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NEW ZEALAND.

NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The COMMISSIONER of POLICE to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Commissioner's Office, Wellington, 5th April, 1890.

I have the honour to submit for your information the annual report on the Police Force of this colony, and the criminal statistics for the year ending 31st March, 1890.

On the above-mentioned date the strength of the police was 494, against 484 for the corresponding period of last year (1889). This increase is due chiefly to the unusual police protection required by Dunedin before and after the opening of the Exhibition, and to the fact that three district constables have been dispensed with, and the same number of men of the regular force employed in their place.

In addition to the above strength, there are 11 district constables and 12 Native constables.

Four new stations have been opened during the past year—viz., Nenthorn (to provide police protection at the new goldfields of that name), Waipiro in Cook County, Kurow, and Culverden. This last station is on the terminus of the Hurunui Railway, and its establishment has enabled me to close the old stations at Hurunui and Waiau. The Kamo station has also been closed and the constable removed to Whangarei, where he can be more usefully employed.

Since my last report the following stations have been increased in strength—viz., Dunedin, 5; Ahaura, 1; Reefton, 1; Palmerston North, 2; Ponsonby, 1. These augmentations are consequent in the case of Dunedin on the Exhibition, in that of Ahaura and Reefton on the prosecution of the Midland Railway works, and at Palmerston on the very large increase of population, the result of settlement of bush lands and the extension of the flax industry.

The casualties in the force during the past year have been as follow: Retired on compensation, 8; resignations, 9; transferred to prisons, 1; dismissed, 2; death, 1: total, 21.

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Police Force of this colony retains its popularity, and that a large number of recruits of good class can be obtained from the Permanent Artillery. Moreover, numerous applications for enrolment have been received from persons who, not having served in the permanent forces, are not eligible for the police so long as recruits are obtainable from the former force. Many most desirable men are lost to us owing to this regulation, since the applicants are for the most part married men, and for that reason could not afford to join the artillery on the pay of a third-class gunner, and await their turn for the police.

The rate of pay drawn by junior (third-class) constables is not large, but it is apparently sufficient to support a married man even in a town, for nearly three-fifths of the juniors are married, and the men of this rank are, for obvious reasons, mostly stationed in towns.

The first- and second-class constables are not only better paid, but have also the advantage of country stations. It has been found by experience that as a rule ten years' service will entitle a man to receive charge of a country station, of which there are over two hundred, and in a few cases where men have shown special energy or aptitude for their work this much-desired post has been obtained in less time, but under no circumstances is an unmarried man allowed this privilege.

For the last three years there has been but little promotion in the police. This state of things has arisen from the fact that the higher ranks have been blocked by an excessive number of sergeants and first-class constables, a heritage from provincial institutions. This evil still exists, to the detriment of energetic juniors, who are naturally impatient at the want of promotion. This state of stagnation will, however, shortly disappear, and meanwhile aspirants are reading to pass the examinations which are now necessary to enable constables to attain the rank of sergeant. I quite recognise that the slow rate of advancement is a real grievance to those who have joined within the last eight years, but I have not felt myself justified in giving promotion while I have sergeants doing the work of constables, except in cases where members of the Force have performed specially meritorious actions, and have been recommended by their officers. In such cases promotion has not been withheld, so that men might see that really good service would, under all circumstances, be recognised.

The class of men now enrolled in the police is such that it is unnecessary to test their qualifications by a general-knowledge examination; but, with the view of encouraging constables to acquire a sound knowledge of criminal law and evidence, a system of examination in these subjects has been instituted. A pass in the junior examination renders a man eligible for the rank of first-class constable, while a pass in the senior holds out the prospect of sergeants' rank to the successful candidate.

The junior examination includes the following subjects: 1. Police Code; 2. Evidence and convictions as laid down in Johnston's "Justice of the Peace." The senior will include certain of the most useful of the criminal statutes of this colony. The first sitting under these regulations was held last January. Forty-three competitors attended, of whom twenty-four passed most creditably, for the papers were difficult, but exceedingly well considered, and were due to the kindness of H. A. Stratford, Esq., R.M., Oamaru, who volunteered his services as Police Examiner.

I have promoted the four men who obtained the greatest number of marks in this examination, in order to encourage those who had the energy to read up the theory of their duty. It is not, however, intended that this promotion shall become a precedent, since it is expressly provided that the examination is not competitive, and that a pass only is required, after which the rule of seniority has force. Moreover, it is obvious that some exceedingly good constables have failed to take a prominent position in the examination-list, and in one or two instances have not been able to pass. This examination is intended to encourage men to read up the criminal law and duties of constables, but it is not intended that it shall overshadow the real and practical work of the police.

I would again bring before your notice the advisability of instituting some system of pension which shall apply to at least a portion of the Police Force. We have now 400 men drawing long-service pay, of whom 295 receive 1s. per diem after ten years' service, and 105 receive 6d. after five years' service. Concerning these men I have no recommendation to make at present, for it may be fairly assumed that the long-service pay was granted in lieu of pension. There are, however, 67 constables who, having joined since the 10th February, 1887, are debarred by circular of that date from receiving long-service pay, and it is on their behalf that I suggest a method whereby they may receive pensions with the minimum of expense both to the Government and to themselves.

By the present system a man leaving the Force under circumstances other than dismissal or voluntary retirement is entitled by custom to receive a month's pay for each year of service up to twelve years. In lieu of this I would suggest that a yearly grant of £5 per head should be made on account of each member of the Force who has joined since the date of circular above quoted: this grant to be a contribution in aid of pension fund. Should this suggestion be approved, the result would be that, whereas, under the schedule of payments furnished to this department by the Actuary of the Government Insurance, a man thirty years of age wishing to insure for a pension of £75 at the age of sixty years would have to pay yearly a sum of £9 1s. 3d., only £4 1s. 3d. would be payable by him, the remainder being found by his department, and the aggregate of the thirty payments for which the Government would be liable in this case would hardly exceed in amount the sum which is now given to each old constable as retiring-allowance. It is this fact which enables me to urge most strenuously that some action shall be taken in order to provide pensions for all who have joined since the 10th February, 1887. A fair proportion of the Reward Fund, which now amounts to £1,398 17s. 4d., may be available for this purpose, but on this point legal advice will be necessary.

The criminal statistics for the year ending 31st December, 1889, show a slight increase in the gross total of offences. In the North Island there has been an increase of 189, in the South a decrease of 141. The general increase is due almost entirely to the crime of drunkenness, in which there has been an increase in the North of 129 and a decrease in the South of 72. In the following crimes there has been an increase: Common assaults, 110; larcenies, 157; indecent exposure, 13; forcible abduction, 12; forgery and uttering, 13; malicious injury to property, 18; vagrancy, 41; obstructing and assaulting police, 48. Other crimes have decreased, such as—Arson, 8; breaking and entering, and burglary, 34; breaches of the peace, 11; perjury, 6, &c. A careful investigation of the records shows that about nine-tenths of the men convicted of drunkenness are over forty years of age, and not more than one in thirteen has been born in the colonies.

The following stations have been built during the year:—In brick: Balclutha, Mosgiel, Ponsonby, Clinton, Invercargill (messroom and kitchen), Kurow, and Taradale. In wood: Waipawa and Culverden.

I attach return showing proportion of police to population, and cost of police per inhabitant, in each of the Australian Colonies.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the general conduct of the police has been good.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,
Commissioner.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1888, and Year ending 31st December, 1889.

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Disturbing religious congregations	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Disturbing entertainments	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dog-stealing	3	..	..	..	38	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness	2,661	..	2,251	369	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,327	389	69	4	..	..	..	..	..
Electric Lines Act, offences against	3	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Embezzlement	47	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Escaping from custody	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False statutory declaration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences	86	..	31	27	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	1	22	1	..	..	..	..	..
Forceful entry	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Foreign Seamen's Act, breaches of	13	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forgery and uttering	36	..	29	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fraudulent conveyance	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Furious driving and riding	4	..	4	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gaming and Lotteries Act, breaches of	40	..	10	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housebreaking	74	..	26	1	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Illegally on premises	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inciting prisoners to resist	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indecent behaviour	5	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indecent exposure	29	..	22	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Industrial Schools Act, breaches of	33	..	25	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Justices of the Peace Act, breaches of	20	..	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny	944	48	388	49	117	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	425	45	147	14	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny, attempted	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny as a bailee	29	10	10	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny as a co-partner	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny from dwellings	100	10	27	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny from mail-bags	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny from the person	34	2	8	1	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Libel	4	1	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lunacy	161	..	69	48	30	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	115	49	31	13	..	..	..	..	..
Malicious injury to property	225	1	104	17	66	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	13	49	9	..	..	..	..	..
Maliciously killing cattle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marriage Act, offences against	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Masters and Apprentices Act, breaches of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Murder	4	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..

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Assault occasioning bodily harm ..	2	1	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	5	4	..	..	5	2	..	..	5	2	..	3	..	2	
Assault with intent to rob ..	5	4	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	2	3	2	..	5	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	2	
Assault with violence ..	5	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	17	..	..	17	..	..	
Bankruptcy Act, breaches of ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Beer Duty Act, breaches of ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	
Bestiality ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Bigamy ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Breach of the peace ..	141	..	109	14	18	141	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	190	..	..	49	..	..	
Breaking into shops, warehouses, offices, &c. ..	72	16	16	..	10	42	15	8	..	10	58	13	10	..	6	29	8	..	29	8	..	29	8	..	14	..	14	
Burglary ..	15	11	..	..	..	11	8	..	..	..	6	4	..	..	..	4	2	..	4	2	..	4	2	..	..	..	9	
Cattle- and horse-stealing ..	26	13	1	..	4	22	7	1	..	4	23	5	..	..	..	3	..	23	3	..	..	12	3	..	3	..	3	
Cattle-maiming ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	6	..	..	2	..	..	
Child-desertion ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chinese Immigrants Act, breaches of ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	
Coinage Act, offences against ..	4	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Concealment of birth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	
Conspiring to defraud ..	8	3	7	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	3	3	..	3	3	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	
Contempt of Court ..	9	..	26	..	22	49	..	..	..	1	37	..	31	..	5	36	..	37	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	12	
Cruelty to animals ..	49	..	4	..	1	4	4	..	..	..	4	3	3	..	..	4	..	4	5	..	..	4	5	..	..	..	1	
Customs Laws Consolidation Act, breaches of ..	4	5	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	
Cutting and wounding ..	6	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	
Damaging police uniform ..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	
Default of bail ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Default of penalties and costs ..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Default of sureties of the peace ..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Destitute Persons Act, breaches of ..	23	..	12	4	5	22	..	..	..	5	32	1	19	..	11	31	1	32	..	..	..	31	1	..	9	..	..	
Disobeying orders of Court ..	6	..	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	14	..	13	..	1	14	..	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	8	..	..	
Disobeying summonses ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	7	..	4	11	..	11	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	..	..	
Distillation Act, offences against ..	4	..	2	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	7	..	..	
Disturbing religious congregations ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	
Disturbing public meetings ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	
Dog-stealing ..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	
Drunkennes ..	2,726	..	2,272	356	88	2,726	..	..	..	10	2,726	..	2,294	329	28	2,654	..	2,654	..	2,654	..	2,654	..	2,654	..	72	..	..
Dual voting ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Embezzlement ..	11	7	2	..	1	10	5	..	..	1	35	1	7	..	11	35	1	35	..	..	..	35	1	..	24	..	..	
Escaping from custody ..	3	1	2	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	
False pretences ..	66	15	23	3	7	57	6	1	..	6	71	16	40	5	7	69	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	
First Offenders Probation Act, breaches of ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1888, and Year ending 31st December, 1889—continued.

Offences.	1888.										1889.										Increase.	Decrease.				
	Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Number of Convictions amongst those Committed for Trial.		Number of all Offences Reported.	Persons Apprehended.						Total Number of Persons Apprehended.	Number of Convictions amongst those Committed for Trial.							
		Com-mitted for Trial.		Summarily Convicted.		Dis-charged.	M.		F.	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.							
		M.	F.	M.	F.																					
SOUTH ISLAND—continued.																										
Sacrilege ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Setting fire to grass ..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheep-stealing ..	12	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shipping and Seamen's Act, breaches of ..	46	..	41	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sly grog-selling ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smuggling ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sodomy ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sodomy, attempted ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suicide, attempted ..	7	1	..	..	4	2	7	..	..	..	8	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Swindles of the peace ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Threatening letters ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trespass ..	140	..	68	44	20	8	140	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vagrancy ..	12	..	7	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	184	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wife-desertion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	6,151	217	4,123	600	509	82	5,667	141	7	6,010	210	14	4,083	656	492	81	5,536	160	11	425	566	Decrease, 141	..	..	..	..

RETURN showing the PROPORTION of POLICE to POPULATION and COST of POLICE per INHABITANT in each of the under-mentioned PLACES.

Place.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.	Remarks.
New Zealand ..	1 to 1,346	s. d. 2 10½	Calculated on the estimated population, 664,855 (including Maoris), on the 31st March, 1890, and the net expenditure for police, £90,623 16s. 4d. (vide Appropriation Account for year ended on the same date).
Victoria ..	1 to 769	4 10½	Number of police, 1,454; amount of vote, £272,618 (vide estimates for year ending 30th June, 1890); estimated population on the 31st December, 1890, 1,118,028.
New South Wales ..	1 to 716	5 2½	Number of police on the 31st December, 1889 (as per Inspector-General's report), 1,567; estimated population at same date, 1,122,200; vote for 1890, £391,903.
South Australia ..	1 to 844	5 3½	Vide estimates for year ending the 30th June, 1889, viz.: Number of police, 378; amount of vote, £84,692. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1889, 319,166.
Queensland ..	1 to 425	8 1½	Calculated on estimates for 1889-90, 956 persons; amount of vote, £165,240. Estimated population on the 31st December, 1889, 406,658. [Deducting native trackers (150), there are only 806 police, according to which the proportion of police to population would be 1 to 504.]

NOTE.—The above estimates of populations are taken from the Registrar-General's return published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 29th May, 1890, page 612.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE on the
31st March, 1890.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.
NORTH ISLAND.									NORTH ISLAND— <i>continued.</i>								
Auckland,—									Napier— <i>continued.</i>								
Auckland ..	1	..	7	25	3	..	..	36	Ormond ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Freeman's Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tologa Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ponsonby ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Waipiro ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Newton ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Awanui ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Surrey Hills ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	..	5	29	1	..	1	36*
Eden Terrace ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Taranaki,—								
Newmarket ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	New Plymouth ..	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	7
Parnell ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Waitara ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Devonport ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Normanby ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Onehunga ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Hawera ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Otahuhu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Patea ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Howick ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Waverley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Papakura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Manaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Pukekohe ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Opunake ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waiuku ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Pungarehu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mercer ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Pukearuhe ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mercury Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Wanganui ..	..	..	2	6	..	..	..	8
Coromandel ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Hunterville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Warkworth ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Marton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Port Albert ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Bull's ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Helensville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Feilding ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Woodhill ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	Ashurst ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Thames ..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	Palmerston North ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Shortland ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Foxton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tairua ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	..	5	30	..	..	..	36
Totals ..	1	..	10	50	3	3	2	64*	Wellington,—								
Bay of Islands,—									Wellington ..	1	1†	5	29	3	2	..	39
Russell ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	Manners Street ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Aratapu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Clyde Quay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Dargaville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Newtown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hokianga ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Pitone ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kawakawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Lower Hutt ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mangonui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Featherston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Mangawai ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Martinborough ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waipu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Greytown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Whangarei ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Carterton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Whangaroa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Masterton ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Totals ..	1	..	..	11	..	1	2	12*	Tenui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tauranga,—									Eketahuna ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Tauranga ..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	Pahiatua ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waterford ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Johnsonville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Paeroa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Pahautanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Maketu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Otaki ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Whakatane ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	1	6	47	3	2	..	58*
Opotiki ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	SOUTH ISLAND.								
Rotorua ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Nelson,—								
Taupo ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	Nelson ..	1	..	2	6	..	..	..	9
Tokaanu ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	The Port ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Te Aroha ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Richmond ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hamilton West ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Spring Grove ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Hamilton East ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Collingwood ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ngaruawahia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Takaka ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Cambridge ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Blenheim ..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6
Te Awamutu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Havelock ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kihikihi ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Picton ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Te Kuiti ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Mahakipawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Raglan ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Motueka ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kawhia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	Totals ..	1	..	3	20	..	1	..	24*
Totals ..	1	..	1	18	..	2	6	20*	Westland,—								
Napier,—									Greymouth ..	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	7
Napier ..	1	..	1	8	1	..	..	11	Brunnerton ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Taradale ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Ahaura ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Clive ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Reefton ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Hastings ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Lyell ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waipawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Westport ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Waipukurau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Denniston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ormondville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Charleston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Danevirke ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Dungannonville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Woodville ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Kumara ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Herbertville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Stafford ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Port Ahuriri ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2									
Wairoa ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2									
Gisborne ..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5									

* District and Native constables not included in total.

† Compiling Police Gazette.

RETURN showing the STRENGTH, &c., of the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.	Stations.	Inspectors.	Sergeants-Major.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detectives.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Total.
SOUTH ISLAND—continued.									SOUTH ISLAND—continued.								
Westland—contd.									Dunedin,—								
Hokitika ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	Maclaggan Street ..	1	1	3	23	2	..	..	30
Kanieri ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	King Street ..	..	..	3	9	..	..	..	12
Ross ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	North-east Valley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Okarito ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Woodhaugh ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	..	4	27	..	..	..	32	South Dunedin ..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4
Christchurch,—									Caversham ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Christchurch ..	1	..	5	22	2	..	..	30	Roslyn ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Addington ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Mornington ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Sydenham ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Anderson's Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Phillipstown ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Green Island ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Woolston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Port Chalmers ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4
Bingsland ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Waitati ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
St. Albans ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Mosgiel ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Papanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Hawksbury ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Lincoln ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Outram ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Lyttelton ..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6	Middlemarch ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Akaroa ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Nenthorn ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Little River ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Palmerston ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Southbridge ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Lawrence ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3
Leeston ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Waitahuna ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Malvern ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Milton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Coalgate ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Kaitangata ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Bealey ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Balclutha ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Kaiapoi ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	Clinton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Rangiora ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Tapanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Oxford ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	Roxburgh ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Amberley ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Totals ..	1	2	9	60	2	..	..	74
Culverden ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Southland,—								
Kaikoura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Invercargill ..	1	..	1	9	..	..	..	11
Ashburton ..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	North Invercargill ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Rakaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Alexandra South ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Methven ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Arrowtown ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Totals ..	1	..	11	55	2	..	1	69*	Bluff ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Oamaru,—									Clyde ..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2
Oamaru ..	1	..	1	7	1	..	..	10	Cromwell ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Kurow ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Half-moon Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ngapara ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Gore ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Hampden ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Lumsden ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Waimate ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	Mataura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Timaru ..	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	8	Ophir ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Temuka ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	Orepuki ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Geraldine ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Otautau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Pleasant Point ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Pembroke ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Fairlie Creek ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Queenstown ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
Naseby ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	Riverton ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
St. Bathans' ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	Waikaia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals ..	1	1	3	26	2	..	..	33	Winton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
									Wyndham ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
									Totals ..	1	..	5	30	..	2	..	36*
									Grand Total..	12	4	62	403	13	11	12	494*

* District and Native constables not included in total.

Total, North Island 226 } Includes 7 constables who
Total, South Island 268 } act as police gaolers.

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RETURN showing CASUALTIES in the NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE during the Year ended 31st March, 1890.

Retirement on reduction of force ..	..	..	..	..	..	1*
Transfer to Prisons Department ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Resignations ..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Discharges on compensation ..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dismissals ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Deaths ..	..	..	..	..	..	1

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* Inspector.

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