1936. NEW ZEALAND.

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, 4th August, 1936.

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 1,163, being an increase of four during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintende	ents	 	 	4
т "		 	 	15
Sub-Inspecto	rs	 	 	7
Senior Serges	ants	 	 	28
Sergeants		 	 	95
Constables		 	 	937
Senior Detect	$ ext{tives} \qquad \dots$	 	 	3
${ m Detective-ser}$	geants	 	 	15
Detectives		 • •	 	59
In addition to the above the	here were—			
Police surgeo	ns	 	 	13
Matrons		 	 	6
District cons	tables	 	 	2
Native consta	ables	 	 	1

There were also sixty-three 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.

New stations were established during the year at Mount Roskill and Tikitiki, and the stations at Port Awanui and Seddonville were closed.

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CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired under section 26, Police Force Act, 1918, I; retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 7; retired as medically unfit, 7; died, 6; resigned voluntarily, 4; resigned compulsorily, 1; dismissed, 6: total, 32.

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 882 on the figures of 1934. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·11 per cent., as against 2·07 the previous year.

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

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Assault (common) Assault (indecent) Burglary, house or shop breaking Failing to maintain wives or children False pretences Found on licensed premises after hours Being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle Reckless or negligent driving of motor-vehicle vehicle		Minor breaches of Motor-vehicles Act Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. Opium-smoking, &c. Receiving property dishonestly obtained Stealing postal packets, &c. Theft from dwellings Unlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	599 101 35 60 46 26
The principal decreases were—			
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c	$\frac{35}{29}$	Mischief	49 427 96 35 78

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 I	District.		Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.	
Whangarei					1,167	1,128	39
Auckland					7,237	6,503	734
Hamilton					2,114	1,977	$1\overline{37}$
Gisborne					1,106	1,046	60
Napier					1,439	1,320	119
New Plymouth					1,295	1,235	60
Wanganui					1,180	1,064	116
Palmerston North					1,669	1,551	118
Wellington					5,817	5,400	417
Nelson					931	839	92
Greymouth					880	798	82
Christchurch					3,616	3,294	322
Timaru					679	618	61
Dunedin					2,882	2,765	117
Invercargill		• •	• •		1,156	1,063	93
Totals					33,168	30,601	2,567

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1935 was 92·26, the figures of the preceding year being 91·16.

Serious Crimes.

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

		19	34.	1935.		
Crimes.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.		
Arson		 12	7	25	21	
Robbery and aggravated robbery		 13	11	7	2	
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &	c.	 1,274	831	1,325	938	
Forgery and uttering		 218	213	190	178	
Murder		 16	4	11	6	
Murder, attempted		 1	1	6	6	
Rape		 6	6	13	13	
Receiving stolen property		 155	155	215	215	
Wounding with intent		 4	4	• •		
Totals		 1,699	1,232	1,792	1,379	

Eleven deaths occurred as a result of murder, being 5 less than in the previous year. Of the offenders, 6 were arrested, 4 others committed suicide, and in one case no arrest was made despite long and diligent investigation. Of those (6) committed for trial, 2 were found guilty and sentenced to death, 3 were acquitted on the ground of insanity, and 1 was, owing to mental condition, unable to plead. These four were ordered to be detained in mental hospitals.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:-

Offences.				1934.	1935.
Unnatural offence				6	7
Unnatural offence, attempted					1
Indecently assaulting a male				62	47
Incest				18	21
Indecent acts				36	32
Concealment of birth				2	1
Assault, indecent			;	96	130
Rape				6	13
Rape, attempted				6	7
Carnally knowing girls				62	86
Carnally knowing girls, attempted				14	14
Abortion, procuring, &c				9	18
Exposure of person and grossly indece	ent acts	• •	• •	155	166
Totals				472	543

Drunkenness.

There has been a decrease of 122 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1935 was $3{,}170$ ($3{,}057$ males and 113 females), whereas in 1934 the number was $3{,}294$ ($3{,}152$ males and 142 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 43.09 per cent. of the males and 55.75 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 2.51 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1935, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

			Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted			1,739	50	1,789
One previous conviction			232	14	246
Two previous convictions			162	6	168
Three previous convictions			99	5	104
Four previous convictions			104	1	105
Five previous convictions			150	4	154
Over five previous convictions		••	571	33	604
Totals	• •		3,057	113	3,170

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 77.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1930 to 1934 in Australia and New Zealand :—

		1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Commonwealth	 	$73 \cdot 0$	$58 \cdot 6$	$60 \cdot 7$	$67 \cdot 6$	$68 \cdot 9$
New Zealand	 	$42 \cdot 4$	$32 \cdot 1$	$26 \cdot 7$	$23 \cdot 3$	$22 \cdot 3$

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 9 as compared with the preceding year. There were 645 prosecutions, resulting in 404 convictions during 1935, as against 654 prosecutions and 411 convictions in 1934.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 63 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 53 convictions, and there were also 64 prosecutions, resulting in 57 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 1935 amounted to £938 10s.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 578 prosecutions, resulting in 554 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 558 prosecutions and 490 convictions in 1934.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1936:—

Offence.			Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.			
					£ s. d			
Carrying on business of bookmal	ær		50	4 8	858 10 (
Keeping common gaming-house			79	77	2,775 10 0			
Found in common gaming-house			2	2	2 10 0			
Laying totalizator odds			6	6	17 0 0			
Publishing betting-charts	• •		8	8	41 0 0			
Betting with bookmakers			1	1	5 0 0			
Street betting		• •	4	2	20 0 0			
Totals			150	144	3,719 10 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 Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkennes (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	Not	463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	$\frac{1}{21}$	379		1 to 949	obtain-	484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	$\overline{18}$	337	441	1 to 1,136	able.	500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158	4010.	517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	$\frac{12}{72}$	20	356	461	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \text{to } 1,173 \\ 1 & \text{to } 1,173 \end{bmatrix}$		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	$\frac{20}{17}$	365	465	1 to 1,263	3/3	587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	$\begin{vmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{vmatrix}$	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293	$\frac{3}{0}$	613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	$\begin{vmatrix} \tilde{20} \\ 20 \end{vmatrix}$	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266	3/2	625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	$\begin{vmatrix} 20 \\ 20 \end{vmatrix}$	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265	$\frac{3/2}{3/2^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	$\begin{vmatrix} 20 \\ 13 \end{vmatrix}$	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	$\frac{3/14}{2/10\frac{3}{4}}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	$\frac{13}{12}$	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	$\frac{2/104}{2/104}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,345	$\frac{2}{104}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	$\frac{2}{112}$	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
	7	1	14		481		$\frac{2}{3}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
$\frac{1893}{1894}$	7	53	13	407 410	485	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\frac{2}{2}/\frac{7}{4}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,472	$\frac{2}{63}$	728,121	14,010	12,800 $12,435$	4,636
					484			740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1896	$\frac{6}{7}$	51 45	$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline 13\\12\\ \end{array}$	414 453	517	1 to 1,530	$2/7\frac{1}{2} \ 2/7\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1897	$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline 7\\ 7 \end{array}$	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,461 1 to 1,435	$\frac{2}{12}$	768,910	16,213 $16,378$	14,730	5,532
1898	11	53		475	554	1 to 1,414	$\frac{2}{9}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1899 1900	11	56	$\frac{15}{20}$	499	586	1 to 1,359	$\frac{2}{94}$ $\frac{2}{104}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	$\frac{20}{20}$	504	591	1 to 1,333	$\frac{2/104}{2/104}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
$1901 \\ 1902$	12	58	$\frac{20}{20}$	514	604	1 to 1,375	$\frac{2}{104}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
$1902 \\ 1903$	12	59	$\frac{20}{20}$	522	613	1 to 1,388	$\frac{2}{10\frac{1}{2}}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	$\frac{20}{21}$	534	626	1 to 1,398	$\frac{2}{10\frac{1}{4}}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	$\frac{2}{10\frac{4}{4}}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	$\frac{25}{25}$	557	667	1 to 1,387	$\frac{2}{10\frac{1}{2}}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	$\frac{1}{3}/0$	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	I 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	$3/3\frac{4}{2}$	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		104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258	$4/2^{3}_{4}$	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	$14/6\frac{1}{2}$	[1,147,391]	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	1	1 to 1,319	$5/2\frac{1}{2}$	[1,158,156]	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	21	114	38	743*		1 to 1,325	$4/11\frac{3}{4}$	[1,214,184]	26,106	24,718	8,979
1921	23	112	47	768*		1 to 1,310	$6/4\frac{3}{4}$	[1,244,620]	26,551	25,054	8,671
1922	22	118	43		[1,009]	1 to 1,289	$6/3\frac{3}{4}$	[1,300,967]	24,699	22,843	6,409
1923	23	118	44		1,003	1 to 1,321	$5/8\frac{1}{4}$	[1,325,301]	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924	23	120	47		1,027	1 to 1,312		[1,347,853]	27,025	25,048	7,470
1925		121	51		1,026	1 to 1,344		[1,379,487]	30,470	28,668	8,277
1926		121	52		1,085	1 to 1,299	$5/9\frac{1}{2}$	[1,409,692]	31,615	29,199	7,854
1927	22	123	56		1,096	1 to 1,312	/. ~	1,437,980	32,144	29,799	6,884
1928		$\frac{127}{100}$	54		1,117	1 to 1,301	5/9	1,453,517	33,138	30,622	6,601
1929	23	128	56		1,155	1 to 1,273	$\frac{6}{1}\frac{3}{4}$	[1,470,649]	34,250	31,575	6,810
1930	22	127	54		1,146	1 to 1,298		1,488,612	37,214	33,690	$6{,}125$
1931		120	65		1,169	1 to 1,292		1,510,940	$36,680 \\ 35,368$	$\frac{32,659}{32,006}$	$rac{4,687}{3,868}$
1932		123	65 e7		1,157	1 to 1,317		1,524,633	33,302	32,000 $30,133$	3,499
1933	24	121	67		1,195	1 to 1,286		$1,536,964 \\ 1,548,909$	32,286	29,427	$3,499 \\ 3,294$
$1934 \\ 1935$		$\frac{124}{127}$	$\frac{72}{74}$		$\frac{1,211}{1,219}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \text{ to } 1,279 \\ 1 \text{ to } 1,280 \end{array}$		$1,546,505 \\ 1,559,624$	32,260 $33,168$	30,601	$3,234 \\ 3,170$
1936	1	$\frac{127}{123}$	$\frac{74}{77}$	1,000*		1 to 1,283		1,573,300			
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 $[\]boldsymbol{*}$ 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, 1936:—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
Consolidated Fund	10,151 $4,485$ 352	£ s. d. 19,709 12 3 7,415 14 1 286 2 6
Total	14,988	27,411 8 10

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At Headquarters the finger-impressions of 2,646 persons were received, classified, searched, indexed, and filed during the year; 207 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; 1,967 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch; the photographs of 2,123 prisoners (4,112 photographs) were dealt with, 496 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*, 16 wanted persons located, and one deceased person was identified by his finger-prints.

In 51 cases of breaking and entering, &c., finger-prints left by the offenders when committing the crimes were identified as belonging to 26 persons, who were prosecuted. In 3 of these cases enlarged photographs were prepared and the necessary evidence tendered, both in the lower and upper Courts. In these cases the offenders were found guilty by the juries and sentenced for their crimes. The 23 other offenders pleaded guilty at the lower Court.

It is interesting to note that the finger-print system has to date been responsible for the identification of no less than 6,516 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.

Yea	Year. Number of Increase on Prints in Previous		Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.	raced as Year.			Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders	
1904		3,500	3,500	117	1921		26,650	2,964	232
1905		4,200	700	72	1922		28,408	1,758	255
1906		5,000	800	88	1923		30,284	1,876	292
1907		6,151	1,151	104	1924		31,929	1,645	289
1908		7,622	1,471	123	1925		33,802	1,873	267
1909		8,718	1,096	138	1926		35,844	2,042	292
1910		9,919	1,201	140	1927		37,808	1,964	255
1911		10,905	986	148	1928		39,409	1,601	276
1912		12,097	1,192	178	1929		40,852	1,443	208
1913		13,552	1,455	183	1930		42,371	1,519	239
1914		15,302	1,750	230	1931		43,973	1,602	257
1915		16,682	1,380	270	1932		45,692	1,719	215
1916		18,134	1,452	218	1933		47,306	1,614	213
1917		19,508	1,374	166	1934		48,545	1,239	183
1918		20,982	1,474	132	1935		49,796	1,251	200
1919		22,332	1,350	153	1936		51,053	1,257	207
1920		23,686	1,354	176					

On 31st March, 1936, the finger-print collection in Auckland totalled 4,848 sets, being made up as follow: Males, 4,566; females, 258; and foreign, 24 sets.

During the year 790 sets of finger-prints were received from the Mount Eden Prison or taken at the Criminal Registration Branch, and were duly classified, searched, and filed.

The photographs of 160 prisoners were taken and 857 prints were taken from the negatives; also a large number of photographs of scenes of crimes and motor accidents, &c., were taken. The total number of photographs produced by the Branch during the year was 1,761. Two volumes (600 photos) of prisoners' photographs were received, card-indexed, and the cards filed in order of finger-print classification. The remanded-prisoner forms, together with the results of the cases inserted, for 310 prisoners were dealt with and returned to the Criminal Registration Branch, Wellington.

In 10 cases offenders who would not otherwise have been known as having been previously convicted were traced by their finger-prints, some of them having been "wanted" under other names.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out during the year by

the Public Works Department:

A new police-station was erected at Tikitiki, and a new lock-up at Palmerston North. were made at Auckland Central Station. A building for a police-station was acquired at Half-moon Bay (Stewart Island), and a site was purchased at Kaeo. Repairs, renovations, and improvements were effected at a number of stations, the principal being Aramoho, Balclutha, Bingsland (Christchurch), were effected at a number of scattons, the principal being Aramono, Balciutna, Bingsland (Christchurch), Birkenhead, Brooklyn, Christchurch Central, Clinton, Clyde, Ellerslie, Eltham, Fairlie, Fitzroy (New Plymouth), Frankton Junction, Greymouth, Hamilton, Havelock North, Hikurangi, Hokitika, Invercargill, Kanieri, Karori, Kihikihi, Kumara, Kurow, Levin, Lower Hutt, Lumsden, Lyall Bay, Mokau, Murchison, Ohura, Otorohanga, Papakura, Petone, Raglan, Raurimu, Ruatoria, St. Kilda (Dunedin), Shannon, Taihape, Tauranga, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, Temuka, Thorndon (Wellington), Wainu Waitahang, Waitang Wangarani, Wangara Tokanui, Training Depot (Wellington), Waipu, Waitahuna, Waitara, Wanganui, Waverley, Wellington Central, and Whangarei.

As reported last year, a fairly heavy building programme will have to be faced within the next year or so, owing to the urgent necessity for new headquarter stations at various centres.

GENERAL.

Training.—The training depot was reopened in August, 1935. It had been closed for five years, due to the depression. Since the reopening of the depot two batches of twenty each have been put through a course of training extending over a period of four months. A third batch is now in the depot.

An addition of fifty constables to the present strength of the Force is required to cope with the

demands made upon the Service.

Transport.—Another motor-car is badly needed at Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin. These should be provided as soon as the necessary funds are available. Our means of transport at these centres is very limited, and in the interests of efficiency I would urge that another car for each of the three centres be supplied. Two new cars, one for Christchurch and the other for Wellington, have recently been supplied, and fill a long-felt want. I am at present going into the question of providing better transport throughout the whole Service, and hope within a short time to be able to recommend an improvement in the present system.

Housing.—Owing to the paucity of finance during the recent lean years, a great number of our buildings, offices, and dwellinghouses has got into a state of disrepair. Some new buildings are necessary, while others badly require repairs and renovations. Recently authority has been granted to the extent of some £8,000 to renovate the worst of them. These repairs are now under way, and

it is hoped to be able to proceed with the others shortly.

Efficiency and Conduct.—The efficiency of the Service has been well maintained. The general conduct of the members of the Force has been excellent.

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

D. J. Cummings, Commissioner of Police.

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

INSPECTOR O'HARA, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

Three extra sergeants are required in the district—one for Whangarei to relieve and assist the senior sergeant, one to take charge of Kaitaia, and one to take charge of Kaikohe.

At present there are only two non-commissioned officers in the district, and it is difficult to cope

with the various duties with this very limited number.

The offences return for the year shows no special features, and is approximately of average nature. There was an increase of twelve offences of carnal knowledge. These offences were mostly committed by Maoris.

The only serious crime was one of murder, committed by a Maori who, in a fit of jealousy,

murdered his wife and then committed suicide.

During the year one constable was fined for breach of regulations. The conduct of the members

of the Force has been satisfactory.

There is a large number of wine-makers in this district, which is specially suitable for the growing of grapes. All these wine-makers are licensed under the provisions of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1914, which was evidently intended to govern and regulate the sale of New Zealand wines, but section 3 (c) of the Licensing Act, 1908, nullifies to a great extent the effect of the provisions of the 1914 Amendment Act. I consider paragraph (c) of section 3 of the Licensing Act, 1908, should be repealed.

SUPERINTENDENT TILL, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I recommend an increase of twenty constables and two sergeants at the Central Station, to enable all the day-duty beats to be filled and thus avoid the necessity of alternate fortnightly periods of day and night duty. The increase would enable all the necessary relieving duty to be carried out and generally enable all requirements to be met adequately and efficiently.

The offences return shows increases in theft (undescribed), false pretences, drunkenness, unlaw-

fully taking motor-cars, stealing postal packets, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The only decrease of any magnitude was in house and shop breaking.

Of 7,237 offences reported, 6,503 were dealt with either by arrest or summons and 734 were undetected.

With regard to certain offences such as false pretences, unlawful conversion of motor-cars, stealing postal packets, and damaging postal boxes, many of these were committed in batches by individual offenders.

Drunkenness shows an increase for the first time for four or five years.

Breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act are still on the increase. Many of the charges of reckless or negligent driving arise out of excessive speeding, and practically all these cases are brought as the result of accidents.

Fourteen constables and one sergeant were dealt with for breaches of Police Regulations.

Generally speaking, the conduct of the men in this district has been very good.

Inspector Lopdell, Hamilton District.

The conduct of members of the Force has been very good, only one disciplinary offence having been dealt with.

The total offences reported were 2,114, against 2,094 last year.

Of these, 1,977 were dealt with by arrest or summons. A percentage of the offences recorded as undetected, which were chiefly petty thefts, were probably committed by offenders who were arrested for other similar offences.

Happily, the district has been free from serious crimes against the person by violence or gross immorality. The most serious offences were burglaries, and a big proportion of these was detected.

Breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act are providing annually an increasing number of offences and accounting for many deaths and much injury. In all, 635 drivers were prosecuted, many for minor breaches, but 6 were charged with causing death. Sixteen persons were killed and many others injured. Other charges of causing death are pending. Seventy-three drivers were charged with either negligent or reckless driving. Thirty-three were charged with being intoxicated while in charge of cars, and, apart from these 33, a disturbing feature is the frequent evidence of liquor playing a part where intoxication cannot be proved.

These 635 offences do not account for anything like all the accidents which occur, in many of which

no offence can be established.

Expansion in Tauranga and Mount Maunganui have made it desirable that an additional constable be stationed at Tauranga to cope with the growing need there. Rotorua and its environs are steadily growing, and there is need for an additional constable to give part of his time to Ngongotaha Township till a permanent constable is stationed there. At Frankton Junction a sergeant and three constables are no longer able to give all the attention necessary to passing trains and the work of that sub-district; another constable is required.

INSPECTOR MARTIN, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

There has been a decrease of one sergeant in the strength since last year, the sergeant at Tokomaru Bay being transferred and not replaced, as it was considered he was no longer required there. Owing to the improved condition of the roads, the East Coast can now be conveniently supervised from Gisborne, and in recent years there has been very little crime at Tokomaru Bay. One constable is now controlling that sub-district.

To properly maintain the beats at Gisborne two extra constables are required at the Gisborne station. Owing to the isolation of this district the escort duty is a big item, and the escorting constable is usually away for several days on each escort, thereby causing a shortage for beat duty. Previously the constable at Tokomaru Bay carried out relieving duties on the East Coast when members were on annual leave, but as there is now only one member of the Force stationed at Tokomaru Bay the relieving duty has to be carried out by a constable from Gisborne.

I consider that in the near future an extra constable will be required in the Bay of Plenty owing to the noticeable increase in the population at Opotiki and Whakatane. Large paper-mills are in course of construction at Whakatane, and this will considerably increase the police work.

When work is resumed at this end of the Napier-Gisborne Railway a constable will require to be

stationed on the works, as previously.

During the year the police-station at Port Awanui was closed and a new station opened at Tikitiki, in the same locality. This change was necessary, as Port Awanui is now well off the main highway and there are few residents there, while Tikitiki is the main centre in that sub-district and on the main highway.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1935, showed a total of 1,106 offences reported, as compared with 983 in the previous year, an increase of 123. Arrests or summonses resulted in 1,046 cases, leaving 60 undetected. Of the cases dealt with, 48 were committed for trial or sentence, of which 47 were convicted.

The most noticeable increase was in breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The district has been free from crime of a very serious nature during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force in the country districts during the past twelve months has been very good, each and every one having given of his best. This also applies to most of the members at the Gisborne station, but one constable was reduced five years in seniority and pay for serious breaches of the regulations, one other fined for minor breaches, and at present serious charges of breaches of the regulations are pending against two constables.

Inspector Fitzpatrick, Napier District.

I would recommend the permanent increase of a constable at Hastings for beat duty, owing to the size of the town and business area which necessitates more police supervision.

For the year ending 31st December, 1935, the total number of offences reported was 1,439, a decrease on the previous year of 226. Of the offences reported, 1,320 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal decreases were in found on licensed premises after closing-hours and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

I regret having to report the commission of three serious crimes during the year. In the first case a young woman forwarded through the Post Office a packet containing poisoned chocolates to another young woman. The sender was prosecuted for attempted murder, but was acquitted by a jury in the Supreme Court.

In the second case an aged married man attempted to cut his wife's throat; he was prosecuted for attempted murder, but was found to be insane and unfit to plead. He has been detained in a Mental Hospital.

In the third case a girl, six years of age, a pupil at a public school near Hastings, left the school at 3 p.m. for her home; she failed to reach home, and her body was found twenty-four hours later in the bed of a creek. The child's face had been pressed down in the mud, and the medical evidence was to the effect that the child had died from suffocation. It was evident that force had been used to press the face of the child in the mud until death had taken place. The deceased child had not been sexually interfered with. Dominion wide as well as exhaustive local inquiries have been made to trace the person guilty of this heinous crime, but I regret to say that the culprit has not been traced up to date. No evidence was forthcoming as to any person being in the child's company from the time she left the school until the body was found.

With the exception of one constable being convicted for a breach 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 ending December, 1935, shows a total of all offences committed to be 1,295, compared with 1,185 offences for the previous year, being an increase of 110 offences. Of the number reported, 1,235 were accounted for by arrest or summons, equal to 95·36 per cent.

No crime committed during the year calls for special mention.

The principal offences showing an increase were forgery and uttering, house and shop breaking, unlawful use of motor-cars, found on licensed premises after closing-hours, and breaches of the Arms Act.

The conduct of the police has been excellent during the year, only one constable being dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

The duties have been performed in a satisfactory manner.

I wish to draw attention to the necessity of increasing the strength of the Force. Four extra constables and one detective are required at New Plymouth. An extra constable is also required at Hawera and a second constable at Waitara.

INSPECTOR LANDER, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1935, shows a total of 1,180 offences reported, as compared with 1,159 for the previous year, an increase of 21. Of the total reported, 1.064 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were house or shop breaking, unlawful use of horses, motor-cars, &c., found illegally on licensed premises, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were assaults, theft (undescribed), found in common gaming-house, and

failure to pay maintenance-moneys.

The decrease in undescribed thefts is a satisfactory feature of the return. This is offset, however, by an increase in shop-breaking. I am unable to ascribe any particular reasons for the decrease in one form of theft and an increase in another form of the crime.

Two murders and one attempted murder occurred during the year. was dealt with and found "not guilty" on the grounds of being insane. In each case the offender They were then committed to mental hospitals.

A serious case of rape occurred at Raetihi. The offender was arrested and sentenced to six years'

imprisonment.

A woman from Ohakune was also dealt with for arson and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The conduct of the police in the district during the year was good, two constables only being dealt with for breaches of regulations.

Inspector Cummings, Palmerston North District.

I consider that three additional constables are required for this station, and one for Foxton. I find that it is necessary to strengthen the night patrol in view of the increased business premises and The police continue to do a considerable amount of work for other Departments, the population. cost of which comes out of the police vote.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1935, shows a total number of all offences

reported to be 1,669, compared with 1,651 the previous year.

Of the offences reported, 1,551 were dealt with by arrest or summons. The principal offences showing an increase are arson, false pretences, house or shop breaking, unlawfully using motor-cars, negligent driving, and offences under the Gaming Act and Destitute Persons Act. Those showing a decrease are theft, obtaining credit by fraud, forgery and uttering, vagrancy, and general breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act. Some of the crime as shown on the increase may be attributed to the depression.

Six persons were committed for trial or sentence for a series of incendiary fires. Five were convicted at the Supreme Court. The detective making the investigation displayed marked ability.

The conduct of the members of the Force throughout the district during the year has been good. There were no defaulters. A satisfactory standard of efficiency has been maintained. Both branches of the Service have performed very good work.

The amendments to the Second-hand Dealers Act and Police Offences Act have been of considerable assistance to the police in carrying out their duties, particularly the section dealing with persons making false complaints to the police that crimes or other offences have been committed.

For some years past only absolute essential repairs to police-stations have been effected. The money provided has not been sufficient to keep all the buildings in a reasonable state of repair. A new Central Station is urgently needed at Palmerston North.

SUPERINTENDENT CUMMINGS, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

An increase in the actual strength of the district is urgently needed. In my opinion it ought to be brought up, as early as possible, to at least 219, an increase of fourteen for the uniform branch and two for the detective branch. We are continually working short-handed owing to sickness, escort, annual leave, special duty having to be performed, and calls made from other districts for assistance, which is readily given.

The time has arrived when a station should be opened in Oriental Bay, so that that portion of the city will be properly policed. It is a very important waterside resort, and during the summer and autumn seasons is crowded every evening and week-end with bathers. A permanent constable stationed there would have ample work to do. He could take in Roseneath and a portion of Hataitai

that is seldom patrolled at present.

Northland is also an important locality that is growing very fast and rarely sees a constable. It is somewhat cut off from other portions of the city. A constable should be permanently stationed there.

Another constable at least is required at Kilbirnie; the present staff cannot adequately cope with all the calls made upon them. The bays in the vicinity are favourite resorts for people bathing during the evening and week-ends, and should be patrolled.

An additional constable is also required at Wellington South so that a full-time watchhouse-keeper may be placed on duty there at night. At present there is no watchhouse-keeper at this station after Wellington South has a very large population, and there ought to be a constable on night duty all night to receive calls and see they are attended to.

The increasing of the strength at Petone and Lower Hutt stations must be undertaken as soon as possible. At least one constable should be added to the strength of each station as early as convenient. The calls made on the present staff cannot be adequately dealt with—they are too numerous.

The remainder of the uniform men asked for are required at the main city stations in order to keep

up the beat duty in the business portion of the city.

Two additional men are required for the detective staff. We have frequent calls from other districts for assistance.

The next important question arising is that of transport. We are badly in need of additional transport. At present we have one powerful car in commission; another which has almost outlived its usefulness, but does a certain amount of city work; and a small van for the conveyance of prisonersH.—16.

that comprises our fleet of transport. We have a car, V8 Ford, on order; this should be delivered in a few weeks, and will be a welcome addition to our present inadequate fleet.

Next in order requiring attention is housing, barrack, and office accommodation. Owing to the lean years we have recently passed through, quite a number of our departmental houses and barracks for single men have got into a state of disrepair. A number of them require repairing and renovating as soon as funds are available. New offices are badly required at Petone; the accommodation there

is deplorable.

During the year the conduct of the members of the uniform branch of the Service has been very good, there being very few breaches of the regulations. The conduct of the detective branch of the Service has been exceptionally good. Both branches of the Service have worked exceedingly well together, and their efficiency left little to be desired. The various classes of tuition inaugurated during the year for both branches of the Service proved very popular. Professional men and scientists gave lectures on ballistics, chemistry and its relation to crime-detection, Court procedure and preparation of briefs, criminal investigation, finger-prints and medical jurisprudence, which were greatly appreciated The lectures were practical, educative, entertaining, and of great value to the members of the Force.

The training depot, which had been closed during the depression, was reopened last August. Two batches of twenty recruits each have been put through a course of training up to the present. The training of recruits is very essential. After a course of four months in the depot they have a fair

knowledge of the duties required of them when placed on beat duty.

The total number of offences reported during the year ending 31st December last was 5,817, an increase of 21. There were fairly substantial increases in the number of cases reported for indecent assault, common assault, burglary, house and shop breaking, receiving stolen property, and reckless or negligent driving of motor-vehicles, while there were decreases in the number reported for theft, false pretences, mischief, drunkenness, vagrancy, and breaches of the Gaming and Licensing Acts.

INSPECTOR LEWIN, NELSON DISTRICT.

For the year ending 31st December, 1935, the total number of offences reported was 931, compared with 800 for the previous twelve months, being an increase of 131. Of all offences reported, 839 were accounted by arrest or summons, leaving 92 undetected.

There were increases in assaults, carnal knowledge, burglary, mischief, damaging telegraph equipment, breaches of the Licensing Act, Arms Act, and Motor-vehicles Act.

The decreases were in theft, false pretences, forgery, and drunkenness.

There were no serious criminal offences during the year.

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

· Inspector Cameron, Greymouth District.

The strength of the Force was decreased by one constable, brought about by the closing of Seddonville station.

I recommend that a detective be appointed to Greymouth to assist the detective-sergeant to deal more satisfactorily with increased inquiries throughout the district.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1935, shows a total of 880 offences, against 873 for the previous year.

The principal increases were crimes involving dishonesty, persons found unlawfully on licensed premises, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were breaking and entering, breaches of Shipping and Seamen Act, breaches

of Post and Telegraph Act, and assault.

No serious crimes have actually been committed during the year, but the circumstances in which a young woman was found to have been poisoned during the previous year, and an attempt also made to poison two other persons at the same time, were thoroughly investigated and resulted in a man being committed for trial on each of the three charges—viz., one of murder and two of attempted murder. A special jury found the accused to be insane and unfit to plead to an indictment, and he was committed to a mental institution.

The general conduct of the members of the Force in the district has been good, and their work generally has been satisfactory. There were three defaulters during the year.

SUPERINTENDENT FRASER, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

An increase of twelve constables is required for this district, as follows: six to be stationed at Christehurch, two at St. Albans, and one each at Sydenham, Addington, Linwood, and Rangiora.

It is most important that an extra constable should be stationed at Linwood as early as possible. The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1935, shows the total number of all offences reported to be 3,616, compared with 3,808 for the previous year, a decrease of 192. Of all offences reported, 3,294 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 322 undetected. One hundred and six males and 4 females were committed for trial or sentence, and, of those committed, 91 males and 4 females were convicted. The district for the past twelve months has been free of very serious crime. The principal increases occurred under the following headings: Incest, assault, theft by clerks or servants, false pretences, mischief, exposure of person and grossly indecent acts, unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c., being in a state of intoxication when in charge of motor-vehicles, and prosecutions under the Gaming Act. Decreases have occurred in the following effences: Indecently assaulting males, indecent assaults, theft, robbery, burglary, house and shop breaking, receiving stolen property, forgery, drunkenness, vagrancy, assaulting, obstructing, and resisting constables, negligent and reckless driving, and offences under the Licensing and Destitute Persons Acts.

The general conduct of members of the Force during the past twelve months has been good, and the duties satisfactorily performed by both the uniform and detective branches. The detective staff has had a busy year, and the time has arrived when a motor-car should be placed entirely at the disposal of the staff. During the year one detective and one constable were dismissed, and two other constables fined for breaches of Police Regulations.

Inspector Shanahan, Timaru District.

I recommend that a station be opened at Saltwater Creek, which is at the south end of the town. A recommendation to this effect was made in the annual report for last year. I consider that a station at Saltwater Creek is warranted.

The total number of offences reported during the year was 679, as against 813 for the previous year, being a decrease of 134. The principal decreases were carnal knowledge, forgery, mischief, thefts, robbery, and offences against morality.

There were increases in false pretences, house or shop breaking, damage to telegraph equipment,

reckless or negligent driving, opium-smoking, and vagrancy.

A man who murdered his father at Pleasant Valley appeared before the Supreme Court at Timaru on the 16th October, 1935, and, after medical evidence to the effect that accused was too insane to plead, he was committed to a mental hospital.

A young man attempted to murder a woman at Tapui on the 11th August, 1935. The accused appeared before the Supreme Court at Dunedin, and, after medical evidence as to his mental condition,

the jury returned a verdict of "Not guilty, on grounds of insanity."

A married woman at Oamaru admitted administering veronal to herself and children for the purpose of murder and suicide. One child, the baby, died. She was subsequently tried for murder at the Supreme Court, Dunedin, but was acquitted on the grounds of insanity, and ordered to be detained in a mental hospital.

The general conduct of the members of the Force has been good, and their duties have been

satisfactorily performed.

I recommend that three extra constables be provided for this district—viz., one at Timaru, one at Oamaru, and one at the proposed station at Saltwater Creek. I consider the extra requirements essential to meet contingencies such as leave, sickness, &c.

SUPERINTENDENT CAMERON. DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force has not been increased during the year.

An increase of two sergeants and six constables is required. The vacancy caused by the reduction of one sergeant to the rank of constable has not been filled, and another sergeant is required for relieving duties when sickness or annual leave occurs. Of the six constables required, one is in addition to the Force at Mosgiel, the population in this sub-district having considerably increased, and there is too much work for the one constable stationed there. He acts as Clerk of Court, and since the adjacent Court has been closed at Outram the work of the latter place is now transacted at Mosgiel.

An additional constable is required at North-east Valley station. At present there is only one constable stationed there. The population has greatly increased, and there are public gardens and several recreation-grounds which require police attention. The motor traffic on the main north highway passes through this sub-district, and is steadily increasing. Four additional constables are required at the Central Station in order that each night-duty beat may be patrolled by one constable, which cannot be accomplished by the present strength.

The annual offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1935, discloses that 2,882 offences were reported, as against 2,324 for the previous year, being an increase of 558 cases. Of the number of offences reported, 2,765 persons were arrested or charged on summons, leaving 117 undetected offences.

Of those charged, 45 males were committed for trial and 36 were convicted.

No serious crimes were committed during the year. Increases occurred in the following offences: Theft (undescribed), false pretences, house and shop breaking, receiving property dishonestly obtained, drunkenness, failing to maintain wife and children, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

There were decreases in the following: Forgery, mischief, and assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables.

The fascination of driving a motor-car, higher-powered cars, fast driving, and the increased number of vehicles on the roads largely contribute to the number of offences under the Motor-vehicles Act.

The general conduct of the police during the past twelve months has been good, all members taking a keen interest in their respective duties, which have been satisfactorily performed.

During the year one sergeant was convicted for breach of the regulations and reduced to the rank of constable. One constable was convicted and fined for breach of the regulations.

Inspector Gibson, Invercargill District.

The total strength is one sergeant less than on 31st March, 1935, caused by the transfer of the sergeant from Bluff, as it was considered that the work there could be carried out quite satisfactorily by two constables.

The offences return for the year shows a total of 1,156 offences reported. This is a decrease of 161 on the figures for the previous year.

The principal decreases are thefts (common), forgery, and breaches of provisions of Destitute Persons Act.

The principal increases are sheep-stealing and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

There was no really serious crime reported in the district during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the year was good. None were punished, but one constable was asked to resign because he was not competent and failed to improve.

I would recommend that section 80 of the Stock Act, 1908, be amended to give power to a Superintendent or an Inspector of Police to lay informations for breaches of the Act in cases where he is of the opinion such informations should be laid.

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, 1934, and Year ended 31st December, 1935.

	1934.					1935.						Increa	90 OF
Offences.	all Offences	all Offences	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Sum- monses resulted.	1	appre	Cases in water the desired the desired the desired the Case of the	r summ ales an	oned.		Convi	ber of ctions st those	Decrea Decrea Numb Offer repor	se in er of aces
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CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC. Misleading Justice.													
Perjury and false oaths	8 19	$\frac{2}{31}$	$\frac{2}{31}$	2 4			, .			1			6
False statements and declarations Corrupting juries or witnesses	19	.,	91	*		23		4		4		12	
Contempt of Court	2		* ,			• •							2
Escapes and Rescues, Breaking prison	1	1	1			1	, .						
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	13	10	10	2		8				2			3
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody		1	1			1					• •	1	••
Offences against Religion. Disturbing public worship	2	1	1		• •		1						1
Offences against Morality.	. [
Unnatural offence	6	7	7 1	6	٠. ا	1	• •	i		6		1	
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit	. ,	7	7	7		. ,				7	• •	7	
Indecently assaulting a male Incest	62 18	47 21	$\frac{46}{21}$	36 19		8 2		2		15 19	٠.		15
Incest, attempted	1											.,	1
Indecent acts	36	32	26	• •	,,	24	l	1				• •	4
Offences against the Person, &c. Murder	16	11	6	4	2		, .			2	, .	.,	5
Murder, attempted	1	6	6	5	1		. ,					5	
Manslaughter	$\frac{6}{76}$	$\frac{5}{73}$	5 71	4	1	51	15	3	$\frac{\cdot \cdot}{2}$	1			$\frac{1}{3}$
Concealment of birth	2	1										• • •	1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	4		• •						• •	٠.			4
Endangering safety of persons on rail-	5	2	2			2							3
ways or tramways Putting explosive substances in places	, .	3	3			1		2		~ .		3	٠.
with intent to do bodily harm Administering poison or other noxious		1	1		1	, .	٠.					1	
things with intent to injure or annoy Assault causing actual bodily harm	18	16	14	10		3		1		8			2
Causing actual bodily harm under cir- cumstances that, if death had been		1	1	I			• •			ĺ		1	
caused, would be manslaughter Assault, indecent	96	130	122	68		46		8		41		34	
Assault with intent to commit a crime		2	2	1		1		٠.				2	
Assault	438	$\frac{490}{13}$	$\begin{array}{c} 483 \\ 13 \end{array}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	I	$\frac{412}{3}$	18	$\frac{45}{1}$	6	$\frac{1}{3}$	I	-52	
Rape, attempted Carnally knowing girls under sixteen	$\begin{array}{c c} 6 \\ 62 \end{array}$	7 86	6 86	6 77		5		4		5 63	• •	$egin{array}{c} \mathbf{i} \\ 24 \end{array}$	• • •
years Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	14	14	14	14						6			
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women		3	2			2		• •				3	
Abortion, procuring	2	5	5	3	2			٠:	• •	2	1	3	
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Abduction	3	2	2	2			• •			2			1
Stealing children under fourteen years	3	4	4	•]		3			1			1	٠.

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, 1934, and Year ended 31st December, 1935—continued.

	1934.					1935,						Increa	se or
Offences.	all Offences	all Offences	of Offences in Arrests or Sum-		appr	Cases in we hended or against Magainst	r summ ales an	oned.		Numl Convi amongs	ctions st those sitted	Decrea Numb Offer repor	se in er of rees
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	Number of reported	Number of reported.	Number c which A monses	М.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	м.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.—continued. Offences against Rights of Property. Theft (undescribed) Theft, attempted	6,716 30 15 323 9 163 93 855 25 142 8	6,289 42 10 349 17 67 87 2 915 24 159 6	4,784 40 7 191 8 65 79 2 864 21 147 6	82 4 57 3 23 20 79 1	1	4,068 31 124 4 39 53 2 707 14 140 4	385 4 3 43 2 1	221 4 1 6 1 2 6 31 4 6 1	27	62 3 53 3 22 18 41 1	1	12 26 8 60 	427
Conspiracy to defraud Fortune-telling or practising witcheraft Robbery and aggravated robbery Assault with intent to rob Demanding with intent to steal Extortion by threats Burglary Burglary, attempted House or shop breaking, &c. House or shop breaking, &c., attempted Being found in dwellinghouse by night Being armed with intent to break or outer	$egin{array}{c} 24 \\ 7 \\ 13 \\ 13 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 74 \\ 5 \\ 1,149 \\ 46 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ \end{array}$	41 17 7 14 6 123 3 1,136 63 4	39 17 2 9 6 91 2 817 28 4	30 5 6 57 2 367 20 	6	1 2 31 407 7 3	14 1 	2 2 2 41 	3	16 2 1 4 40 2 326 18	6	17 10 1 5 49 17 2	6 2 13
Being disguised or in possession of house- breaking implements Receiving property dishonestly ob- tained	3 155	215	 215	38		132	6	36	3	32	2	60	3
Forgery	$\frac{185}{33}$	134 56	$\frac{125}{53}$	91 39	1	26 8	2	5 5		51 13	I 1	23	51
ficates Sending false telegram Procuring execution of document by false pretences		1	1 1	1 1	• •					1		1	2
Possessing forged bank-notes Counterfeiting stamps Personation Coin, offences relating to Arson Arson, attempted Setting fire to crops, attempted Wilfully placing obstruction on railways Placing explosive with intent to destroy	1 17 12. 5 	3 1 25 5 1 12 1	3 1 21 1 1 10 1	18	1 	3 1 2 1 9	1			14 	 	3 .13 10	17
buildings, ships, &c. Mischief	655 19 1	606 24 1	577 19 1	2		519 19 1	16	37	3 	 		5	49
commit a crime Sending threatening letters Threatening acts with intent to intimi- date	1 6	2	2	.,		2	••					•••	1 4
POLICE OFFENCES ACT. Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	498	497	497			427	10	48	12				1
Cruelty to animals	$3,093 \\ 24$	$2,995 \\ 16$	$\begin{bmatrix} 82 \\ 2,995 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$			2,879 16	1 109 	15 6 	1 1	••	••		98 8
loaded firearms Drunk and disorderly Soliciting prostitution Exposure of person and grossly indecent	177 4 155	159 3 166	159 3 142	6		151 127	5 3 6	3 3		· · · 4.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11	18 1
acts Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	461	426	425	2		380	27	11	5	• •			35

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, 1934, and Year ended 31st December, 1935—continued.

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Police Offences Act—continued. Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incor- rigible rogues)	399	321	319	1		254	39	21	4				78
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	140	105	105			99	1	5					35
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts Inciting violence, disorder, or lawless-	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 12 \end{array}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	2 4			$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$				1	
ness Unlawfully using horses, motor-ears, &c. Unlawfully on premises at night without	353 98	454 125	382 125			360 102	$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\ 9 \end{vmatrix}$	21 13	·:			101 27	
criminal intent Sunday trading	292	235 1	232 1			161 1	62	6	3				57
Gaming Act. Common gaming-house, keeping, or	137	131	131			124	4	3					6
managing, &c. Found in a common gaming-house Gaming with instruments Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	214 9 9	239 10 2	239 10 2	• •		228 9 2		11 1				25 1	
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	47	39	37	٠,		31	I	5					8
Betting, unlawful Following the occupation of bookmaker Publishing betting charts	21 65 8 51	33 63 6 57	33 63 6 57			32 61 6 56		$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\ \vdots\\1 \end{bmatrix}$				12 6	$\begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
Post and Telegraph Act. Posting packet containing explosive, &c. Putting explosive, &c., into post-office, &c.	1 1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 2			2	1					1	
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	9	5	4	i		2		2					4
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c. Stealing money, &c., from postal packets Fraudulently secreting or detaining misdelivered mail-bags, &c.	$\begin{array}{c} 9 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{array}$	55 21 11	53 21 11	8 1 9		26 19 2	1 1 	18		8 1 8		46 14 9	
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes	5 103 1	$ \begin{array}{c c} 32 \\ 103 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array} $	25 87 3 1			25 77 2 1		10 I				27 2 1	
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT. Failing to maintain wife or children Failing for fourteen days to pay main-	1,529 2,189	1,563 $2,188$	$1,529 \\ 2,135$			1,289 1,731	33 17	187 376	20 11			34	
tenance moneys Offences by husbands while separation	10	13	13			12		1				3	
orders are in force Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act	7	5	5			4		1		.,	••		2
Shipping and Seamen Act. Ship-desertion	13 4 87 2 	16 38 26 1 30	11 38 26 1 30			$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 38 \\ 26 \\ \cdots \\ 1 \\ 29 \end{array}$		 				3 34 1	61 2
LICENSING ACT. Permitting drunkenness or violent con-	6	2	$_2$	••		ı		1					4
duet Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons	7	••											7
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	641	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 662 \end{array}$	3 662			$\begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 414 \end{vmatrix}$	36	192	20			$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$	

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, 1934, and Year ended 31st December, 1935—continued.

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supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years celling or supplying liquor to prohibited	22 8	$\begin{vmatrix} 12 \\ 26 \end{vmatrix}$	26		. ,	20	1	5			• •	18	
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premises Inlawfully employing females in or	1	1	1			1							
about a bar Employing minors in bars llegally supplying liquor to Natives	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 27 \end{array}$	40						$\frac{\cdot \cdot}{2}$	 			13	
delling adulterated liquor Destructing Inspectors or refusing en-	7	3 5	3 5					$\frac{3}{2}$				3	
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contrary to Act Using bottles with labels more than once	3	7	7			5 333	 19	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$	 1			$\frac{4}{22}$	
Breaches of prohibition orders Found on licensed premises after closing-	335 1,675	$\begin{bmatrix} 357 \\ 1,821 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 357 \\ 1,819 \end{bmatrix}$			1,699	35	69	16	• •	, ,	146	
hours Refusing to quit licensed premises Selling or exposing liquor for sale with-	9 67	7 63	7 63			$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 53 \end{bmatrix}$			··i				
out a license Found on premises where liquor was	10	28	28			23		4	1			18	
seized under a warrant Offences against provisions in force in	63	64	64			55	2	6	1	••	• • •	1	
no-license districts delling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	3	1	1			1	••		••		••		
offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	85	77	76	3	3	47	2	21		2	3	18	
Supplying liquor to Natives in pro-	16 33	34	33 8	••	••	$\frac{30}{7}$		3					2
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurants after hours	33	0 !	0	••	••	•							
MISCELLANEOUS. Absconding from industrial schools	44	53	48			48						9	
Bankruptcy offences Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping,	9 14	6	6		• •	• •	2	1	3				
&c. Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing		2	2		1	,.	1				1	2	
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	2	7	5	,.		5	• •					5	
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offen-	16	29	29	••	• •	29 119	4	3	1			13	
Failing to comply with conditions of rclease under First Offenders Proba-	166	142	127	••	••	115	-		<u>.</u>				
tion Act Habitual criminals or offenders, breach of conditions of probationary license	4	6	5	• •		5			• • •		• •	2	
ndecent Publications Act, offences under	6	1	1		••	1	• •	14	1			35	1
Opium-smoking, &c	97	$ \begin{array}{c c} 132 \\ 2 \\ 19 \end{array} $	132 2 19		• •	$\begin{array}{c c} & 117 \\ & 2 \\ & 14 \end{array}$		5				9	
respassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c. Arms Act, breaches of	10 463	434	384			360	2	21	1				
Second-hand Dealers Act, breaches of		12	12		••	12	• •					12	
MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT. Causing death or bodily injury through	37	38	36	31		3		2		13		1	
reckless driving Being intoxicated in charge of a motor- vehicle	272	349	348			329	4	15				917	
Reckless or negligent driving Other breaches of Act	1,254 4,728	$\begin{bmatrix} 1,571 \\ 5,327 \end{bmatrix}$	1,557 $5,319$	4		1,357 4,996	50 102	142 201	20 20	2		317 599	:
Totals	32,286	33,168	30,601	1,319	29	25,975	1,106	1,995	177	975	22	2,222	·
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APPENDIX B.

Return showing the Strength and Distribution of the New Zealand Police Force on the 31st March, 1936.

Stations,		Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native
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APPENDIX B--continued.

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

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APPENDIX C.

Return showing the Proportion of Police to Population and Cost of Police per Inhabitant in each of the Undermentioned Places.

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