

The only additional appointments would be (setting aside the penal prison): 1st, a Director of Prisons; 2nd, two surgeons (if new prisons were built), one for each of the invalid prisons; and a discipline clerk (a warder), and a schoolmaster, at each of the large prisons. The subordinate staff of warders should be—one warder to every eight prisoners in public-works prisons, and one warder to every ten prisoners in close prisons. The existing prisons, in so far as they are suitable, could be utilized and converted into close or public-works prisons.

The interior economy of prison matters requires careful handling, and it is a hard question—far from being yet decided—as to the best mode of dealing with the criminal classes.

Trusting that I shall not have been thought to be dictatorial in the above, but simply jotting down my ideas of New Zealand prison requirements,

I have, &c.,
SAM. CHAS. PHILLIPS,
Chief Gaoler.

RETURN of the NUMBER of PRISONERS CONFINED in the PRISONS in NEW ZEALAND, according to latest Returns received.

Prison at	Males.	Females.	Prison at	Males.	Females.
Addington	64	32	Nelson	16	1
Ahaura	1	...	Newcastle	5	...
Arrowtown	1	...	New Plymouth	13	1
Auckland	181	53	Oamaru	7	1
Charleston	1	...	Opotiki	2	...
Clyde	8	1	Picton	7	...
Dunedin	145	35	Queenstown	1	...
Gisborne	8	...	Reefton	2	...
Greymouth	5	1	Ross	1	...
Hokitika	25	9	Russell	2	...
„ (Lower Gaol)	3	2	Thames	15	3
Invercargill	24	3	Tauranga	4	...
Kumara	2	3	Timaru	37	4
Lawrence	2	2	Wanganui	37	1
Lyell	1	1	Wellington	100	13
Lyttelton	114	...	Westport	2	...
Napier	46	1			
Naseby	5	...	Total	887	167

LIST of VISITING JUSTICES to PRISONS.

Prison.	Visiting Justices.
Auckland ...	B. Maclean, R. C. Barstow, D. M. Luckie.
Tauranga ...	H. W. Brabant.
Gisborne ...	A. Graham, H. Kenrick.
Opotiki ...	C. Thomson, G. A. Preece.
Newcastle ...	W. N. Searancke, A. Cox.
New Plymouth ...	W. M. Crompton, H. E. Kenny, T. King, R. Parris, C. Brown.
Napier ...	H. S. Tiffen, J. Anderson.
Wanganui ...	W. H. Watt, J. Nixon, E. Hardcastle.
Wellington ...	W. Lyon, J. Woodward, E. Pearce, J. Dransfield, J. Paul.
Nelson ...	W. Wells, R. Pollock, C. H. Brown, O. Curtis, J. Sharp.
Westport ...	J. W. Humphrey, C. Broad.
Picton ...	J. Allen, A. P. Seymour, W. D. H. Baillie.
Addington ...	G. L. Mellish, G. W. Hall.
Lyttelton ...	T. H. Potts, W. Donald, H. R. Webb.
Timaru ...	B. Woolcombe, F. Archer.
Hokitika ...	J. A. Bonar, R. C. Reid, J. Giles.
Greymouth ...	W. H. Revell, J. Greenwood, jun.
Dunedin ...	A. Chetham-Strode, J. Logan, T. Fraser, W. H. Reynolds, I. N. Watt, W. Purdie, J. F. Thomson, A. Willis, E. B. Cargill, W. H. Cutten, W. Fraser, James Brown.
Clyde ...	W. L. Simpson, V. Pyke.
Arrow ...	H. A. Stratford, J. B. Lake.
Lawrence ...	E. H. Carew, W. G. Rees.
Naseby ...	H. W. Robinson, L. W. Bush.
Invercargill ...	W. H. Pearson, J. F. Dundas, D. McArthur.
Chatbams ...	S. Deighton, H. T. Pattison.
Oamaru ...	T. W. Parker, J. Udall.
Queenstown ...	H. A. Stratford, W. Mason.