahuriri (Napier), Ravensbourne (Dunedin), Rongotea, Roxburgh, St. Andrew's, St. Bathans, Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, Te Whaiti, Tokaanu, Waikāia, Waipukurau, Waitara, Wanganui, and Whangarei.

A fairly heavy building programme will have to be faced within the next two or three years, as new headquarter stations are becoming increasingly necessary at Whangarei, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Greymouth, and Timaru. The present Police buildings in these towns are old and defective.

GENERAL.

Training and Equipment.—With the object of increasing the efficiency of the Force, a course of quarterly lectures on criminal investigation, law, medical jurisprudence, ballistics and firearms, the finger-print system, photography, &c., was delivered during the year by distinguished pathologists, barristers, and other experts, to the Police in the four principal cities. It is hoped to extend the scope of these lectures and embody the course as a permanent contribution to police training.

Also during the year small libraries of works on crime investigation in its more technical and scientific aspects have been provided in the four principal cities for the special benefit of the detective branch. It is hoped to gradually extend these technical libraries to other Police districts.

I have pleasure in stating that my request to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force, London, that two New Zealand detectives yearly may receive a course of training at New Scotland Yard has been received with generous helpfulness. Arrangements are now so far advanced that it is hoped to be able to send two specially selected detectives to London at an early date.

During the past year technical equipment at Headquarters has been increased by provision of modern photographic and other appliances. It is hoped to add further instruments from time to time.

Motor-vehicles at Auckland and Wellington have been added to, thereby increasing police mobility and providing a very necessary increase in night motor patrol at Auckland. When finances permit, this patrol will be extended to other cities.

The recent appointment of four additional Sergeants so that one will be always on duty all night at the watchhouse of the four principal cities has been made to give increased attention to public requirements.

The improved standard of recruits to the Force is being maintained. With the reopening shortly of the Police Training Depot a more thorough course of training than that hitherto given will be instituted.

Police Reserve.—The establishment of a small Police Reserve commenced last year in each of the principal cities is now taking effective shape, and should prove not only a valuable training-ground for recruits for the regular Force, but a useful adjunct to the Service.

Increase to Strength.—An increase of twenty additional regular constables to the Service is urgently necessary to meet the need for additional police protection at various points.

Social Conditions.—The return to normal social conditions noted last year is happily being maintained.

Efficiency and Conduct.—The efficiency of the Service has been maintained, and recent improvements to conditions should enhance that efficiency. The general conduct of the members of the Force has been excellent.

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

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Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR O'HARA, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

An analysis of the offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows an increase in offences against rights of property such as thefts, false pretences, and house or shop breaking. Charges of mischief more than doubled, and were largely caused by bands of Maori youths and children wandering at night under no parental or tribal control. The first-mentioned increase indicates no special reason as to cause, and is only a fluctuation of the crime barometer.

Drunkenness shows a marked decrease, and the district is most temperate. The illegal supply of liquor to Natives decreased by over 50 per cent. The decreases are probably caused through the influence of education and other avenues of pleasure now available to all members of the community.

Prosecutions against hotelkeepers for selling at unauthorized times increased, showing a general alertness of members of the Force in seeing that the provisions of the Licensing Act are complied with.

Offences under the Arms Act show a decrease of 75 per cent. The general inspection of firearms has been completed with a few exceptions.

Breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act increased in the minor offences, but there is a decrease in charges of intoxication in charge of motor-vehicle.

The only serious crime in the district was the murder of a relative by a Maori at Waiotemarama, on which charge he was acquitted at the Auckland Supreme Court. There was nothing exceptional in this crime: the parties quarrelled over land rights, and in anger the offender used his spade on the deceased, death occurring two days later from gas gangrene.

The conduct of members of the Force has been good. One constable was fined for breach of Police Regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT TILL, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

There was a decrease of 960 in the number of offences reported during the twelve months ended 31st December last. Of the 6,629 offences reported 5,898 were dealt with either by summons or arrest, leaving 731 undetected.

The chief increases were in theft from dwellings, false pretences, house or shop breaking, found in gaming houses, unlawfully selling, supplying, or exposing liquor, and unlawfully on licensed premises.

There were decreases in thefts, obtaining credit by fraud, mischief, drunkenness, obscene language, vagrancy, reckless or negligent driving, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The only serious crime was a charge of murder against a man who was found not guilty on grounds of insanity.

Generally speaking the conduct of the members of the Force in this district has been very good. They showed an aptitude for efficiency in their work, and at all times a perfect willingness to carry out the duty allotted to them, which frequently entailed long hours of extra duty.

A sergeant was dealt with on three charges of borrowing money from his subordinates, and was reduced to the rank of constable. Nine constables were dealt with for breaches of the Regulations of a minor nature.

On my visits of inspection throughout the district I have invariably found the members of the Force smart and tidy in appearance and the police buildings and premises tidy and clean.

INSPECTOR LOPDELL, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The strength in the district has been increased during the year by one detective and one constable attached to the Detective Office, thus meeting the need referred to in last year's report.

During the year one constable retired medically unfit for duty, and one constable was murdered while doing his duty.

The conduct of the Force has been excellent. Only one breach of regulations was dealt with.

There were 2,094 offences reported during 1934, being 309 less than the previous year. Of those reported 1,982 arrests or summonses followed, leaving 112 offences recorded as undetected. No doubt a percentage of those recorded as undetected were committed by men who were arrested for similar offences, but the connecting evidence was missing.

The most noticeable decreases in crime are in thefts, forgery, mischief, drunkenness, and converting cars, &c.

The only serious crimes were eight murders.

On the 9th October, 1934, a Maori youth of eighteen years of age killed two brothers, farmers, on a road which leads to their farm at Rangitoto, near Otorohanga. He then went to their home where their aged parents lived and killed them. He robbed the house and set fire to it, the charred bodies of the old couple being found in the debris. Intensive search was made to locate the offender within this district and information circulated to all other districts. On the 20th October Constable Heeps, of Morrinsville, went to see a Maori at a farm near Morrinsville whom he suspected of being the offender. During an interview between them on the farm the Maori who turned out to be the offender shot and mortally wounded Constable Heeps, who died a few days later. The Maori escaped, and all available police were concentrated round Morrinsville, assisted by a detachment sent from Auckland. He was located on the morning of the 21st and surrounded, when he shot himself mortally, dying later that day. His conduct was observed to be somewhat irregular prior to the murders of the 9th October, and those who knew him say he had a mental lapse, from which these crimes resulted. No other reasonable explanation has been found.

On 8th November a young farmer of Horsham Downs, near Hamilton, shot his wife and two young children and then committed suicide. There is no doubt that this was due to a mental lapse.

The eight murders were therefore committed by two men, both of whom committed suicide.

INSPECTOR MARTIN, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

During the year the police-station at Motu was closed and a new station opened at Matawai, this change being brought about through the main highway now branching off at Matawai, consequently Motu is now eight miles distant from the main Gisborne-Opotiki Road.

The time has arrived when the police-station at Port Awanui should be closed and a new one opened at Tikitiki, as Port Awanui is now well off the main highway, and Tikitiki is the main centre in that police sub-district. The building of a new police-station at Tikitiki has already been commenced.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, showed a total of 983 offences reported, as compared with 904 in the previous year, an increase of 79. Arrests or summonses resulted in 888 cases, leaving 95 undetected. Of the cases dealt with, 41 were committed for trial or sentence, of which 37 were convicted.

The most noticeable increases were carnally knowing girls under 16 years, thefts (petty), theft of animals, false pretences, vagrancy, unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c., and failing to maintain wife or children.

The most noticeable decreases were disorderly behaviour and breach of the peace, selling or supplying liquor at unauthorized times, breaches of prohibition orders, found on licensed premises after closing-hours, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The district has been free from crime of a very serious nature during the year, with the exception of three murders.

In the first instance a Maori woman left her husband and lived with another man. The husband subsequently took his wife away, and the other man followed them when he found the woman had deserted him. He borrowed a shotgun and some cartridges, overtook them, and shot the husband dead. He then shot the woman dead, afterwards committing suicide by hanging himself. Both men were also Maoris.

In another case a man and his wife (both Maoris) were heard to be quarrelling in their bedroom. A relative entered the room through a window and found that the husband had murdered his wife with a butchers' knife, and then committed suicide by cutting his throat. Inquiries showed that the husband was in a state of depression for some time prior to the murder, and that he was of unsound mind at the time he committed the offence.

There is still a fair amount of crime committed by the Natives in the backblocks of the East Coast, the principal offences being theft and mischief. However, a number of these offenders have been arrested and dealt with.

The general conduct of all members of the Force has been good during the year, and efficiency has been maintained. There were two defaulters who were dealt with and fined for minor breaches of the regulations.

INSPECTOR FITZPATRICK, NAPIER DISTRICT.

For the year ended 31st December, 1934, the total number of offences reported was 1,665, a decrease on the previous year of 220. Of the 1,665 reported, 1,537 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal decreases were assault, theft, house or shop breaking, failing to maintain wife or children, selling or supplying liquor at unauthorized times, breaches of prohibition orders, and breaches of the Arms Act.

The principal increases were indecent assault, false pretences, and Sunday trading.

The decrease in offences relating to house and shop breaking and theft is due to the fact that a gang of juveniles were responsible for such offences during the previous year.

The increase in offences relating to indecent assault was due to a number of boys attending a Native school, committing such offences on girls attending the same school. They were dealt with in the Children's Court.

With the exception of one constable being convicted for breaches of the Police Regulations, the conduct of the members of the Force has been excellent, and a high standard of efficiency maintained.

INSPECTOR POWELL, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended December, 1934, shows a total of all offences committed to be 1,185, compared with 1,158 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 27 offences. Of the number reported 1,113 were accounted for by arrest or summons, equal to 93.93 per cent. No crimes committed during the year call for special mention.

The conduct of the Police during the past twelve months has been good and the duties have been performed in a satisfactory manner.

INSPECTOR LANDER, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows a total number of all offences reported to be 1,159 compared with 1,376 for the previous year, a decrease of 217. Of the total reported, 996 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal decreases were in theft, false pretences, house or shop breaking, mischief, breach of the peace, and failing to maintain wives and children.

The decrease in thefts and house and shop breaking is a satisfactory feature. It may be that it is an indication of improving times. The decrease in mischief can be accounted for in that a gang of hoodlums who committed many offences were brought to justice towards the end of 1933.

With the exception of a series of incest charges which originated among the members of one family at Ohakune, there was no serious crime reported during the year.

The conduct of the Police in the district during the year was good. Three constables were, however, fined for breaches of Regulations.

INSPECTOR RAWLE, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows the total number of offences reported as 1,651, as compared with 1,478 the previous year, an increase of 173. Of the offences reported, 1,494 were dealt with by arrest or summons.

The principal offences showing an increase are theft, vagrancy, failing to maintain, selling liquor during prohibited hours, and found on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

The increase in the former three classes of offence is probably attributable to the scarcity of work, and, in the cases of breaches of the Licensing Act, possibly to increased vigilance of the Police.

Other than the above, crime in the district has been of the usual class, calling for no special comment.

The conduct of the Force in general during the last twelve months has been good, and a high standard of efficiency maintained.

SUPERINTENDENT EMERSON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district has been increased by three due to the appointment of a sergeant for night duty in the watchhouse and the appointment of two constables to the Detective Branch as Acting Detectives.

For the year ended 31st December, 1934, the total number of offences reported was 5,796, an increase of 198.

The principal increases were in false pretences, breach of peace, drunkenness, using obscene language, selling or supplying liquor after hours, found on licensed premises after hours, selling liquor without license, reckless or negligent driving and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were petty theft, thefts by clerks or servants, forgery, exposure of person and grossly indecent acts, found in common gaming-house, damaging telegraph equipment, and failing to maintain wife or children.

The following serious crimes occurred:—

In April, 1934, a man was sentenced to twelve years' hard labour for attempted murder in Wellington. He had been living with a woman, and slashed her throat with a razor.

On the 28th June, 1934, a man was sentenced to five years' hard labour on charges of buggery on two youths at Petone.

On the 27th July, 1934, a man was sentenced to ten years' hard labour for robbery. He entered the Adelaide Road Post Office, Wellington, armed with a revolver, held up the postal official, and decamped with a large sum of money.

On the 29th October, 1934, a woman was sentenced to five years' hard labour for manslaughter. A young woman on whom she had used an instrument with intent to procure abortion subsequently died.

On the 25th March, 1935, the licensee of a local hotel murdered his wife while she lay in bed, the weapon used being a revolver. He then committed suicide by shooting himself with the same weapon.

The conduct of the Police has been good, very few being dealt with for breaches of Regulations.

INSPECTOR LEWIN, NELSON DISTRICT.

For the year ended 31st December, 1934, the total number of offences reported was 800, compared with 833 for the previous twelve months, being a decrease of 33. Of all offences reported, 677 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 123 undetected.

There were increases in indecent acts, theft, found on licensed premises after hours, burglary, and forgery.

The main decreases were in indecently assaulting a male, assault, false pretences, indecent language, vagrancy, selling liquor after hours, and breaches of the Animals Protection Act.

There were no serious criminal offences during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force in the district during the past year has been very satisfactory, there being no defaulters.

INSPECTOR CAMERON, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows a total of 873 offences, against 893 for the previous year, a decrease of 20 offences. The prosecution of 87 seamen for offences against the Shipping and Seamen Act caused a considerable increase. There was also a slight increase in offences by licensees and servants for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The principal decreases were crimes involving dishonesty, drunkenness, breaches of Licensing Act, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

A young unmarried woman, resident of Blackball, was poisoned on the 24th September, 1934, as a result of eating chocolates adulterated with strychnine, which had been sent through the post office anonymously to two other residents of Blackball. Searching inquiries are still being actively pursued in an endeavour to obtain evidence against the perpetrator of the crime.

On the 14th May, 1934, an explosive of the nature of a small home-made bomb was discharged in the early hours of the morning near a dwelling in Greymouth, but no damage or injury was done. The motive was no doubt to endeavour to intimidate a Government official against enforcing law and order.

The general conduct of the members of the Force in the district has been good, and their work generally has been satisfactory. There was only one defaulter during the year.

SUPERINTENDENT CUMMINGS, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

A sergeant was reduced to the rank of constable on the ground of inefficiency. Six constables were dealt with during the year for various breaches of the Regulations. Apart from these breaches, the conduct of both branches of the Service has been exceptionally good.

We had a good deal of serious crime last year, including a shooting case, which, fortunately, did not prove fatal. This shooting was a case where two men stole a car in Christchurch and drove out to Woodend, broke into a grocery store and were packing up goods for removal when they were disturbed by the storekeeper, who appeared on the scene with a loaded shot-gun. He fired a shot in the air to frighten the burglars, when one of the burglars fired at him with a revolver. The burglar fired three shots altogether, one of them inflicting slight injury. He was convicted of the offence of discharging a firearm with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and for this and fourteen offences of burglary he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The same two men were implicated in another burglary at Sydenham, where they broke into a warehouse. One of them was armed with a loaded revolver, and when disturbed by civilians cleared out of the warehouse, but was chased by three civilians and a constable and captured. During the pursuit he several times turned on his pursuers and threatened them with the loaded revolver.

A similar case happened in Fendalton on the 26th February last, when a criminal broke into a dwelling and stole some jewellery. He was disturbed by the maid, who followed him to the tram-stop where she pointed him out to some civilians. They chased him through the park, waded the Avon River, and assisted the Police, who had been informed of the theft, to effect his arrest.

The action of the civilians in both cases deserves the highest praise, as it was due to their efforts, combined with the quick despatch of Police officials to their assistance, that the offenders were brought to justice. I cannot too highly commend their action.

We have had a good number of burglaries from warehouses, shops, and dwellings during the year, but I am pleased to report that, except in a few of the minor cases, all have been detected. There has been a decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness, and a decided decrease in cases brought under the Destitute Persons Act. Offences under the Motor-vehicles Act are still on the increase. A great deal of time is taken up investigating motor accidents and alleged breaches of the Act.

The detective staff has had another strenuous year, and I am pleased to be able to say their work has been very successful; there is little undetected crime in the district. The uniform branch of the Service has co-operated well with the detective staff, and both branches, with their officers, have worked together very harmoniously.

INSPECTOR O'HALLORAN, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength at Timaru Station was increased by one constable during the year to provide for a regular constable as Night Watch-house Keeper between the hours from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The total number of offences reported for the year ended 31st December, 1934, was 813, as against 733 for the previous year, being an increase of 80.

An unmarried woman was charged with the murder of her newly-born child at Timaru on the 12th June, 1934. At the Supreme Court, the grand jury brought in "No Bill" in this case.

Some changes were found necessary for the working of Timaru Police-station, and a very decided improvement has been shown by the change. Some of the younger members of the Force have shown great keenness in their duty. Two constables were dealt with for minor breaches of Police Regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT FRASER, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

An increase of five constables is required, four for the city and one at Mosgiel. On account of the amount of relieving duty to be performed, sickness, escort, and other causes, at no time during the year have I been able to send out a full relief on either day or night duty to fill all the beats. This means that a constable only works part of two beats, and the business part of the town is not sufficiently patrolled.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows the total number of all offences committed to be 2,324, compared with 2,319 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 5. Of all offences reported, 2,199 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 125 undetected, or 95 per cent. detected. Of the cases dealt with, 77 males and 38 females were committed for trial or sentence, and of these, 64 males and 38 females were convicted. No serious crimes were committed during the year. Increases occurred under the headings of false pretences, forgery, breaches of the peace, assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, failing to maintain wives and children, reckless or negligent driving, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

There were decreases under the headings of false statements and declarations, assaults, thefts, drunkenness, unlawfully using horses, motor-vehicles, &c., breaches of prohibition orders, found on licensed premises after closing hours, being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle.

The general conduct of the Police during the past twelve months has been good and their duties satisfactorily performed. Two constables were fined for breaches of the Regulations, and one constable dismissed.

INSPECTOR GIBSON, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1934, shows a total of 1,317 offences reported. This is an increase of 277 on the previous year's figures. The principal increases were negligently driving motor-cars, thefts (common), thefts by clerks or servants, forgery, and failing to maintain wives and children.

The decreases were in house or shop breaking, being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle, and other breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The only serious crime reported during the year was the robbery of a garage, the proprietor being threatened with a loaded firearm. The offenders were arrested and sentenced.

The conduct of members of the Force during the year was good. Four constables were fined for minor breaches of Police 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, 1933, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934.

Offences.	1933.		1934.								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.													
Seditious offences	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths	5	8	8	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..
False statements and declarations ..	51	19	19	7	2	10	..	..	..	7	2	..	32
Fabricating evidence	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Corrupting juries or witnesses	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Contempt of Court .. .. .	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Attempting to defeat the course of justice	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Breaking prison	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	24	13	11	2	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	11
Escaping from prison or lawful custody, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>Offences against Religion.</i>													
Disturbing public worship	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence	14	6	6	4	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	8
Unnatural offence, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Indecently assaulting a male	82	62	61	55	..	6	..	..	..	49	..	..	20
Indecently assaulting a male, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Incest	10	18	17	16	1	..	..	..	..	16	1	8	..
Incest, attempted	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Indecent acts	25	36	29	4	..	22	..	3	..	..	..	11	..
Publishing obscene matter	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<i>Offences against the Person, &c.</i>													
Murder	22	16	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Murder, attempted	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Manslaughter	5	6	6	5	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..
Suicide, attempted	65	76	74	..	..	46	20	4	4	..	..	11	..
Concealment of birth	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disabling or stupefying with intent to commit a crime	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	4	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	..	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Assault causing actual bodily harm..	22	18	16	11	2	..	..	2	1	9	2	..	4
Assault, indecent	82	96	90	42	..	40	..	8	..	32	..	14	..
Assault with intent to commit a crime	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assault	603	438	432	..	..	366	10	52	4	..	..	..	165
Rape	5	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1
Rape, attempted	1	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	5
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	44	62	62	48	..	8	..	6	..	42	..	18	..
Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	32	14	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	18
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Abortion, procuring	3	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	2	7	7	2	3	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	..
Bigamy	8	8	8	7	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..
Abduction	1	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Stealing children under fourteen years	3	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed)	7,174	6,716	4,938	110	2	4,262	321	215	28	76	2	..	458
Theft, attempted	29	30	26	23	..	3	1	..
Theft from the person	17	15	9	5	..	4	4	2
Theft from the person, attempted	1	1

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Offences.	1933.		1934.								Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summons 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.—continued.													
<i>Offences against Rights of Property—continued.</i>													
Theft from dwellings	303	323	146	57	..	85	1	3	..	53	..	20	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted	14	9	7	4	..	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	5
Theft by clerks or servants	59	163	163	147	..	13	3	..	..	146	..	104	..
Theft of animals (specified)	66	93	85	37	..	40	..	8	..	23	..	27	..
Theft of animals, attempted	3	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences	626	855	811	90	5	620	51	45	..	65	3	229	..
False pretences, attempted	27	25	23	3	..	19	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Obtaining credit by fraud	171	142	137	1	..	124	5	6	1	1	..	..	29
False accounting by officials or clerks ..	..	8	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..
False statements by officials or public officers ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Conspiracy to defraud	15	24	23	23	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	..
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft ..	7	7	7	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery and aggravated robbery	11	13	11	9	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	2	..
Assault with intent to rob	5	13	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	..
Demanding with intent to steal .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Extortion by threats	5	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3
Burglary	70	74	48	44	..	4	..	..	..	42	..	4	..
Burglary, attempted	4	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
House or shop breaking, &c.	1,206	1,149	756	387	2	337	6	23	1	359	..	..	57
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted ..	68	46	25	18	..	7	..	..	..	15	..	..	22
Being found in dwellinghouse by night ..	5	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Being armed with intent to break or enter ..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements ..	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained ..	209	155	155	39	..	78	10	22	6	35	..	..	54
Forgery	142	185	181	114	37	17	..	12	1	102	37	43	..
Uttering forged documents or false certificates ..	34	33	32	28	..	2	..	2	..	24	..	..	1
Sending false telegram .. .. .	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Possessing forged bank notes .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Personation	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coin, offences relating to	27	17	17	6	2	8	..	1	..	6	..	..	10
Arson	14	12	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	2
Arson, attempted	7	5	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	2
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways ..	3	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Placing explosive with intent to destroy buildings, ships, &c. ..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mischief	786	655	646	..	..	581	18	47	..	..	..	..	131
Mischief on railways and tramways	24	19	15	..	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	5
Possessing or making explosive substance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Sending threatening letters	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Threatening acts with intent to intimidate ..	2	6	6	4	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	450	498	498	..	..	439	9	45	5	..	..	48	..
Cruelty to animals	95	88	88	..	..	69	..	17	2	..	..	..	7
Drunkenness	3,293	3,093	3,093	..	..	2,954	135	4	..	..	..	..	200
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	23	24	24	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Drunk and disorderly	183	177	177	..	..	169	7	1	..	..	..	..	6
Soliciting prostitution	4	4	4	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	196	155	135	1	..	128	1	5	..	..	..	..	41
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	527	461	461	1	..	409	35	16	..	1	..	..	66
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	448	399	398	2	..	283	73	29	11	1	..	..	49
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	102	140	140	128	..	11	1	38	..

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				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.		M.	F.		
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
POLICE OFFENCES ACT—<i>continued.</i>													
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts ..	58	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	4	12	12	..	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	8	..
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	465	353	319	..	..	311	..	7	1	..	..	..	112
Unlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	114	98	95	..	..	83	1	11	..	..	..	..	16
Sunday trading	203	292	292	..	..	200	82	8	2	..	..	89	..
GAMING ACT.													
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c.	131	137	137	..	..	125	2	10	..	..	..	6	..
Found in a common gaming-house ..	196	214	214	..	..	196	..	18	..	..	..	18	..
Gaming with instruments	5	9	9	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	4	..
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	2	9	9	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	7	..
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	25	47	47	..	..	25	3	19	..	..	..	22	..
Betting, unlawful	49	21	21	..	..	17	..	4	..	..	..	..	28
Following the occupation of bookmaker	62	65	65	2	..	57	3	3	..	1	..	3	..
Publishing betting charts	4	8	8	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	4	..
Trespass on racecourse	52	51	48	..	..	46	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.													
Posting packet containing explosive, &c.	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Putting explosive, &c., into post-office, &c.	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	5	9	9	4	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	40	9	9	4	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	31
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets	6	7	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Fraudulently secreting or detaining misdelivered mail-bags, &c.	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Damaging telegraph equipment	103	103	94	..	..	85	2	7	..	..	..	..	..
Posting indecent post-cards or letters	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4
False statement <i>re</i> posting postal packet	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.													
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	1,433	1,529	1,482	..	..	1,278	9	192	3	..	..	96	..
Failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance moneys	2,553	2,189	2,136	..	..	1,778	2	353	3	..	..	..	364
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force	16	10	10	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act	7	7	7	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.													
Ship-desertion	12	13	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Absent without leave	1	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Offences against discipline	3	87	87	..	..	87	..	..	..	..	..	84	..
Embezzling cargo	4	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stowing away	29	30	29	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
LICENSING ACT.													
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct	5	6	6	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	..
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons	8	7	7	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	1
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	605	641	641	..	..	376	37	213	15	..	..	36	..
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	18	22	22	..	..	21	..	1	..	..	..	4	..
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons	16	8	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Employing minors in bars .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..

APPENDIX A—*continued.*

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, 1933, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934—*continued.*

Offences.	1933.		1934.								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.				
LICENSING ACT—<i>continued.</i>													
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives ..	34	27	24	..	..	22	..	2	..	..	..	..	7
Obstructing Inspectors or refusing entrance to Inspectors or constables	9	7	7	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Having or purchasing labels for bottling contrary to Act	..	10	10	..	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	10	..
Using bottles with labels more than once	5	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Breaches of prohibition orders ..	475	335	333	..	..	305	26	2	..	..	..	..	140
Found on licensed premises after closing-hours	1,679	1,675	1,672	..	..	1,556	19	92	5	..	..	..	4
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	10	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license	45	67	67	1	..	57	6	3	..	1	..	22	..
Found on premises where liquor was seized under a warrant	17	10	10	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	7
Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	70	63	63	..	..	42	..	21	..	..	..	..	7
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	1	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	40	85	84	..	1	71	2	8	2	..	..	45	..
Supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts	15	16	16	..	..	13	..	3	..	..	..	1	..
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurants after hours	10	33	33	..	..	25	2	6	..	..	..	23	..
MISCELLANEOUS.													
Absconding from industrial schools ..	19	44	41	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	25	..
Bankruptcy offences	16	9	8	3	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping, &c.	5	14	14	..	..	4	10	..	..	..	..	9	..
Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	4	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offensive manner, &c., on a railway, &c.	14	16	16	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders Probation Act	159	166	143	..	..	131	5	6	1	..	..	7	..
Habitual criminals or offenders, breach of conditions of probationary license	2	4	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Indecent Publications Act, offences under	5	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Opium-smoking, &c.	72	97	97	..	..	75	1	21	..	..	..	25	..
Smuggling .. ..	..	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Trespassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c.	20	10	10	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Arms Act, breaches of	501	463	390	..	..	363	4	23	..	..	..	..	38
MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT.													
Causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving	24	37	36	20	..	10	..	6	..	10	..	13	..
Being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle	350	272	272	..	..	246	5	21	..	..	..	..	78
Reckless or negligent driving ..	1,201	1,254	1,254	1	..	1,106	30	114	3	1	..	53	..
Other breaches of Act	4,623	4,728	4,718	..	..	4,454	76	180	8	..	..	105	..
Totals	33,302	32,286	29,427	1,439	65	24,764	1,046	2,002	111	1,215	52	1,389	2405
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,016	

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

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.
Wanganui District—														Nelson District—													
Wanganui	1			1	1	15			2	20	1			Nelson		1		1	1	9			1	13			
Aramoho						1				1				Blenheim					1	5			1	6			
Castlecliff						1				1				Collingwood						1			1	1			
Gonville						1				1				Havelock						1			1	1			
Hunterville						1				1				Motueka						1			1	1			
Mangaweka						1				1				Murchison						1			1	1			
Manunui						1				1				Piton						2			2	2			
Ohakune						1				1				Port Nelson						1			1	1			
Ohura						1				1				Richmond						1			1	1			
Ongarue						1				1				Seddon						1			1	1			
Patea						1				1				Takaka						1			1	1			
Raetihi						1				1				Wakefield						1			1	1			
Raurimu						1				1				Totals	1			1	2	25			1	30			
St. John's (Wanganui)						1				1				Greymouth District—													
Taihape				1	3					4				Greymouth	1			1	2	10			1	15			
Taumarunui				1	3					4				Ahaura					1			1	1				
Waitotara						1				1				Blackball						1			1	1			
Wanganui East						1				1				Brunnerton						1			1	1			
Waverley						1				1				Charleston						1			1	1			
Totals	1			1	3	37			2	44	1			Cobden						1			1	1			
Palmerston North District—														Christchurch District—													
Palmerston North	1			1	1	17	1		2	23				Christchurch	1	1	1	2	6	60	1	1	7	80	9		
Ashhurst						1				1				Addington					1				1	1			
Bulls						1				1				Akaroa						1			1	1			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.)						1				1				Amberley						1			1	1			
Eketahuna						1				1				Ashburton					1	5			6	6			
Feilding				1	4					5				Beckenham						1			1	1			
Foxton						1				1				Belfast						1			1	1			
Kimbolton						1				1				Bingsland						1			1	1			
Levin						2				2				Chatham Islands						1			1	1			
Marton						2				2				Cheviot						1			1	1			
Otaki						2				2				Coalgate						1			1	1			
Pahiatua						2				2				Culverden						1			1	1			
Pongaroa						1				1				Darfield						1			1	1			
Rongotea						1				1				Fendalton						1			1	1			
Shannon						1				1				Islington						1			1	1			
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)						1				1				Kaiapoi						2			2	2			
Woodville						1				1				Kaikoura						1			1	1			
Totals	1			1	2	40	1		2	47				Leeston						1			1	1			
Wellington District—														Wellington District—													
Wellington	1	1	2	1	6	41			4	10	66	8		Lincoln						1			1	1			
Brooklyn						1				1				Linwood						1			1	1			
Carterton						2				2				Little River						1			1	1			
Eastbourne						1				1				Lower Riccarton						1			1	1			
Featherston						2				2				Lyttelton					1	7			8	1			
Greytown North						1				1				Methven						1			1	1			
Island Bay						1				1				New Brighton					1	2			3	3			
Johnsonville						1				1				North New Brighton						1			1	1			
Karori						1				1				Oxford						1			1	1			
Kelburn						1				1				Papanui						1			1	1			
Khandallah						1				1				Phillipstown						1			1	1			
Kilbirnie				1	3					4				Rakaia						1			1	1			
Lower Hutt				1	6					7				Rangiora					1	1			2	2			
Lytell Bay						1				1				Riccarton (Upper)						1			1	1			
Martinborough						1				1				St. Albans					1	2			3	3			
Masterton					1	5				6				Southbridge						1			1	1			
Miramar						1				1				Sumner						1			1	1			
Mount Cook				1	3	21				25	3			Sydenham					1	4			5	5			
Moera						1				1				Waikari						1			1	1			
Paekakariki						1				1				Woolston						1			1	1			
Petone				1	6				1	8				Totals	1	1	1	2	13	112	1	1	7	139	11		
Seatoun						1				1				Wellington District—													
Taranaki Street				1	3	29				33	1			Wellington	1	1	2	1	6	41			4	10	66	8	
Thorndon Quay						1				1				Brooklyn						1			1	1			
Tinui						1				1				Carterton						2			2	2			
Tinakori Road						1				1				Eastbourne						1			1	1			
Upper Hutt						2				2				Featherston						2			2	2			
Wadestown						1				1				Greytown North						1			1	1			
Wellington South Wharf (Wellington)						6				6				Island Bay						1			1	1			
Totals	1	1	2	4	16	146			4	11	185	12		Johnsonville						1			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.	Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.		
Timaru District—														Dunedin District—															
Timaru ..	1			1		14			1	17				<i>continued.</i>															
Duntroon ..						1				1				St. Kilda ..							1				1				
Fairlie ..						1				1				South Dunedin ..							6				7				
Geraldine ..						1				1				Waikouaiti ..							1				1				
Glenavy ..						1				1				Waitahuna ..							1				1				
Hampden ..						1				1				Waitati ..							1				1				
Kurou ..						1				1				Woodhaugh ..							1				1				
Oamaru ..				1		7				8				Totals ..	1	1	2	8	79	2	6	99	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Pleasant Point ..						1				1				Invercargill District—															
St. Andrew's ..						1				1				Invercargill ..	1		1	2	17			1	1	23					
Temuka ..				1		2				3				Arrowtown ..					1				1						
Waimataitai ..						1				1				Bluff ..				1	2					3					
Waimate ..					1	3				4				Clinton ..					1					1					
Totals ..	1	1	3	35	1	41	1	6	49	7	7	7	7	Gore ..				1	4				5						
Dunedin District—														Half-moon Bay ..					1				1						
Dunedin ..	1	1		1	6	32		2	6	49	7			Lumsden ..					1				1						
Alexandra ..						1				1				Mataura ..					1				1						
Anderson's Bay ..						1				1				Nightcaps ..					1				1						
Balclutha ..						2				2				North Invercargill ..					1				1						
Caversham ..						1				1				Otautau ..					1				1						
Clyde ..						1				1				Pembroke ..					1				1						
Cromwell ..						1				1				Queenstown ..					1				1						
Green Island ..						1				1				Riverton ..					1				1						
Kaitangata ..						1				1				South Invercargill ..					1				1						
Lawrence ..						1				1				Tapanui ..					1				1						
Middlemarch ..						1				1				Tokenui ..					1				1						
Milton ..						1				1				Tuatapere ..					1				1						
Mornington ..						1				1				Waikaia ..					1				1						
Mosgiel ..						1				1				Waikiwi ..					1				1						
Naseby ..						1				1				Winton ..					1				1						
North Dunedin ..					1	4				5				Wyndham ..					1				1						
North-east Valley ..						1				1				Totals ..	1	1	4	42	1	1	50	1	1	50	60	4	1	1	1
Ophir ..						1				1				Attached to head-quarters staff ..	1	1	3	1	3					9					
Outram ..						1				1				Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..					1				1						
Owaka ..						1				1				Lent to Samoan Administration ..									1	1					
Palmerston South ..						1				1				On leave prior to retirement ..	1		1	1					3						
Port Chalmers ..				1		4				5				Grand totals ..	4	17	7	29	98	930	3	15	56	1159	60	4	1	1	1
Portobello ..						1				1																			
Ranfurly ..						1				1																			
Ravensbourne ..						1				1																			
Roslyn ..						2				2																			
Roxburgh ..						1				1																			
St. Bathans ..						1				1																			
St. Clair ..						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 ..	1,219	1,559,624	1 to 1,280	s. d. 5 7
Victoria ..	2,195	1,837,589	1 to 837	6 8½
New South Wales ..	3,505	2,636,460	1 to 752	8 10¾
Queensland ..	1,271	959,752	1 to 755	10 4
South Australia..	746	584,332	1 to 783	8 10¾
Western Australia ..	580	442,702	1 to 763	9 2½
Tasmania ..	274	231,453	1 to 845	8 6½

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