

Fifty-seven head of cattle were sold and another 30 were killed for prison rations. Steps were taken to improve the breed of cattle on the property, and to that end 128 Polled Angus heifers and 8 Polled Angus bulls were purchased in the Hawke's Bay District. They are a fine line of cattle and should bring about the required improvement in our type of live-stock.

Our pig-raising section is still run on a small scale. A line of young pigs was purchased during the year with our view to extending this line of our industries. One hundred and twenty weaners were disposed of during the year, and two pigs were slaughtered for rations.

The following crops were harvested during the year: 250 tons of hay, 230 tons ensilage, 30 tons oaten sheaf, 500 tons swedes, and 30 tons potatoes.

The dry feed and turnips were retained for maintenance of live-stock on the farm. Approximately 17 tons of potatoes were disposed of and the balance were held for local use.

We continued with our campaign of reducing the number of rabbits on the property. Systematic steps have been taken to eradicate the pest by means of poisoning, trapping, and the use of special carbon-monoxide appliances for destroying rabbits in their burrows.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the staff for their loyal co-operation throughout the year.

#### NAPIER PRISON.

(Gaoler, Mr. C. J. McMULLIN.)

At the beginning of the year there were 15 male prisoners in custody. During the year 160 males and 4 females were discharged or transferred, leaving 15 male prisoners in custody at the end of the year. The daily average number of prisoners in custody during the year was 14.25.

No prisoners were admitted to the public hospital, the general health of the prisoners was good. One individual prisoner received treatment for venereal disease during the year.

Divine services were conducted by representatives from the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the members of the Gospel Hall: the Salvation Army, together with their band, paid periodical visits, their services and music being much appreciated.

As in previous years the Colenso Fund has proved most beneficial in giving assistance to prisoners on release, and I would express appreciation of the assistance given in this direction by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, also to Mr. Robert Magill and the members of the Gospel Hall.

During the year a wireless system has been installed, the cost being covered by donations received from various residents, who have shown a very sympathetic interest in the welfare of the prisoners. The various radio concerts, given periodically, have met with the appreciation of the inmates.

The prison quarry has again provided labour for the major portion of the prisoners, and the revenue received from this source has been in keeping with previous years.

The prison garden has proved a valuable asset. With the exception of potatoes, the whole of the institutional requirements being supplied from the garden area, while the revenue received has shown an increase.

The prison grounds and buildings have been kept in a good state of repair, and a new washhouse has just been completed. At present the drainage system is having our attention.

Breadmaking has been continued with satisfactory results and a saving to the Department, our average yield being uniformly high.

The conduct of the prisoners has been exceptionally good, only on two occasions was punishment required to enforce discipline.

The thanks of the Department has been tendered to Mr. J. P. Thomson, Visiting Justice, Mr. J. A. Miller, S.M., Rev. H. J. Odell, and the members of the Napier Brotherhood, also to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and to Mr. Robert Magill and the members of the Gospel Hall for their gifts of additional comforts for the prisoners during the festive season. Their practical sympathy was deeply appreciated by the inmates, and those responsible for the gifts may be assured that their efforts were well worth while.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the staff throughout the year.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH PRISON.

(Superintendent, Mr. W. DINEEN.)

There were 48 male prisoners in custody at the beginning of the year, and during the year 98 were received. During the same period 89 prisoners were discharged, leaving 57 in custody at the end of the year.

There has been little or no change during the year from the routine works carried out at the prison for many years past. The work in the quarry is the main occupation, and the bulk of the products are sold to the New Plymouth Borough Council. A number of men are employed in the garden where vegetables are grown for institutional use, the surplus being disposed of in the local auction rooms.

A piggery in a small way is a profitable and useful method of using up kitchen and garden waste, and this has been successfully continued during the year. A part of the garden was fenced for pigs and sown down in grass, and this is now used for breeding purposes.

Breadmaking, soapmaking, and the repairs of institutional footwear and clothing is still carried out and give a useful change of employment. The slaughtering of all meat consumed in the prison is done by prison labour, and it is gratifying to be able to say that the hides sold at auction are classed by the auctioneer with the best abattoir hides. All meat for human consumption is inspected by the Stock Inspector before issue. One carcass was condemned during the year.