

DUNEDIN GAOL.

2. *Description of each Prison.*

- [1.] Central; City of Dunedin; northern; easy; about a quarter of a mile.
- [2.] Stone, brick, wood, and iron.
- [3.] Attached.
- [4.] Blue-stone walls, 2 feet thick; windows and other apertures guarded by iron bars.
- [5.] None.
- [6.] Accommodation for 186.
- [7.] Fifteen separate cells; dormitories and association cells as shown on plan.
- [8.] 1873—Males, 70·65; females, 15·60. 1874—Males, 87·94; females, 19·02. 1875—Males, 129·70; females, 27·95. 1876—Males, 128·44; females, 24·38. 1877—Males, 107·24; females, 26·09.
- [9] to [14]. *See plan.*
- [15.] For ventilation, *see plan*; no appliance for heating.
- [16.] *See plan.*
- [17.] As a prison this possesses no special advantages, and many deficiencies, which could only be altered by adopting the reply to next question.
- [18.] Pull down and rebuild.
- [19.] The stone building fire-proof; the other portions commanded by a constant and plentiful supply of water. Yes.

3. *Prison Regulations in force, and Discipline.*

- [1.] As per *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 17, March 18th, 1875.
- [2.] Yes, except such cases as have been brought under the notice of the Visiting Justices.
- [3.] Strictly enforced.
- [4.] To suit trains.
- [5.] Yes, favourable; but not more so as regards work in this prison than before its introduction.
- [6.] Not heard of any.
- [7.] Five: the Hon. Captain Fraser, W. H. Reynolds, John Logan, James Brown, and O. B. Cargill, Esquires, Justices of the Peace.
- [8.] Of inspection; to hear complaints, if any; to adjudicate on and award punishment for offences by prisoners or officers. Weekly and oftener if required. A record-book for Visiting Justices, signed each visit.
- [9.] No reports.
- [10.] No; the Visiting Justices of this Gaol are the proper inspectors, and, under the promptings of their own sense of duty or feeling of humanity, they perform the duty of inspection weekly, or oftener if required. This work is thoroughly done. For years past prison inspection in the Home country has been reduced in most cases to a mere formality, and is of a perfunctory character.
- [11.] General receiving-book, religion-book, male and female ration and labour books, property-book, daily and monthly discharge-books; daily state, cash, and punishment books. Every entry regular and prompt.
- [12.] None.
- [13.] 1,237; 1,230 by Visiting Justices and 7 by Gaoler. Insubordination, 70; idleness, 464; obscene and improper language, 285; other offences, 361; assaults on officers, 3; assaults on prisoners, 54.
- [14.] Would require a special return of considerable bulk, with the name of each offender. If requisite, will furnish.
- [15.] From 1873 to 1877 there were recommitted—once, 364; twice, 188; three times and over, 429.
- [16.] A full description of each prisoner, with all marks and peculiarities, in receiving-book.
- [17.] One, by prisoner Cyrus Haley, absconding from prison works, Bell Hill; death; unknown. Attempted to escape on morning of 4th October, 1875, and was shot at junction of Moray Place and Stuart Street, by Warder James Millar. Jury found verdict of "Justifiable homicide."
- [18.] Quarrying and filling tramway wagons, stone-breaking or building sea-wall, Beach Road, and solitary confinement on bread and water; during the winter months without a mattress.
- [19.] Yes. Passed to their credit in property-book, and used for requirements, such as socks, drawers, books, music, postage, &c., and, when liberated, balance or full amount, as may be, handed to each, and receipt taken in property-book.

4. *Number, Classification, and Separation of Prisoners.*

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| (1.) 3,822. | (3 months. | 6 months. | 9 months. | 12 months. | 18 months. | 24 months. | |
| | 2,767 | 188 | 17 | 58 | 27 | 29 | |
| | 3 yrs. | 4 yrs. | 5 yrs. | 6 yrs. | 7 yrs. | 12 yrs. | 13 yrs. and upwards. |
| | 20 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | Life. |
| | | | | | | | Unconvicted. |
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- (2.) 764·40.
 - (3.) (a.) 87.
 - (b.) 1.
 - (c.) 199.
 - (d.) 1,591.
 - (e.) 58.
 - (f.) 99.
 - (g.) 48.
 - (h.) 978.
 - (4.) None. Construction prevents separation in classes in any of these particulars.
 - (5.) The above negative will suggest an answer here.