

1893.
NEW ZEALAND.

JUVENILE OFFENDERS:

RETURN OF CASES BROUGHT AGAINST CHILDREN UNDER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, No. 187, of 29th September, 1892.

Ordered, "That a return be laid before this House showing the number of children under the age of fifteen years summoned or taken into custody during the three years ended June, 1890, 1891, and 1892, and the offences with which they were charged; also the numbers discharged by the Magistrates, and the numbers summarily convicted or committed for trial."—(Hon. Sir J. HALL.)

RETURN showing the NUMBER of CHILDREN under the Age of Fifteen Years summoned or taken into Custody and the Offences with which they were charged; the Number discharged by the Magistrate, the Number summoned, convicted, and the Number committed for Trial, during the Three Years ended June, 1890, 1891, and 1892.

Summary.

Year ended June					Number summoned or taken into Custody.	Discharged.	Summarily convicted.	Committed for Trial.
1890	...	...	...	...	647	124	509	14
1891	...	...	...	...	718	144	568	6
1892	...	...	...	...	718	143	565	10
Totals					2,083	411	1,642	30

RETURN showing the NUMBER of CHILDREN under the Age of Fifteen Years summoned or taken into Custody, &c.—continued.

Offences.	Year ended June, 1890.					Year ended June, 1891.					Year ended June, 1892.				
	Number summoned or taken into Custody.	Discharged.	Summarily convicted.	Committed for Trial.	Number summoned or taken into Custody.	Discharged.	Summarily convicted.	Committed for Trial.	Number summoned or taken into Custody.	Discharged.	Summarily convicted.	Committed for Trial.	Number summoned or taken into Custody.	Discharged.	Summarily convicted.
Abducting from Industrial Schools	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	2	..	2
Arson	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Assaults, common	4	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..
Assaults, indecent	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault and robbery	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempting to rescue cattle from pound	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bathing in public places	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Breaches of borough by-laws	11	3	8	..	12	..	12	..	14	3	11	..	..	..	..
Breaches of the peace	15	11	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Breaking and entering, and stealing	38	7	28	3	29	..	25	1	40	3	35	..	..	..	..
Breaking telegraph insulators	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	16	1	15	..	..	..	..
Cruelty to animals	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	10	..	..	..	..
Discharging firearms, fireworks, &c.,	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Disturbing congregations, entertainments, &c.,	8	..	8	..	5	..	5	..	17	8	9	..	..	..	..
Disturbing inhabitants	3	..	3	..	30	15	15	..	27	7	20	..	..	..	..
Dog-stealing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Embezzlement	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences	3	..	3	..	5	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Forgery	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
Illegally on premises	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	..	..
Indecent exposure	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Insulting and obscene language	16	10	6	..	12	3	9	..	7	3	4	..	..	..	..
Larceny	224	81	183	10	296	65	231	..	213	30	181	..	..	..	..
Lunacy	4	..	4	..	2	..	2	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..
Malicious injury to property	104	19	85	..	87	23	64	..	115	44	71	..	..	..	..
Maliciously killing a horse	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Neglected and criminal children (found in brothels, parents drunkards, uncontrollable or leading vagrant lives)	110	15	95	..	107	11	96	..	138	17	121	..	..	..	..
Obstructing railway-lines	13	9	4	..	3	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Perjury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rape	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rape, attempted	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Receiving stolen property	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Setting fire to bush, grass, &c.,	8	..	8	..	2	..	2	..	7	5	2	..	..	..	..
Sheep-stealing	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shifting railway-wagons	19	10	9	..	10	2	8	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..
Shifting tram-points	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Throwing stones, &c.,	35	5	30	..	86	8	78	..	75	13	62	..	..	..	..
Travelling by train without a ticket	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trespassing on railways	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wounding	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	647	124	509	14	718	144	568	6	718	143	565	10	718	143	565

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