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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, 13th July, 1939.

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 members of the Force of all ranks was 1,439, being an increase of eleven during the year. The total is made up as follows:

Superintendents .. .. .	6
Inspectors .. .. .	15
Sub-Inspectors .. .. .	6
Senior sergeants .. .. .	34
Sergeants .. .. .	114
Constables .. .. .	1,107
Temporary constables .. .. .	66
Senior detectives .. .. .	4
Detective-sergeants .. .. .	31
Detectives .. .. .	56

In addition to the above there were

Police surgeons .. .. .	15
Matrons .. .. .	8
District constables .. .. .	3
Native constable .. .. .	1

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

The following are the losses in personnel for the year ended 31st March last: Retired under section 26, Police Force Act, 1919, 1; retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 8; retired as medically unfit, 5; died, 11; resigned voluntarily, 16; dismissed, 1; total, 42.

STATIONS.

New stations were established during the year at Wataroa and Northland, and the station at Matainui was closed.

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 5,679 on the figures of 1937. The proportion of offences to the population was 2.73 per cent., as against 2.44 the previous year.

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

Assault (common) .. .. .	99	Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. ..	130
Theft (petty) .. .. .	144	Following the occupation of bookmaker ..	44
Theft by clerks or servants .. .. .	34	Maintenance offences .. .. .	515
Theft of animals .. .. .	25	Ship-desertion .. .. .	66
House or shop breaking, &c. .. .. .	120	Breaches of prohibition orders .. .. .	124
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent ..	126	Causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving .. .. .	14
Drunkenness .. .. .	842	Being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle .. .. .	176
Drunk and disorderly .. .. .	55	Minor breaches of Motor-vehicles Act ..	4,199
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language ..	74		
Vagrancy .. .. .	78		
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c. .. .. .	75		

The principal decreases were

False statements and declarations .. .. .	165	Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c., ..	39
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years ..	63	Found on licensed premises after closing hours .. .. .	185
False pretences .. .. .	182	Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license, and offences against provisions in force in no-license districts .. .. .	172
Burglary .. .. .	31	Opium-smoking .. .. .	30
Receiving property dishonestly obtained .. ..	24	Reckless or negligent driving .. .. .	192
Forgery .. .. .	58		
Mischief .. .. .	41		
Sunday trading .. .. .	107		
Found in common gaming-house .. .. .	125		

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 .. .. .	1,571	1,495	76
Auckland .. .. .	12,328	11,339	989
Hamilton .. .. .	3,059	2,873	186
Gisborne .. .. .	1,589	1,536	53
Napier .. .. .	1,893	1,790	103
New Plymouth .. .. .	1,402	1,330	72
Wanganui .. .. .	1,423	1,382	41
Palmerston North .. .. .	2,218	2,148	70
Wellington .. .. .	7,304	6,968	336
Nelson .. .. .	846	809	37
Greymouth .. .. .	914	867	47
Christchurch .. .. .	4,834	4,417	417
Timaru .. .. .	856	735	121
Dunedin .. .. .	2,963	2,871	92
Invercargill .. .. .	1,108	1,058	50
Totals .. .. .	44,308	41,618	2,690

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1938 was 93·92, the figures of the preceding year being 93·39.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1937.		1938.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson .. .. .	12	8	15	13
Robbery and aggravated robbery .. .. .	8	8	14	13
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. .. .. .	1,116	819	1,206	916
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	173	159	118	105
Murder .. .. .	4	4	7	6
Murder, attempted .. .. .	5	4	..	..
Rape .. .. .	5	5	12	11
Receiving stolen property .. .. .	122	123	98	96
Wounding with intent .. .. .	3	3	4	4
Totals .. .. .	1,448	1,133	1,474	1,164

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1937.	1938.
Unnatural offence .. .. .	16	27
Unnatural offence, attempted .. .. .	12	5
Indecently assaulting a male .. .. .	73	61
Incest .. .. .	20	21
Indecent acts .. .. .	19	35
Concealment of birth .. .. .	4	1
Assault, indecent .. .. .	112	102
Rape .. .. .	5	12
Rape, attempted .. .. .	15	8
Carnally knowing girls .. .. .	92	29
Carnally knowing girls, attempted .. .. .	9	9
Abortion, procuring, &c. .. .. .	18	14
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts .. .. .	222	222
Totals .. .. .	617	546

### DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 897 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1938 was 5,446 (5,293 males and 153 females), whereas in 1937 the number was 4,549 (4,399 males and 150 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 32.02 per cent. of the males and 32.02 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 3.48 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

*Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1938, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted .. .. .	3,598	101	3,702
One previous conviction .. .. .	492	11	503
Two previous convictions .. .. .	319	11	330
Three previous convictions .. .. .	196	5	201
Four previous convictions .. .. .	141	3	147
Five previous convictions .. .. .	98	2	100
Over five previous convictions .. .. .	446	17	463
Totals .. .. .	5,293	153	5,446

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 184.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1933 to 1937 in Australia and New Zealand:—

	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
Commonwealth .. .. .	67.6	68.9	76.3	83.7	78.4
New Zealand .. .. .	23.3	22.3	21.6	28.8	31.6

### PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 15 as compared with the preceding year. There were 603 prosecutions, resulting in 428 convictions during 1938, as against 618 prosecutions and 419 convictions in 1937.

### SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 106 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 93 convictions, and there were also 45 prosecutions, resulting in 45 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 1938 amounted to £2,639 15s.

### GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 598 prosecutions, resulting in 559 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 681 prosecutions and 662 convictions in 1937.

#### *Prosecutions of Bookmakers.*

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1939:—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
Carrying on business of bookmaker .. .. .	107	101	£ 2,884
Keeping common gaming-house .. .. .	111	107	4,405
Found in common gaming-house .. .. .	8	7	12
Laying totalizator odds .. .. .	2	2	10
Publishing betting-charts .. .. .	3	2	25
Street betting .. .. .	5	4	200
Betting with bookmaker .. .. .	4	4	9
Totals .. .. .	240	230	7,545

## GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available :

Year.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtainable.	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,274	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		510,753	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	3/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	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 1,365	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	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 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	12,415	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	5,116
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	12,453	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	5,254
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,591
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,421	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	5,552
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,444	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	544	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,645
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	22,211	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	731	1 to 1,331	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	23,540	22,481	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	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	946	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	24,724	20,704	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,147,394	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	878	1 to 1,319	5/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,158,456	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 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,325,304	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924	23	120	47	837*	1,027	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,347,853	27,025	25,048	7,170
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	29,499	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	6,604
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	124	67	983*	1,196	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 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,548,909	32,286	29,427	3,294
1935	28	127	74	990*	1,219	1 to 1,280	5/7	1,559,621	33,168	30,601	3,170
1936	26	123	77	1,000*	1,226	1 to 1,283	5/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,573,300	35,448	33,052	4,186
1937	25	127	91	1,012*	1,255	1 to 1,265	6/3	1,587,211	38,629	36,078	4,549
1938	26	145	93	1,164*	1,428	1 to 1,123	7/6	1,604,479	44,308	41,618	5,446
1939	27	148	91	1,173*	1,439	1 to 1,129	7/5 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,624,714			

\* 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, 1939:

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
		£ s. d.
Consolidated Fund .. .. .	12,135	29,790 15 7
Main Highways Revenue Account (section 24, Motor-vehicles Act, 1924)	7,806	15,337 13 3
Local authorities (by-law offences) .. .. .	439	400 6 7
Total .. .. .	20,380	£45,528 15 5

## CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At Headquarters during the year the finger impressions of 3,220 persons were received, classified, indexed, and filed: 284 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders: 2,737 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch: the photographs of 2,881 prisoners (5,143 photographs) were received and dealt with: 720 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*: 48 wanted persons located: and 2 unknown deceased persons identified by finger-prints.

Finger-prints left by the offenders when committing 27 crimes were identified as belonging to 22 persons, who were prosecuted. All pleaded guilty with the exception of 2, who were convicted on finger-print evidence.

During the year the sub-division of the groups in the main collection was completed. The finger impressions of 2,622 persons over the age of seventy-five years were removed from the main collection and filed separately, together with the index cards relating thereto.

Finger-prints of 417 persons were received for inquiry from other countries, of which 38 were identified as those of persons previously convicted in New Zealand: and the finger impressions of 100 New Zealand offenders were sent overseas for inquiry, 36 being identified as having been previously convicted outside this Dominion.

It is interesting to note that in New Zealand the finger-print system has, to date, been responsible for the identification of 7,224 persons.

The above figures indicate a marked general increase in the work of this branch.

In addition to the usual illustrated lectures on finger-prints, &c., given to the police trainees at the depot, the senior officer of this Branch visited twenty-three towns throughout the Dominion and gave illustrated lectures and instructions to members of the Force.

The comparison microscope, besides being in constant use in the Arms Bureau, has already been the means of clearing up two shooting cases, establishing the fact that the bullets were fired from certain rifles. It was also used to great advantage to prove that a strip of material used to tie the top of a bag containing stolen money dug up from the ground was part of a handkerchief found in a suspect's pocket.

The balopticon has been used to project illustrations during lectures given to members of the Force.

The other instruments procured during the year, especially the ultra-violet-ray and spot lamps, have also been found to be of the utmost value for the examination of questioned documents, &c.

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.
1901 ..	3,500	3,500	117	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1926 ..	35,844	2,042	292
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1927 ..	37,808	1,964	255
1910 ..	9,949	1,201	140	1928 ..	39,409	1,601	276
1911 ..	10,365	986	148	1929 ..	40,852	1,443	208
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1930 ..	42,371	1,519	239
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1931 ..	43,973	1,602	257
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1932 ..	45,692	1,719	215
1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270	1933 ..	47,306	1,614	213
1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218	1934 ..	48,545	1,239	183
1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166	1935 ..	49,796	1,251	200
1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132	1936 ..	51,053	1,257	207
1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153	1937 ..	52,461	1,408	164
1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176	1938 ..	54,062	1,601	260
1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232	1939 ..	55,801	1,739	284

*Auckland Branch.* On 31st March, 1939, the finger-print collection in Auckland totalled 6,619 sets.

During the year 886 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 239 prisoners were taken, and 1,195 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 being 2,020.

The remanded-prisoner forms, together with the results of the cases inserted, for 464 prisoners were dealt with and returned to the Criminal Registration Branch in Wellington.

In 16 cases offenders who would not otherwise have been known as having been previously convicted were traced by their finger-prints. In several of these cases persons arrested at the time of, or soon after, their arrival in New Zealand were found to have criminal records overseas, and some were able to be deported on that account.

The "*modus operandi*" or "classification of crime" index is working efficiently, and, although in operation for approximately only one year, already over 3,000 index cards are filed.

#### ARMS BUREAU.

The Arms Bureau has been fully occupied, particularly with the investigation of shooting accidents, selection of firearms for the collection of arms suitable for ballistic tests, and lecturing to police regarding firearms. The lecture tours covered the North Island twice and the South Island once during the year. A balopticon lantern was used in most of the lectures, and was of great assistance in demonstrating the effects of gunshot wounds and physical exhibits such as bullets and shells. Practical instruction in the use of official weapons has also been given to members of the Force, and satisfactory progress has been made.

During the past three years all districts have been visited at least twice, and the majority of them three or four times, and instruction in the handling and care of automatic pistols and other firearms has been given to the members of the Force. In addition, each class of recruits in the Training Depot has been given similar individual instruction during the period of training.

The lectures have been well received and appreciated. Special attention has been given to the causes of accidents with firearms, and it is hoped that the better understanding of these causes will assist the police in their investigations and enable them to give some good advice to young sportsmen who apply for firearms certificates, and so help to minimize these accidents.

In response to representations to manufacturers of firearms to provide safer mechanical designs, several firms are now making greatly improved models, and have in several instances withdrawn unsatisfactory ones. It is safe to say that the worst types of small calibre rifles (.22 in.) have now been eliminated from those being imported for sale. The improved models do not appear to be any more costly to the public than the unsatisfactory ones.

The double-barrelled hammer shotgun is again a heavy contributor to the accident rate. There have been thirteen accidents with it during the year. The safer hammerless gun has been responsible for only four, which is a higher percentage than in any other year.

The following is a brief summary of the accidents with firearms for the year ended 31st March, 1939: Fatal, 19; non-fatal, 28—a total of 47. Hammer shotguns, 13 (6 fatal); hammerless shotguns, 4 (2 fatal); .303 rifles, 3 (all fatal); .22 rifles, 24 (7 fatal); pistols, 1 (fatal); other weapons, 2 (non-fatal).

There were three other shooting fatalities which the Coroner was unable to decide were accident or suicide.

The average age of the victims was twenty-seven years, and all except two were males. It is safe to assume that there were many other accidents of a less serious nature which did not come under the notice of the police.

Attention is drawn to the increasing number of accidents caused through carrying loaded firearms in motor-cars and leaving arms and ammunition within reach of children.

The recently acquired scientific equipment, which includes a ballistic comparison microscope, has proved of great assistance, and the Arms Bureau, in collaboration with the Criminal Registration Branch, has assisted the police in several important investigations.

#### 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 Balclutha, Ellerslie, Linwood, Manaiia, Wataroa, Moera, Pleasant Point, and St. Clair; an office was built at Tokaanu; additions and alterations were carried out at Manurewa, Ruatoria, and Wellington Central, and garages were provided at Greymouth, Otahuhu, and Portobello. Houses and sections were purchased for police-stations at Khandallah and Northland. Sites for police-stations were acquired at Clive, Hamilton, Levin, Mission Bay, Mount Cook (Wellington), Nelson, New Plymouth, Paekakariki, St. Heliers Bay, Waiheke Island, Wellington Central, and Whangarei.

Repairs, renovations, and/or improvements were effected at the following stations:—

*Whangarei District.* Hikurangi, Houhora, Kaikohe, Kaitiaki, Mangonui, Rawene, and Waipu.

*Auckland District.* Auckland (Central), Avondale, Balmoral, Birkenhead, Epsom, Freeman's Bay, Helensville, Henderson, Howick, Manurewa, Mount Albert, Newmarket, Newton, Northcote, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe, Point Chevalier, Ponsonby, Pukekohe, Takapuna, Thames, Warkworth, and Whitianga.

*Hamilton District.* Hamilton, Matamata, Paeroa, Putaruru, Rotorua, Tauranga, Te Kuiti, Te Puke, Te Whaiti, and Waihi.

*Gisborne District.*—Gisborne, Patutahi, Ruatoria, Taneatua, Te Araroa, Tikitiki, Tokomaru Bay, and Tolaga Bay.

*Napier District.* Carlyle Street, Dannevirke, Havelock North, Napier, Nuhaka, Porangahau, Taradale, Takapanu, Waipawa, and Waipukurau.

*New Plymouth District.*—Fitzroy, Hawera, Inglewood, Manaia, Normanby, Opunake, Rahotu, Stratford, and Waitara.

*Wanganui District.* Manunui, National Park, Ohakune, Raetihi, Rangaroa (Taumarunui), and Wanganui East.

*Palmerston North District.*—Cuba Street, Feilding, Pahiata, Palmerston North, Terrace End, and Woodville.

*Wellington District.*—Eastbourne, Greytown, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Karori, Lower Hutt, Martinborough, Masterton, Mount Cook, Murphy Street, Taranaki Street, Tinakori Road, and Wellington Central.

*Nelson District.* Collingwood, Havelock, Motueka, Murchison, Richmond, Takaka, and Wakefield.

*Greynouth District.* Ahaura, Dunollie, Greymouth, Hokitika, Reefton, Ross, and Westport.

*Christchurch District.* Addington, Amberley, Ashburton, Bingsland, Chatham Islands, Christchurch Central, Coalgate, Fendalton, Kaikoura, Leeston, Lincoln, Linwood, Lyttelton, Methven, New Brighton, Phillipstown, Rakaiia, Rangiora, Sydenham, and Woolston.

*Timaru District.*—Duntroon, Fairlie, Geraldine, Hampden, Oamaru, Pleasant Point, Temuka, and Timaru.

*Dunedin District.*—Balcutha, Caversham, Cromwell, Dunedin Central, Kaitangata, Middlesmarch, Mornington, North Dunedin, North-east Valley, Ophir, Outram, Owaka, Port Chalmers, Roxburgh, Waikouaiti, and Waitahuna.

*Invercargill District.*—Bluff, Clinton, Gore, Invercargill, Riverton, South Invercargill, Tuatapere, and Wyndham.

#### GENERAL.

*Efficiency.*—The lectures given weekly to junior constables and fortnightly to the senior constables, sergeants, and detectives, continue to give general satisfaction, and are very helpful to them in the carrying-out of their duties. Special lectures given by our finger-print expert and arms expert have been well attended and greatly appreciated. The new instruments supplied to the Finger-print Branch and Arms Bureau are giving excellent service.

There has been some delay in finalizing the installation of a wireless plant, due to the fact that it is going to be more difficult and expensive than was at first anticipated. The expert who has the matter in hand for the Department is still giving it his attention and hopes before long to be able to equip one car in Wellington for a trial.

Some excellent work in the detection of crime has been performed during the past year, notably in the case known as the Piha crime. Very fine work was done by the detectives and experts engaged in that case. It is very gratifying to know that the police, with the aid of scientists, can detect offenders who commit such crimes.

The forty-eight-hour week is working well and giving general satisfaction both to the men and the Department.

*General Conduct of Police.*—A few men had to be disciplined, but apart from these few instances I am pleased to be able to report that the general conduct of the police has been excellent.

The utmost harmony and good will prevails throughout the Service, and all branches of the Service co-operate splendidly.

*Transport.*—During the year three new high-powered motor-cars have been added to the present fleet—one at Wellington, one at Christchurch, and one at Dunedin. Two modern vans for conveyance of prisoners have also been procured—one for Wellington and the other for Auckland. A new van is required for Christchurch to replace the present heavy, clumsy one which has done good service in the past, but is too costly to run and is more fit for converting into a lorry. When a new van is supplied to Christchurch that city will have a good transport system of three fast cars and a modern fast van. Dunedin has now three fast motor-cars, and Wellington four good cars and an excellent van. Auckland has six cars, four of which are in excellent order. Two are now getting beyond their usefulness through age and will require to be replaced at an early date. The new van there is giving excellent service. A light run-about truck was procured during the year for cartage of exhibits to and from Court and between stations at Auckland. When the two cars mentioned above are replaced Auckland will have an efficient transport service. The four chief centres will then have an excellent fleet of fast transport, something unheard of previously in the Service.

At the smaller centres officers of the Department supply motor-cars and are paid mileage or annual allowances when they use their cars on duty. This system is working very satisfactorily, and has met every emergency that has arisen. In addition to this, should the necessity arise, cars can be hired from motor garages or taxi-proprietors at a moment's notice.

In the country districts the constable in charge is provided with a motor garage by the Department, and he supplies a car, for which he is paid an annual allowance.

I can say that to-day our transport system is good, and no difficulty has been experienced in giving efficient service with it.

*Buildings.* During the year good progress was made in modernizing and improving old buildings throughout the Dominion. Only those that were sound and worth alterations were attended to. There is a good number still requiring attention, and these will be dealt with as time and finance permit. Many of the old residences were past repair; in fact, were tumbling down with dry rot and decay. Several of these were replaced by new modern residences during the year.

The new district headquarters station at Palmerston North is nearing completion, and should be ready for occupation in about three months' time.

New stations are also in course of erection at Katikati, Whakatane, Moggie, and Oamaru (senior sergeant's residence).

Erection of new buildings at Rotorua, Port Chalmers, Otarehua, Little River, Levin, Olive, Onakau, St. Heliers Bay, and Papakura has been authorized, and in many cases tenders have been called for the work.

A new headquarters station is badly required at Whangarei, where an old four-roomed cottage is at present doing service as a station. Additional land has been acquired there at a cost of £1,050 to permit of building a suitable suite of offices.

At Auckland additional land had to be acquired in order to give reasonable space to build upon. The acquiring of the necessary land has been somewhat protracted, but has now been sufficiently advanced to permit of proceeding with the preparation of sketch plans. Satisfactory arrangements have been made to provide improved accommodation for the single men until the plans and specifications for the new building have been completed and ready for the calling of tenders.

At Wanganui, where new district headquarters offices are required, difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a foundation on our present site, which is a good one, owing to the sand bottom. This is holding up the preparation of sketch plans.

At New Plymouth additional land adjoining the present site has been secured at a cost of £625 to provide the necessary land on which to erect new offices in the near future.

At Nelson additional land had also to be obtained, and some little difficulty has arisen in negotiating with one owner, but it is nearing completion. When this is done the sketch-plans can be got ready.

The offices and general accommodation at Greymouth are bad. Sketch-plans are now in course of preparation.

Sketch-plans are practically completed for new buildings at Timaru. The accommodation there is also bad, but not so bad as at Greymouth.

The position in respect of accommodation at Dunedin is difficult, and a great amount of consideration has been given to sketch-plans for the proposed new buildings. However, it is hoped soon to have a complete plan ready which will meet requirements.

*Police Examinations.* The new regulations governing the police examinations were put into effect for the first time last year. The provision for granting a partial pass is greatly appreciated by candidates. A record number sat for the examination.

*Training-school.* The training-school has been kept at top speed during the year. As only thirty trainees can be accommodated at one time we have been little more than able to keep existing vacancies filled. Although authority was granted last year for an increase of twenty five men to the Force, we have not been able to train that number in addition to those required to fill vacancies.

Unfortunately, we have had a larger number of deaths during the past year than is usual. In all cases death was due to natural causes. There has also been a number of retirements and resignations.

An excellent class of recruit is offering, and no difficulty is experienced in filling vacancies; in fact, far more candidates are offering than we have vacancies. This gives the opportunity of making a good selection. Candidates are selected from all classes of professions and vocations in life, with credentials from the University down to the Sixth Standard. Men of good physique, personality, education, and possessing sound common-sense are the candidates aimed at in selecting recruits for training. The conditions in the Service are so attractive to-day that no difficulty is experienced in getting the best class of recruit.

*Women-police.*—Provision was made last session for the inauguration of Women Police. Applications are now being received and considered.

*Additions to Staff.*—During the year the authorized strength of the Force was increased by 9 sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, and 6 constables. These were distributed as follows: 4 Sergeants at Auckland, 1 at Marton, 1 at Pahiataua, 1 at Wellington, 1 at Christchurch, and 1 at Bluff; 1 detective-sergeant at Lower Hutt; and 1 constable each at Whangarei, Otahuhu, Parnell, Hawera, Taihape, and Northland.

To fill vacancies due to retirements, &c., and increases of strength, the following promotions were made: Seven to commissioned rank, three to grade of senior-sergeant, one to grade of senior detective, nine to rank of sergeant, and six to rank of detective-sergeant.

In view of the fact that the Centennial Exhibition is to be opened in November next and is to continue for six months, and this is to be followed by the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Kent, additional police will be required to deal with the extra work that will be thrown upon this Department. To cope with this work and supply extra men for some of the districts where there are not sufficient men to meet the calls made on the police I consider that provision should be made for thirty additional constables. The cost for this financial year will be approximately £4,800.

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.

During the past year the strength of the district has not increased, but additions are required as follows: A constable at Kamo, a constable on the northern side of Hokianga Harbour, and a sergeant with a sub-district embracing the Bay of Islands County.

The offences reported show the usual fluctuating increases and decreases with no extraordinary features.

One crime of murder was reported. The body of a child was found on the bank of the Wairoa River. As the result of inquiries a young woman was arrested for the murder of her illegitimate child, and was dealt with at the Supreme Court.

The conduct of the police has been good and no breach of discipline was reported.

## SUPERINTENDENT CUMMINGS, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The district was taken charge of by me on 18th February, 1939.

On 31st March, 1939, the strength of the Force was 320, of all ranks.

I recommend an increase of fifteen constables at the Central Station, one constable for Pukekohe, and two sergeants—one for Takapuna and one for Mount Eden. The increase would enable all the necessary relieving duty to be carried out, and generally enable all requirements to be met adequately and efficiently.

A new modern station is urgently required at Auckland Central.

During the year a new police-station and a new residence for a sergeant were built and opened at Ellerslie.

Several of the stations in the district have been renovated during the year, some are at present being renovated, while a few others require it.

An additional constable was appointed to both Parnell and Otahuhu Stations.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1938, shows a total of 12,328 offences reported, as compared with 7,739 for the previous year, an increase of 4,589. Of the total reported, 11,339 were accounted for by arrest or summons. The principal increases were in false pretences, declarations in connection with unemployment, unnatural offences, indecent assault on males, attempted suicide, assault, petty thefts, thefts by clerks and servants, false pretences, house and shop breaking, breaches of the peace, drunkenness, profane and indecent language, vagrancy, assaulting and obstructing police, unlawful conversion of motor-cars, failing to maintain wives and children, ship-desertion, breaches of prohibition orders, being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles, reckless and negligent driving, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act and regulations.

There were decreases in the cases of carnally knowing girls under sixteen years, forgery, mischief, Sunday trading, being found in common gaming-house, stealing postal packets, selling liquor without a license, and opium-smoking.

The following serious crimes occurred:—

Robbery under Arms: On 8th August, 1938, two men armed with a shot-gun robbed a man of a leather brief-bag containing £219 9s. which was the property of a taxi company. One offender, following his arrest in Sydney, Australia, was sentenced to four years' hard labour, as also was his accomplice, who was arrested in Christchurch.

Demanding Money with Menaces: Pretending to be an Electric-power Board Inspector, a man called on 20th December, 1938, at a house in Remuera, assaulted the occupant, and demanded £2 in money. He was sentenced for these offences to three years' hard labour and declared an habitual criminal.

Interfering with Human Remains, and Arson: On 6th February, 1939, two men arrived in New Zealand from Australia. They took a bach at Piha, and allegedly burned it down on the night of 11th to 12th February, 1939. One man escaped and reported that the other, who was insured for £40,000, had been burned to death. It was later discovered that a grave at Waikumete had been interfered with and the body removed. Following extensive investigations, both men were arrested on charges of interfering with human remains, and arson. They were convicted and sentenced to four years' and two years' imprisonment respectively.

The conduct of members of the Force in the district has been satisfactory during the year, a fairly high standard of efficiency being maintained and both branches of the service performing good work.

Twenty constables were dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

I would recommend that section 278 of the Crimes Act, 1908, be amended so as to include *all* buildings.

I suggest that section 55 of the Police Offences Act, 1927, be amended to deal with persons escaping from police lock-ups, so that the offender may be dealt with summarily.

I recommend that "enclosed area" in sections 52 (i) and 54 of the Police Offences Act, 1927, be defined to include that portion of land around a house or building which would in the ordinary manner have been enclosed with a fence. This would deal with schools, &c., that have no gates on their property.

I also recommend that section 189 (b) of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927, be repealed so that offenders with a previous conviction who come before the Court on indictment may be dealt with summarily. If this amendment were made, it would dispense with sending a number of offenders to the Supreme Court and save considerable unnecessary expense. They would still have the right of trial by jury.

I suggest that provision be made in the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, making it a summary offence to make false statements or false entries in respect of motor-drivers' licenses or certificates of fitness, or in connection with the hiring of a motor-vehicle from a garage-proprietor. This would enable offences of this kind to be dealt with summarily instead of going to the Supreme Court.

On 31st March, 1939, there were ten motor-vehicles on charge at the Auckland Headquarters Station—viz., two vans used exclusively for transport of prisoners, one truck for a general runabout and towing motor-vehicles, two Chevrolets in good order, two Fords in good order, one Hillman in satisfactory order, and one Vauxhall showing a mileage of 80,618 miles in indifferent condition, and one motor-cycle in fair order.

The exigencies of the service here make it necessary that the motor transport should be up to a high standard.

The night patrol has been a success in checking and detecting crime.

The police continue to do a very large amount of work for other Departments, and in consequence of the time taken up in performing such work with our limited strength police work proper must suffer.

#### INSPECTOR LOPDELL, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

On 31st March, 1938, the strength of the staff stood at eighty-four of all ranks, and the strength remained the same throughout the year. The senior sergeant was replaced by a Sub-Inspector at Rotorua.

Steps are being taken to establish a new station at Mount Maunganui, Tauranga, and also a new station at Piopio, where the growing needs of the district make such an increase necessary. The increase in the strength of the Force at Te Awamutu, recommended in my last year's report, is receiving attention.

The appointment of a Sub-Inspector at Rotorua will relieve the Inspector here of a good deal of travelling and inspection in the area remote from Hamilton which is placed under him.

A necessary increase of one constable at Putaruru Station is under consideration.

Last year 2,925 offences were reported. This year there were 3,059. The increases are spread over quite a number of offences and call for no special mention, except in the case of intoxication in charge of cars. This serious offence is on the increase. Last year there were 77 charged and 74 convictions; this year 103 convictions out of 107 persons charged. This, of course, is only a portion of such offenders who are on the road. All the laudable efforts to make the road safe for road-users will fall short of accomplishing the end desired whilst intoxicated men are driving.

Two Hindu storekeepers in a remote Native locality called Taharoa were living together and one disappeared under circumstances which created suspicions that he had been murdered and his body disposed of. A large body of police was employed searching for the body, but without success. The continued absence of the missing man confirms the original suspicions, but as the body cannot be found no actual crime has been established.

The conduct of the police has been of a high standard and duties are being performed in an efficient manner. Two minor disciplinary offences were dealt with.

I think there should be some legal machinery to control drinking at dances, which, besides being a scandal and destroying the social pastime, is, in its relation to car-driving, becoming an increasing danger.

In connection with offences of intoxication while in charge of motor-vehicles, we have evidence where serious accidents have occurred, and in one case fatalities, that intoxication was the cause and that the liquor was procured from licensed hotels after hours; there is strong suspicion that this is so in many cases. I suggest that during closing-hours in hotels there be a total prohibition of the supply of liquor.

#### INSPECTOR EDWARDS, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in the Gisborne district on 31st March, 1939, was forty-two. There has been no increase during the past year.

A section of land has been obtained at Te Kaha, and it is hoped to have a police-station erected thereon in the near future.

The offences return for the year shows a total of 1,589 offences reported, as compared with 1,560 the previous year, an increase of 29. Arrests and summonses resulted in 1,536 cases being dealt with, leaving 53 undetected.

The most noticeable increases were assault, theft of animals, drunkenness, illegal supply of liquor to Natives, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle, and other breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were false statements and declarations, theft (undescribed), false pretences, and house and shop breaking.

The only serious crime committed was that of a man charged with murdering his wife. Accused was alleged to have seriously assaulted his wife, who died two days later from the injuries she sustained. The husband was charged with murder, and the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, accused being sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

During the year the general conduct of the members of the Force has been good and their duties have been satisfactorily performed, there being only two defaulters for minor breaches of the regulations.

#### INSPECTOR CAMERON, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On 31st March, 1939, the actual strength of the Force in this district was sixty-six. There has been no change since last return.

I recommend an increase of one constable at Napier and two constables at Hastings. It would give better police supervision as a result of the forty-eight-hour week and the growth of the business area in Hastings.

Approval has been given for the opening of a new station at Tuai. A constable has been selected, and will take charge at an early date.

For the year ended 31st December, 1938, the total number of offences reported was 1,893, an increase on the previous year of 191. Of the offences reported 1,790 were accounted for by arrests or summonses, leaving 103 undetected.

The principal increases were theft (undescribed), drunkenness, found on licensed premises, selling or supplying liquor at unauthorized times, and reckless or negligent driving.

The principal decreases were false pretences, false statements (Employment Promotion Act), and minor breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The increased number of thefts were mostly of a petty nature, and juveniles were responsible for the majority of them. The increase in drunkenness is no doubt due to the increased spending-power of the people, while the vigilance of the police is responsible for the increased number of convictions under the Licensing Act. The increase in reckless and negligent driving can be accounted for by the heavy increase in motor traffic during the past year.

On 2nd October, 1938, a woman was fatally shot at her home at Westshore. A young man was arrested for the offence and charged with murder. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, and he was sentenced to twelve years' hard labour.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been very good. There were no defaulters during the year.

#### INSPECTOR POWELL, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On 31st March, 1939, the authorized strength of the Force was fifty.

An extra constable has been allocated to Hawera during the year, and will prove a decided advantage. I would like to draw attention again to the necessity of increasing the strength of the New Plymouth Station by two constables.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1938, shows that the total of all offences reported to be 1,402, as compared with 1,329 for the previous year, an increase of 73 offences. Of the number reported, 1,330 were accounted for by either arrest or summons.

The most noticeable decrease is mischief. The principal increases are house and shop breaking (there were forty-four cases of this nature reported, out of which 39 cases were successfully dealt with), drunkenness, failure to pay maintenance moneys, offences against the provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The conduct of the Force has been very good during the year, two members only having been dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

The duties have been carried out in a satisfactory manner, the uniform and detective branches of the service working well together.

#### SUPERINTENDENT LANDER, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the force on the 31st March, 1939, was fifty-five. This is an increase of one constable during the year, added to the strength at Taihape. It was rendered necessary owing to the increase of police duty in that sub-district and to the operation of the forty-eight-hour week. No increase had been made there when that system commenced.

An additional sergeant and a detective are required for city duty, also an additional constable for Ohakune. The additional sergeant is required to improve supervision of beat duty and to relieve the senior sergeant. The detective is needed as an addition to the local staff. An additional constable at Ohakune would provide more supervision at the railway-station and that portion of the town adjacent thereto, as well as provide relief on the weekly day off there and at Raetihi.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1938, shows a total of 1,423 offences reported. This is an increase of 303 on the previous year, 1937. Of the 1,423 offences reported, 1,382 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were house or shop breaking, breaches of the peace, drunkenness, bookmaking, failing to maintain wives or children, breaches of prohibition orders, found on licensed premises during closing-hours, selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license, supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts, being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act. The principal decreases were carnally knowing girls, burglary, and found in common gaming-houses.

It will be noticed that the increases are principally in connection with breaches of the Licensing Act and offences the cause of which was over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor. This was probably brought about by increased spending-power in the hands of irresponsible members of the community. The increase in house and shop breaking was traced mainly to young offenders. In some instances a lack of home control was noticeable, but in many cases the offences were committed to gain money or convertible property for purposes of pleasure.

The only serious crimes dealt with during the year were unnatural offences, 6; indecent assaults on males, 4; attempted incest, 2; putting explosive substances in places with intent to do bodily harm, 2; setting man-trap, 1. The three last-mentioned offences were committed by males, caused probably by unwarranted jealousy. They are not likely to recur. One male was convicted and sentenced for causing death by driving a motor-vehicle while intoxicated. The vehicle driven by him collided with a passing motor-car, a young woman, a passenger in the passing car, being killed.

There was no serious undetected crime.

The conduct of members of the Force in the district was very good. In many instances a high degree of efficiency was shown in the performance of duty. One constable only was dealt with for breaches of regulations during the year, and he was fined.

The duties of the police in connection with traffic accidents are onerous and exacting. The use of motor-vehicles owned by members of the Force both at fixed and mileage rates has proved to be of wonderful value in providing mobility to attend to such duty expeditiously, particularly on main highways and country roads. The judicious use of these cars has also proved very effective in expediting inquiries into offences reported where prompt action is essential.

#### INSPECTOR SCOTT, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1939, was fifty-eight, being an increase of two sergeants during the year, one being appointed to Marton and one to Pahiataua Station.

An additional sergeant and two constables are required in Palmerston North City. The additional sergeant is necessary to relieve the senior sergeant and five sergeants in the district for annual leave, and to improve the supervision over the beat-duty constables, especially at night. The two additional constables are necessary on account of the rapidly increasing population and consequent increase in inquiries, and also to enable more effective patrol duty to be carried out.

The new police buildings which are in the course of construction at Palmerston North should be ready for occupation in the near future.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1938, shows a total of 2,218 offences reported, against 1,761 for the previous year, an increase of 457. Of the total number of offences reported, 2,148 were dealt with by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were in thefts, false pretences, house and shop breaking, mischief, breaches of the Gaming and Licensing Acts, reckless or negligent driving causing death; but the most notable increase was in the number of persons found in charge of motor-vehicles while in a state of intoxication, no less than ninety-nine persons being dealt with for this class of offence, an increase of sixty-nine over the previous year.

The principal decreases were in offences against morality, trespass on racecourses, failing to maintain wives and children, and breaches of the Employment Promotion Act.

On the 10th August, 1938, a sexual offence of a serious nature was committed on a child seven years of age. The offender was subsequently apprehended and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

On the 5th November, 1938, an old lady, eighty-two years of age, was assaulted and robbed at Levin. The offender tied her to a chair and threatened to strangle her if she called out. He then stole a sum of money from her purse. He was later arrested and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

The conduct of the police during the year has been very good and a high standard of efficiency maintained. There were no defaulters.

#### SUPERINTENDENT LEWIN, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the authorized strength of the district was 240 of all ranks.

During the year the authorized strength was increased by one sergeant, to make better provision for relieving duty on account of annual leave, sickness, &c., one detective-sergeant for duty at Lower Hutt, and one constable for duty at Northland following the establishment of a police-station there.

I consider that an increase in the strength of the city Force is urgently required, and recommend the appointment of four additional men at Wellington Central, two at Taranaki Street, and two at Mount Cook.

Kilbirnie is a growing district that has received a great influx of motor traffic since the opening of the new tunnel, and includes Hataitai and Evans Bay. The present staff is not sufficient to carry out properly the work entailed.

I recommend that the strength at Kilbirnie, Petone, Lower Hutt, and Wellington South be increased by one constable in each case. This is necessary in order to cope with the many duties now devolving on the police.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1938, was 7,304, compared with 7,616 for the previous year, a decrease of 312.

The chief increases were breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act, found unlawfully on licensed premises, gaming offences, breaches of the peace, and attempted house-breaking. Substantial decreases were shown in the case of false statements and declarations, indecent assault on males, theft, burglary, house or shop breaking, reckless or negligent driving, Sunday trading, and sly-grog selling.

On the 7th May, 1938, two members of the crew of the s.s. "Pakeha," which was lying berthed at the Picton Wharf, were painting the ship's side when they discovered a suit-case resting on the edge of a beam underneath the wharf. Upon investigation it was found to contain human remains, and the Picton police were at once notified.

Police examination showed the contents to be the torso of a male person; and later, with the services of a diver, a further suitcase containing a human head and legs was recovered from the bed of the harbour in the same locality. Police inquiries soon established the identity of these human remains as being those of a middle-aged married man who was a resident of Wellington. Urgent inquiries in the Wellington and Nelson Districts definitely connected the deceased's son with the crime, and on the 10th May, 1938, a warrant was obtained for his arrest on a charge of murder. The same morning the Auckland police effected his arrest. On the 23rd July, 1938, following a lengthy trial at the Wellington Supreme Court, the accused was found guilty of manslaughter, and received a sentence of ten years' hard labour.

The conduct of members of the Force in the district has been good, breaches of the regulations dealt with being of a minor nature only.

A satisfactory standard of efficiency has been maintained by both branches of the Service.

I suggest that an amendment to section 18 of the Police Offences Act, 1927, in regard to Sunday trading might be considered.

Subsection (2) makes the keeping open and not the trading the offence. Keeping open in stores and shops is generally difficult to prove where the trading is done per medium of the back door, as invariably the back door is kept closed until such time as someone calls to purchase goods.

Further, the back doors of most shops are not in or in view of a public place; therefore the subsection referred to might be suitably amended by inserting the words "opens or" immediately before the words "keeps open any house, store, shop, &c."

#### INSPECTOR CARROLL, NELSON DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district is thirty-eight.

During the year one of the detectives stationed at Nelson was transferred to Blenheim, thereby giving effect to a recommendation of my predecessor in his last annual report. In that report there was also a recommendation that a station be opened at Renwicktown, which recommendation I fully endorse. Renwicktown is on the main Blenheim-Nelson highway, about eight miles from Blenheim, and is at present worked from Blenheim. The nearest station on the other side is Havelock, which is twenty-eight miles from Blenheim. If a station were opened at Renwicktown, part of the territory at present worked from Havelock, Blenheim, and Picton stations could be more conveniently worked from there. There is very heavy motor traffic on the main highway passing through Renwicktown, which I think requires more supervision than it can receive at present.

For the year ended 31st December, 1938, the total number of offences reported was 846, against 886 for the previous year, a decrease of 40. Arrest or summons resulted in 809 cases, and 37 were undetected. The principal decreases were in breaches of the Employment Promotion Act, after-hour trading on licensed premises, mischief, and drunkenness. There was an increase in the number of house or shop breaking offences.

On the morning of the 16th December last a woman, and her son aged ten years, were found dead in their beds at Uruwhenua, about ten miles from Takaka. They had been shot through the heads, apparently while they slept. The woman's husband was found in a demented condition with a rifle in his hand. He was arrested and charged with murder, but was subsequently found not guilty on the grounds of insanity in respect of the murder of his wife, and ordered to be detained in a mental institution. The charge of murdering his son was adjourned with a view to obtaining leave to enter a *nolle prosequi*.

The only other serious matter reported in this district was in connection with the finding of the body of a man, minus the head and legs, in a suit-case in Picton Harbour on the 7th May. In that case inquiries revealed that the man had been killed in Wellington by his son, who brought the body to Picton for disposal. The offender was arrested and dealt with in Wellington.

The conduct of all members of the Force during the year has been good; there were no defaulters.

#### INSPECTOR MACLEAN, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1939, the strength of the Force in this district was forty-eight.

A new station was established at Wataroa, and the station at Matainui was closed during the year. The station at Waita at present in use is rented and the building is unsuitable. Arrangements are being made to build a new station there.

The total number of offences reported during the year ending 31st December, 1938, was 914, compared with 1,112 reported during the previous year. Of all the offences reported, 867 were dealt with by arrest or summons. The principal decreases were persons found illegally on licensed premises, theft, house and shop breaking, and offences by publicans. The principal increases were failing to maintain wives and children, drunkenness, and breaches of the Arms and Motor-vehicles Acts. No serious crimes were reported during the year, and none of the cases call for special mention.

The general conduct of the police has been excellent; only two constables were dealt with for breaches of the Police Regulations.

#### SUPERINTENDENT CAMERON, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st of March, 1939, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was 169, being an increase of one on the previous year. The strength of sergeants has been increased by one.

The total number of offences reported during the year was 4,834, compared with 4,666 during the previous year, being an increase of 168.

The principal increases appear under the following headings: Obtaining credit by fraud, shop and house breaking, mischief, drunkenness, unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c., injuring pillar-boxes, being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles, reckless or negligent driving, and other breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

There were decreases in the following cases: False pretences, burglary, Sunday trading, found in common gaming-house, and failing to maintain wives and children.

Of the increases, it might be stated that in the cases of obtaining credit by fraud the offences were under the Employment Promotion Act. In breaking, entering, and theft the offenders were mostly youths and young men, while boys were mainly responsible in the cases of mischief. The increases in drunkenness can be accounted for by the improved working-conditions of the working classes, while youths are mainly responsible for the unlawful conversion of motor-cars. The increase

in the cases of intoxicated motor-drivers can be accounted for by the increased number of drivers. The decrease in Sunday trading is probably due to the fact that so many traders realized that heavy fines quickly reduced their profits.

During the year one person was charged with the murder of his aged father. The offender was a mental defective, and is now detained in a mental hospital. In several cases under the Motor-vehicles Act of causing death, there was evidence of the drivers having taken intoxicating liquor.

Recently on a Sunday evening the detectives were patrolling in search of warehouse-breakers and came upon two men under suspicious circumstances. As the detectives approached the men the latter ran away in opposite directions. When pursued by the officers one of the men fired a rifle at his pursuers, and both men escaped arrest, and so far have not been traced.

On the 4th of October a married woman residing with her husband in a public-works hutment at Claverley mysteriously disappeared about 8.30 p.m. Her husband did not report her disappearance to the police, and it only came to their knowledge nearly three weeks later. Claverley is on the seashore, about twenty miles south from Kaikoura. The missing woman did not take any clothing with her. Inquiries have been made from her relatives and friends. The seashore has been searched from Clarence River to Akaroa, and a very close search has been made inland, by a large body of police, but no trace has been found of the missing woman or her remains.

The conduct of the members of the Force on the whole has been good. Four constables were dealt with for breaches of Police Regulations; of these, one was dismissed, and the remainder were fined.

The great majority of the men take a keen interest in their work, and the lectures delivered by experts on finger-prints and firearms have been much appreciated.

The vigilance of some of the young constables on night duty has been rewarded by the capture of several shop-breakers.

The office staffs and inquiry men have carried out their duties efficiently, and the Detective Branch have retained their efficiency and have been responsible for some very creditable work.

#### INSPECTOR SHANAHAN, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1939, was forty-five, being two under the authorized strength.

An increase of one constable at Timaru and one at Oamaru is still required in order to satisfactorily carry out ordinary beat duty, relieving duty, &c. The appointment of a detective-sergeant is again recommended for duty at Oamaru.

The total number of offences reported for the year ended 31st December, 1938, was 856 as compared with 733 for the previous year, an increase of 123. Arrests or summonses resulted in 735 cases. The principal increases were in respect of assault, theft from dwellings, obtaining credit by fraud, house or shop breaking, drunkenness, breaches of the Arms Act, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act. The most notable decreases were assault with intent to commit a crime, false pretences, breach of the peace, using profane, indecent, or obscene language, damaging telegraph equipment, offences against provisions in force in no-license districts, being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle, and reckless or negligent driving.

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

The general conduct of the police in this district during the year has been very good and their duties have been performed in a satisfactory manner. There were no defaulters.

#### SUPERINTENDENT RAWLE, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1939, the actual strength for the district was 118.

The actual further increase required to enable the duties to be satisfactorily carried out in this district is twelve men.

To man the beats and provide relief for annual and weekly leave and sickness seven men are required—three men for a new beat to include the wharves, oil and other stores, in Dunedin, which is very necessary; for assistance at Alexandra and in the Detective Office two further men are required.

It is anticipated that St. Bathans and Ophir Stations will be closed and new stations at Oturehua and Omakau will be opened this year.

The annual offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1938, disclosed that 2,963 offences were reported, as against 2,892 for the previous year, being an increase of 71 offences.

Of the number reported, 2,871 persons were arrested or summoned, leaving 92 undetected offences. Of those charged, 68 persons were committed for trial or sentence, and of these 61 persons were convicted.

The principal increases included the following: Assault, theft, mischief, causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving, and other breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

Decreases included false statements and declarations, drunkenness, obscene language, selling liquor at unauthorized times, found on licensed premises, sly-grog selling, and reckless or negligent driving.

A disquieting feature for the year 1938 is the increase of juvenile crime, which rose to 118 for the quarter ended December, 1938, as against 44 for the same period in 1937; the figures for 1937 were 165, whilst those for 1938 rose to 281. The increase, in my opinion, is due to the lack of fear of the consequences of their acts, and to the greater liberty allowed children from ten up to seventeen years by their parents.

A man was charged with murder, convicted and sentenced to death, the sentence being subsequently commuted to one of life imprisonment. The short facts were that the man had been engaged to marry a young woman, and her mother resented the engagement, which was broken off. Following this, the man, on the night of 14th April, 1938, entered the mother's bedroom and killed her by blows on the head with a 7 lb. hammer.

A woman was charged with murder of her husband, and the jury found her guilty of manslaughter, and she received a sentence of eighteen months' reformatory detention. In this case the husband had neglected his wife for other women, and on 12th December, 1938, following an argument, she attacked her husband, who was in bed, with a tomahawk, and inflicted injuries from which he died.

The general conduct of the police during the year has been satisfactory, all members taking a keen interest in their duties, which have been well performed, the duties of the Detective Branch being particularly well carried out. Five constables were dealt with during the year for breaches of the regulations, and fines inflicted in each case.

#### INSPECTOR GIBSON, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on 31st March, 1939, totalled fifty-three, an increase of 1 sergeant, caused by the placing of a sergeant in charge of Bluff Police-station.

I again recommend an increase of one constable at Gore, this being essential to provide efficiency, especially for relieving duties at Gore and out-stations attached to Gore sub-district.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1938, disclosed a total of 1,108 offences reported, this being a decrease of 6 compared with the previous year. The principal decreases were in theft, assault, and drunkenness. The principal increases were being found unlawfully on licensed premises, breaking, entering, and theft, and false pretences.

There has been no serious crime during the year.

The conduct of some of the police has been only fair, it having been necessary to severely deal with three members for breaches of the Police Regulations.

There are still large numbers of men engaged by the Public Works Department at the Hollyford Valley, Milford Sound, and Haast Pass. This considerably increases the work of and entails long journeys by the constables stationed at Lumsden and Pembroke.

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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, 1937, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938.

Offences.	1937.	1938										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 Sum- monses 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.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths .. ..	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	
False statements and declarations ..	562	397	396	3	..	386	..	7	..	3	..	..	165
Corrupting juries or witnesses .. ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	18	30	30	7	..	23	..	..	..	7	..	12	..
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody .. ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
<i>Offences against Religion.</i>													
Disturbing public worship .. ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence .. ..	16	27	26	22	..	1	..	3	..	22	..	11	..
Unnatural offence, attempted .. ..	12	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	7
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Indecently assaulting a male .. ..	73	61	60	48	..	6	..	6	..	35	..	..	12
Incest .. ..	20	21	21	20	..	..	..	1	..	17	..	1	..
Indecent acts .. ..	19	35	34	7	..	26	..	1	..	9	..	16	..
Publishing obscene matter .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Offences against the Person, &amp;c.</i>													
Neglecting duties tending to the pre- servation of life or health .. ..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..
Murder .. ..	4	7	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	..
Murder, attempted .. ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Manslaughter .. ..	3	5	5	3	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	..
Suicide, attempted .. ..	94	91	91	..	..	45	41	3	2	..	..	..	3
Concealment of birth .. ..	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. ..	3	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Endangering safety of persons on rail- ways or tramways .. ..	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Putting explosive substances in places with intent to do bodily harm .. ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Administering poison or other noxious things with intent to injure or annoy Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Causing actual bodily harm under cir- cumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter .. ..	30	25	23	17	..	4	..	2	..	16	..	..	5
Assault, indecent .. ..	4	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Assault with intent to commit a crime ..	112	102	92	46	..	34	..	12	..	32	..	..	10
Assault .. ..	11	8	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	3
Rape .. ..	629	728	713	9	..	632	15	55	2	6	..	99	..
Rape, attempted .. ..	5	12	11	10	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	7	..
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years .. ..	15	8	8	7	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	7
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years, attempts to .. ..	92	29	29	24	..	1	..	4	..	20	..	..	63
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years, attempts to .. ..	9	9	7	5	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carnally knowing idiots or imbecile women, attempts to .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defilement of women or girls, procuring, permitting, or conspiring to induce, &c. .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Abortion, procuring .. ..	13	13	12	2	6	..	..	1	3	1	2	..	..



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Offences.	1937.	1938.										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 Sum- mons 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.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.— <i>continued.</i>													
<i>Offences against the Person, &amp;c.—cont.</i>													
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Abortion, procuring own .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bigamy .. .. .	12	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6
Abduction .. .. .	6	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stealing children under fourteen years	1	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed) .. .. .	5,865	6,009	4,601	117	3	3,920	413	135	13	96	2	144	..
Theft, attempted .. .. .	25	34	34	4	..	22	4	4	..	2	..	9	..
Theft from the person .. .. .	8	14	6	3	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	6	..
Theft from the person, attempted .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Theft from dwellings .. .. .	251	265	140	35	..	92	4	9	..	35	..	14	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted .. .. .	11	10	5	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Theft by clerks or servants .. .. .	75	109	105	57	..	43	..	4	1	47	..	34	..
Theft of animals (specified) .. .. .	46	71	60	15	..	43	1	1	..	7	..	25	..
Theft of animals, attempted .. .. .	2	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
False pretences .. .. .	911	729	672	69	..	551	34	18	..	64	..	..	182
False pretences, attempted .. .. .	31	22	22	3	..	15	4	..	..	3	..	..	9
Obtaining credit by fraud .. .. .	117	127	123	..	..	115	4	3	1	..	..	10	..
False accounting by officials or clerks	12	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
False statements by officials or public officers	12	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft	2	12	12	..	..	9	2	..	1	..	..	10	..
Robbery and aggravated robbery .. .. .	8	14	13	12	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	6	..
Assault with intent to rob .. .. .	3	5	5	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	..
Demanding with intent to steal .. .. .	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Extortion by threats .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Burglary .. .. .	110	76	59	42	..	15	1	1	..	42	..	..	34
Burglary, attempted .. .. .	11	15	11	8	..	3	..	..	..	8	..	4	..
House or shop breaking, &c. .. .. .	913	1,004	769	327	..	431	..	11	..	318	..	91	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	82	111	77	47	..	21	..	9	..	41	..	29	..
Being found in dwelling-house by night	1	6	6	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	5	..
Being armed with intent to break or enter	6	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements	7	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	2
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	122	98	96	13	..	72	4	7	..	13	..	..	24
Forgery .. .. .	143	85	76	41	1	28	3	3	..	36	1	..	58
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	30	33	29	23	..	6	..	..	..	22	..	3	..
Sending false telegram .. .. .	1	3	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Procuring execution of documents by false pretences	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Possessing forged bank-notes .. .. .	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Using or possessing machinery, &c., for making revenue or bank-note paper	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Personation .. .. .	3	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Coin, offences relating to .. .. .	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Arson .. .. .	12	15	13	4	3	6	..	..	..	3	3	3	..
Arson, attempted .. .. .	9	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Setting fire to crops, attempted .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Mischief .. .. .	879	838	795	4	..	738	26	27	..	4	..	..	41
Mischief on railways and tramways .. .. .	7	18	17	..	..	14	..	3	..	..	..	11	..
Possessing or making explosive sub- stance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime	..	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
Sending threatening letters .. .. .	1	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Threatening acts with intent to intimi- date	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	586	712	708	1	..	656	6	43	2	1	..	126	..
Cruelty to animals .. .. .	72	47	46	..	..	37	1	8	..	..	..	..	25
Drunkenness .. .. .	4,360	5,202	5,202	..	..	5,037	119	16	..	..	..	842	..
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	18	18	18	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drunk and disorderly .. .. .	171	226	226	..	..	220	4	2	..	..	..	55	..
Soliciting prostitution .. .. .	..	7	7	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	7	..

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Offences.	1937.	1938.										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 Sum- mons 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.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
POLICE OFFENCES ACT—continued.													
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	222	222	214	8	..	194	3	8	1	7	..	..	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	468	542	538	..	..	511	17	10	..	..	..	74	..
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incor- rigible rogues)	231	309	308	..	..	244	37	20	7	..	..	78	..
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	88	163	162	..	..	146	7	8	1	..	..	75	..
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawless- ness	2	16	16	..	..	15	..	1	..	..	..	14	..
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	786	916	752	68	..	664	2	18	..	67	..	130	..
Unlawfully on premises at night with- out criminal intent	158	147	147	..	..	129	2	16	..	..	..	..	11
Sunday trading .. .. .	270	163	163	..	..	125	33	3	2	..	..	..	107
False allegation <i>re</i> commission of offence	6	6	6	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
GAMING ACT.													
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c.	112	119	119	..	..	106	..	13	..	..	..	7	..
Found in a common gaming-house ..	332	207	207	..	..	201	..	6	..	..	..	..	125
Gaming with instruments .. ..	50	61	61	..	..	59	..	2	..	..	..	11	..
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	24	10	10	..	..	7	..	1	2	..	..	..	14
Betting, unlawful .. .. .	23	19	19	..	..	15	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Following the occupation of bookmaker	76	120	120	..	..	106	6	8	..	..	..	44	..
Publishing betting-charts .. ..	36	7	7	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	29
Trespass on racecourse .. .. .	30	55	54	..	..	50	4	..	..	..	..	25	..
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.													
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	1	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	53	14	12	7	..	4	..	1	..	6	..	..	39
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets	8	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Unlawfully opening mail-bags ..	1	3	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..
Fraudulently secreting or detaining mis- delivered mail-bags, &c.	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	11	23	23	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	12	..
Damaging telegraph equipment ..	73	59	56	..	..	54	..	2	..	..	..	..	14
Posting indecent postcards or letters ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
False statement <i>re</i> posting postal packet	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.													
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	1,895	2,057	1,875	..	..	1,683	9	179	4	..	..	162	..
Failing for fourteen days to pay main- tenance moneys	2,241	2,594	2,451	..	..	2,219	17	215	..	..	..	353	..
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force	25	30	30	..	..	25	..	5	..	..	..	5	..
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act ..	6	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.													
Ship-desertion .. .. .	112	178	101	..	..	93	..	8	..	..	..	66	..
Absent without leave .. .. .	13	18	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Offences against discipline .. ..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Embezzling cargo .. .. .	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stowing away .. .. .	30	32	32	..	..	29	..	2	1	..	..	2	..
LICENSING ACT.													
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct	7	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxi- cated persons	6	3	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	661	661	661	..	..	446	42	161	12	..	..	..	..
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	54	48	48	..	..	31	1	16	..	..	..	..	6
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons	12	15	15	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	3	..

## 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, 1937, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938 *continued*.

Offences.	1937.	1938.										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 Sum- mons 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.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
LICENSING ACT—continued.													
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	4	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Employing minors in bars .. ..	4	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	..
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives ..	153	161	99	..	..	87	..	12	..	..	..	..	52
Obstructing Inspectors or refusing entrance to Inspectors or constables	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Using bottles with labels more than once	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Breaches of prohibition orders .. ..	517	641	636	..	..	617	13	5	1	..	..	124	..
Found on licensed premises after closing-hours	2,048	1,863	1,859	..	..	1,723	29	165	2	..	..	..	185
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	15	30	30	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	15	..
Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license	167	167	166	..	..	83	10	11	2	..	..	..	60
Found on premises where liquor was seized under a warrant	122	75	75	..	..	67	..	7	1	..	..	..	47
Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	110	45	45	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	39	57	54	..	..	45	3	3	3	..	..	18	..
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	55	100	100	1	..	85	4	10	..	..	..	45	..
Supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts	98	139	139	..	..	121	..	15	..	..	..	41	..
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurants after hours	1	16	16	..	..	7	..	9	..	..	..	15	..
MISCELLANEOUS.													
Absconding from industrial schools ..	9	23	23	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	14	..
Bankruptcy offences .. ..	7	7	7	4	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping, &c.	6	4	4	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	2
Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing	2	7	6	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	5	..
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	33	43	25	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offensive manner, &c., on a railway, &c.	16	13	13	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders Probation Act	135	134	124	..	..	116	5	3	..	..	..	..	1
Habitual criminals or offenders, breach of conditions of probationary license	15	13	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Indecent Publications Act, offences under	5	26	26	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	21	..
Opium-smoking, &c. .. ..	96	66	66	..	..	62	..	4	..	..	..	..	30
Smuggling .. ..	6	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Trespassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c.	24	33	33	..	..	31	2	..	..	..	..	9	..
Arms Act, breaches of .. ..	297	333	332	..	..	325	1	6	..	..	..	36	..
Second-hand Dealers Act, breaches of	7	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT.													
Causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving	59	73	73	60	2	4	..	7	..	30	1	14	..
Being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle	634	810	806	1	..	755	3	47	..	1	..	176	..
Reckless or negligent driving .. ..	2,099	1,907	1,894	9	..	1,650	54	177	4	8	..	..	192
Other breaches of Act .. ..	5,975	11,174	11,160	5	..	10,557	253	316	29	3	..	4,199	..
Totals .. ..	38,629	44,308	41,618	1,267	20	37,080	1,288	1,859	104	1,106	14	7,435	1756
Increase .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,679	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1939.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Defectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
<b>Whangarei District</b>													
Whangarei	..	1	..	1	1	13	..	..	..	2	18	..	..
Dargaville	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Hikurangi	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Houhora	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaco	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaikohu	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Kaitiaki	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Kawakawa	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mangonui	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Maungaturoto	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ohaeawai	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rawene	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Ruawai	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Russell	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipu	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals	..	1	..	1	3	31	1	..	..	2	39	..	..
<b>Auckland District</b>													
Auckland	..	1	2	2	247	107	25	1	6	15	178	..	..
Avondale	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Balmoral	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Birkenhead	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Coromandel	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Devonport	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Ellerslie	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Epsom	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Freeman's Bay	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
Grey Lynn	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Helensville	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Henderson	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Howick	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Huntly	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Kingsland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kohimarama	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Manurewa	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mercer	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Albert	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Mount Eden	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..
Mt. Eden (South)	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mount Roskill	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
New Lynn	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Newmarket	..	..	..	1	2	12	..	..	..	..	15	..	..
Newton	..	..	..	1	3	17	1	..	..	..	22	..	..
Northcote	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Onehunga	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..
Otahuhu	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..
Papakura	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Papatoetoe	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Parnell	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Point Chevalier	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ponsonby	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Port Fitzroy (Great Barrier)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Pukekohe	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Queen St. Wharf (A)	..	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Remuera	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Surfdale	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Takapuna	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Thames	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Thames South	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tuakau	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waiuku	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Warkworth	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wellsford	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whitianga	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Totals	..	1	2	2	731	229	26	1	6	15	320	2	..
<b>Hamilton District—</b>													
Hamilton	..	1	..	1	1	26	..	..	1	2	32	..	..
Cambridge	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Frankton Junction	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Hamilton East	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaitikati	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kawhia	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kerepehi	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kihikihī	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mutamata	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Morrinsville	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
<b>Hamilton District—continued.</b>													
Ngaurawahia	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Otorohanga	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Paeroa	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Putaruru	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Raglan	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rotorua	..	..	1	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Taupo	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tauranga	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Te Aroha	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Te Kuiti	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Te Puke	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Whaiti	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Tokomaru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waihi	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Totals	..	1	1	1	6	72	..	..	1	2	84	1	..
<b>Gisborne District—</b>													
Gisborne	..	1	..	1	1	17	..	..	1	1	22	..	..
Bartlettts	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kaiti	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Makaraka	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Matawai	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Opotiki	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1
Patutahi	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ruatorua	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Taneatua	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Araroa	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Te Karaka	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tikitiki	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tokomaru Bay	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tolaga Bay	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipiro Bay	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whakatane	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
Totals	..	1	..	1	2	36	..	..	1	1	42	..	1
<b>Napier District—</b>													
Napier	..	1	..	1	1	16	..	..	1	2	22	..	..
Bay View	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Carlisle Street	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Clive	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dannevirke	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Hastings	..	..	..	1	1	12	..	..	1	1	16	..	..
Havelock North	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kopuawhara	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Mohaka	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nuhaka	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ongaonga	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ormondville	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Porangahau	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Port Ahuriri	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Takapau	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Taradale	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipawa	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Waipukurau	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Wairoa	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..

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

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	
Wanganui District—														Nelson District—														
Wanganui ..	1			1	1	20			2	1	26			Nelson ..		1		1	1	13			1	17				
Aramoho ..						1					1			Blenheim ..				1		7				1	9			
Castlediff ..						1					1			Collingwood ..						1					1			
Gonville ..						1					1			Havelock ..						1					1			
Hunterville ..						1					1			Motueka ..						2					2			
Mangaweka ..						1					1			Murchison ..						1					1			
Manunui ..						1					1			Pieton ..						2					2			
National Park ..						1					1			Port Nelson ..						1					1			
Ohakune ..						1					1			Richmond ..						1					1			
Ohura ..						1					1			Seddon ..						1					1			
Ongarue ..						1					1			Takaka ..						1					1			
Patea ..						2					2			Wakefield ..						1					1			
Raetihi ..						1					1			Totals ..		1		2	1	32			1	1	38			
Raurimu ..						1					1			Greymouth District—														
St. John's (Wanganui)						1					1			Greymouth ..		1			1	13			1	1	17			
Taihape ..					1	4					5			Ahaura ..						1					1			
Taumarunui ..					1	4					5			Blackball ..						1					1			
Waitotara ..						1					1			Bruce Bay ..						1					1			
Wanganui East ..						1					1			Brunnerton ..						1					1			
Waverley ..						1					1			Charleston ..						1					1			
Totals ..	1			1	3	46			2	1	54			Cobden ..						1					1			
Palmerston North District—																												
Palmerston North ..	1			1	1	22	1		1	3	30			Denniston ..						1					1			
Ashhurst ..						1					1			Granity ..						1					1			
Bulls ..						1					1			Hokitika ..					1	4					5			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.)						1					1			Kanieri ..						1					1			
Eketahuna ..						1					1			Karamea ..						1					1			
Feilding ..					1	4					5			Kumara ..						1					1			
Foxton ..						2					2			Millerton ..						1					1			
Kimbolton ..						1					1			Otira ..						1					1			
Levin ..						2					2			Reefton ..					1	2					3			
Marton ..					1	2					3			Ross ..						1					1			
Otaki ..						2					2			Runanga ..						1					1			
Pahiatua ..					1	2					3			Waiuta ..						1					1			
Pongaroa ..						1					1			Wataroa ..						1					1			
Rongotea ..						1					1			Westport ..					1	4					5			
Shannon ..						1					1			Totals ..		1			4	40			1	1	47			
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)						1					1			Christchurch District—														
Woodville ..						1					1			Christchurch ..	1	1	1	2	8	62	17		1	3	7	103		
Totals ..	1			1	4	46	1		1	3	57			Addington ..					1	1					2			
Wellington District—																												
Wellington ..	1	1	2	1	9	66	5	1	4	9	99			Akaroa ..						1					1			
Brooklyn ..						1					1			Amberley ..						1					1			
Carterton ..						2					2			Ashburton ..					1	6					7			
Eastbourne ..						1					1			Beckenham ..						1					1			
Featherston ..						2					2			Belfast ..						1					1			
Greytown ..						1					1			Bingsland ..						1					1			
Island Bay ..						1					1			Chatham Islands						1					1			
Johnsonville ..						1					1			Cheviot ..						1					1			
Karori ..						1					1			Coalgate ..						1					1			
Kelburn ..						1					1			Culverden ..						1					1			
Khandallah ..						1					1			Darfield ..						1					1			
Kilbirnie ..					1	4					5			Fendalton ..						1					1			
Lower Hutt ..					1	8			1		10			Islington ..						1					1			
Lytall Bay ..						1					1			Kaipoi ..					2						2			
Martinborough ..						1					1			Kaikoura ..					2						2			
Masterton ..				1		7			1		9			Leeston ..					1						1			
Miramar ..						1					1			Lincoln ..						1					1			
Mount Cook ..					1	3	20	7			31			Linwood ..						1					1			
Moera ..						1					1			Little River ..						1					1			
Northland ..						1					1			Lower Riccarton						1					1			
Paekakariki ..						1					1			Lyttelton ..				1		9					10			
Petone ..				1		8			1		10			Methven ..						1					1			
Seatoun ..						1					1			New Brighton ..					1	2					3			
Taranaki Street ..					1	3	29	3			36			North New Brighton						1					1			
Thorndon Quay ..						1					1			Oxford ..						1					1			
Tinui ..						1					1			Papanui ..						1					1			
Tinakori Road ..						1					1			Phillipstown ..						1					1			
Upper Hutt ..						2					2			Rakaia ..						1					1			
Wadestown ..						1					1			Rangiora ..					1	2					3			
Wellington South ..				1		7					8			Riccarton (Upper)						1					1			
Wharf (Wellington)					1	6					7			St. Albans ..					1	2					3			
Totals ..	1	1	2	6	18	180	15	1	7	9	240			Southbridge ..						1					1			
														Sumner ..						1					1			
														Sydenham ..					1	5					6			
														Waikari ..						1					1			
														Woolston ..						1					1			
														Totals ..	1	1	1	3	14	121	17		1	3	7	169		

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Timaru District—														Dunedin District—													
Timaru ..	1			1	1	16			1	1	21			<i>continued.</i>													
Duntroon ..							1				1			St. Kilda ..						1						1	
Fairlie ..							1				1			South Dunedin ..					1	7						8	
Geradine ..							1				1			Waikouaiti ..						1						1	
Glenavy ..							1				1			Waitahuna ..						1						1	
Hampden ..							1				1			Waitati ..						1						1	
Kurow ..							1				1			Woodhaugh ..						1						1	
Oamaru ..				1		8					9			Totals ..	1	1		1	12	90	4	1	3	5	118		
Pleasant Point ..						1					1			Invercargill Dis- trict—													
St. Andrew's ..						1					1			Invercargill ..		1		1	1	20			1	2	26		
Temuka ..					1	2					3			Arrowtown ..						1					1		
Waimataitai ..						1					1			Bluff ..						1	2				3		
Waimate ..					1	3					4			Clinton ..						1					1		
Totals ..	1			2	3	37			1	1	45			Gore ..					1	4					5		
Dunedin District—														Half-moon Bay ..													
Dunedin ..	1	1		1	9	37	4	1	3	5	62			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		
Maori Hill ..						1					1			Tokanui ..						1					1		
Middlemarch ..						1					1			Tuatapere ..						1					1		
Milton ..						1					1			Waikaia ..						1					1		
Mornington ..						1					1			Waikiwi ..						1					1		
Mosgiel ..						2					2			Winton ..						1					1		
Naseby ..						1					1			Wyndham ..						1					1		
North Dunedin ..					1	7					8			Totals ..	1			1	3	45			1	2	53		
North-east Valley ..						1					1			Attached to head- quarters staff													
Ophir ..						1					1			Lent to Cook Islands						1					1		
Outram ..						1					1			Administration													
Owaka ..						1					1			Lent to Samoan						1					1		
Palmerston South ..						1					1			Administration													
Port Chalmers ..					1	5					6			On leave prior to retirement	1			1		3	1				6		
Portobello ..						1					1			Grand totals ..	6	15	6	34	114	1107	66	4	31	56	1439	3	1
Ranfurly ..						1					1																
Ravensbourne ..						1					1																
Roslyn ..						1					1																
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 ..	1,439	1,624,714	1 to 1,129	s. d. 7 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Victoria ..	2,283	1,873,760	1 to 821	8 4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
New South Wales ..	3,699	2,735,695	1 to 740	10 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Queensland ..	1,358	1,004,150	1 to 739	11 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
South Australia ..	866	595,109	1 to 687	10 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Western Australia ..	580	462,461	1 to 797	10 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Tasmania ..	281	241,407	1 to 859	10 9

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