

8. *Food and Indulgences.*

(1.) Sale of rations for different classes:—

RATION SCALE No. 1.							RATION SCALE No. 2.						
Males.			Females.				Males.			Females.			
A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.		A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	
Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.		Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	Oz.	
Oaten meal ...	7	...	7	5	...	5	Oaten meal ...	7	...	7	5	...	5
Bread ...	24	28	32	16	20	24	Bread ...	16	20	24	12	16	20
Potatoes ...	16	16	...	12	12	...	Potatoes ...	8	8	...	8	8	...
Sugar ...	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	Sugar ...	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
Salt ...	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Salt ...	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Tea ...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	Tea ...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...
Vegetables (mixed): carrots, turnips, and onions ...	2	2	2	2	2	2	Vegetables (mixed): carrots, turnips, and onions ...	2	2	2	2	2	2
Meat (weighed raw, without bone) ...	12	12	12	8	8	8	Meat (weighed raw, without bone) ...	6	6	6	6	6	6

RATION SCALE No. 3.

Bread	...	...	...	...	...	...	Males.	Females.
							16 oz.	16 oz.

(2.) Punishment reductions from scale No. 1 to scale No. 2 or No. 3, and from No. 2 to No. 3. Prisoners on No. 2 rations who become industrious are placed on No. 1.

(3.) No. The ration scale is such as will enable a prisoner to perform hard labour and support his health. Any decrease would probably affect his body more than his disposition.

(4.) Not allowed.

(5.) Vegetables as food, and tobacco as an indulgence, are most desired. Reduced rations dreaded as punishment, and additional imprisonment especially so.

(6.) Such prisoners as have friends take every opportunity afforded for communication with them. Such visits have a beneficial effect, making prisoners bear imprisonment more patiently, and also serving to keep them as members of their several families, or to continue advantageous friendships. Prisoners look upon the withdrawal of any such privilege as a severe punishment.

(7.) Yes. The allowance for exertion-money as previously mentioned.

Medical and Hygeian.

(1 to 8.) These questions have been answered in writing by Dr. Philson, the Visiting Surgeon, and his replies are annexed.

10. *Religious and other Instruction offered.*

(1.) Church of England, 61; Roman Catholics, 60; Wesleyans, 4; Presbyterians, 14; others, 25.

(2.) The Bishop of Auckland and others, Church of England, every Sunday morning; Rev. Father Macdonald, Roman Catholic, occasional Sunday afternoons; Rev. Mr. Lawry and others, Wesleyan, every alternate Sunday afternoon; Rev. P. Mason, Presbyterian, every alternate Sunday afternoon; Rev. T. Hamer, undenominational, every Wednesday for one hour, and also visiting during that day; Maori ministers, Church of England and Wesleyan, every Sunday morning.

(3.) (a.) No report. (b.) Prisoners generally earnest and attentive, and desirous to attend service.

(4.) Church of England service is held in the hard-labour mess-room every Sunday morning, for penal-servitude and hard-labour prisoners (men), and is also occasionally held in the waiting-trial mess-room for female prisoners, and for prisoners waiting-trial, &c., and juveniles. Roman Catholic service is held every Sunday morning in the penal mess-room, and is conducted by an officer of the Gaol. Service is also held in the same room on such occasions as the priest may attend. Wesleyan and Presbyterian services are held on alternate Sundays (afternoon) in the hard-labour mess-room. Maori Church of England and Wesleyan services are held every Sunday morning, in the small room in which prisoners are dressed and washed on reception into Gaol during the week.

(5.) There is a harmonium which is used by a voluntary choir (prisoners) during Church of England service and occasional Roman Catholic services. It is also used by the choir for practice on Sunday afternoons.

(6.) There is a library of 114 volumes (which have been purchased during the present year) for the use of prisoners, subject to rules providing for the careful use of the books. The principal condition is that each prisoner shall produce his book (undamaged) for inspection once a week, a condition strictly complied with. The books most used are the works of Charles Dickens and other standard novelists, and also magazines.

(7.) (a.) None. (b.) Instruction daily by one of the officers of the gaol. (c.) Moderate.

(8.) Every opportunity that occurs is taken advantage of to encourage the industrious and well-disposed, but there is no regular system for attempting reform.