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NEW ZEALAND.

THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION.

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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The COMMISSIONER OF POLICE to the Hon. the MINISTER IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 16th July, 1940.

I HAVE the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force for the year ended 31st March last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of members of the Force of all ranks was 1,457, being an increase of eighteen during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	5
Inspectors	16
Sub-Inspectors	6
Senior sergeants	37
Sergeants	112
Constables	1,098
Temporary constables	93
Senior detectives	4
Detective-sergeants	34
Detectives	52

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	15
Matrons	7
District constables	3
Native constable	1

The temporary constables were appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919, the majority of them being on probation with a view to filling vacancies in the permanent staff if found suitable.

The following are the losses in personnel for the year ended 31st March last: Retired under section 26, Police Force Act, 1919, 2; retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 13; retired as medically unfit, 3; died, 8; resigned compulsorily, 1; resigned voluntarily, 36; dismissed, 9; total, 72.

STATIONS.

New stations were established during the year at Kohukohu, Oturehua, Rolleston, and Tuai, and the stations at Thames South and St. Bathans were closed.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 2,070 on the figures of 1938. The proportion of offences to the population was 2.83 per cent., as against 2.73 the previous year.

There were increases during the year under the following headings, viz.:—

Assault (indecent)	47	Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	67
Assault (common)	68	Ship-desertion	41
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	90	Selling or supplying liquor or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	106
Theft (petty)	770	Illegally supplying liquor to Natives	82
Theft (attempted)	20	Found on licensed premises after closing hours	405
False pretences	73	Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a licence	51
Obtaining credit by fraud	61	Offences against provisions in force in no-licence districts	25
Burglary: House and shop breaking	421	In possession of liquor in vicinity of dance-halls	70
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	78		
Mischief	57		
Drunkenness, &c.	489		
Vagrancy	68		
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	171		
Unlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	74		

The principal decreases were—

False statements and declarations	274	Breaches of prohibition orders	38
Incest	13	Indecent Publication Act, offences under	17
Theft by clerks or servants	91	Opium-smoking, &c.	40
Theft of animals (specified)	38	Arms Act, breaches of	25
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	22	Causing death through reckless driving	24
Sunday trading	78	Being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle	54
Found in common gaming-house	119	Reckless or negligent driving	173
Failing to maintain wife or children	487		

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	1,577	1,489	88
Auckland	12,043	11,058	985
Hamilton	3,283	3,042	241
Gisborne	1,755	1,720	35
Napier	1,976	1,833	143
New Plymouth	1,116	1,062	54
Wanganui	1,567	1,464	103
Palmerston North	2,377	2,194	183
Wellington	8,158	7,765	393
Nelson	965	923	42
Greymouth	1,067	1,034	33
Christchurch	5,133	4,514	619
Timaru	965	840	125
Dunedin	3,289	3,158	131
Invercargill	1,107	1,066	41
Totals	46,378	43,162	3,216

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1939 was 93·07, the figures of the preceding year being 93·92.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1938.		1939.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	15	13	15	13
Robbery and aggravated robbery	14	13	17	14
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	1,206	916	1,603	1,012
Forgery and uttering	118	105	130	125
Murder	7	6	4	4
Murder, attempted	..	..	4	4
Rape	12	11	11	11
Receiving stolen property	98	96	176	175
Wounding with intent	4	4	2	2
Totals	1,474	1,164	1,962	1,360

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1938.	1939.
Unnatural offence	27	26
Unnatural offence, attempted	5	6
Indecently assaulting a male	61	68
Incest	21	8
Indecent acts	35	38
Concealment of birth	1	7
Assault, indecent	102	149
Rape	12	11
Rape, attempted	8	4
Carnally knowing girls	29	119
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	21
Abortion, procuring, &c.	14	10
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	222	242
Totals	546	709

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 489 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1939 was 5,935 (5,788 males and 147 females), whereas in 1938 the number was 5,446 (5,293 males and 153 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 31·35 per cent. of the males and 24·49 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 2·38 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1939, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	3,973	111	4,084
One previous conviction	777	20	797
Two previous convictions	356	6	362
Three previous convictions	192	1	193
Four previous convictions	99	..	99
Five previous convictions	78	2	80
Over five previous convictions	313	7	320
Totals	5,788	147	5,935

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 138.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1934 to 1938 in Australia and New Zealand:—

	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Commonwealth	68·9	76·3	83·7	78·4	80·1
New Zealand	22·3	21·6	28·8	31·6	35·8

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 25 as compared with the preceding year. There were 628 prosecutions, resulting in 469 convictions, during 1939, as against 603 prosecutions and 428 convictions in 1938.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 158 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 145 convictions, and there were also 70 prosecutions, resulting in 62 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1939 amounted to £2,612.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 491 prosecutions, resulting in 463 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 598 prosecutions and 559 convictions in 1938.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1940:—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
			£ s. d.
Carrying on business of bookmaker	101	100	3,193 0 0
Keeping common gaming-house	126	124	5,142 10 0
Found in common gaming-house	26	24	58 10 0
Laying totalizator odds	6	4	42 10 0
Publishing betting-charts	1	1	
Street betting	9	7	315 0 0
Totals	269	260	8,751 10 0

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, at each tenth year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force. The figures for 1939 and 1940 are also shown :—

Year.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit. ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	*	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/13 ³ / ₄	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/21 ¹ / ₄	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1918	20	111	38	732†	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 ¹ / ₂	1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1928	23	127	54	913†	1,117	1 to 1,301	5/9	1,453,517	33,138	30,622	6,601
1938	26	145	93	1,164†	1,428	1 to 1,123	7/6	1,604,479	44,308	41,618	5,446
1939	27	148	91	1,173†	1,439	1 to 1,129	7/5 ³ / ₄	1,624,714	46,378	43,162	5,935
1940	27	149	90	1,191†	1,457	1 to 1,126	7/8 ¹ / ₂	1,640,901			

* Not obtainable. † Includes temporary constables.

POLICE PROSECUTIONS.

The following is a return of the number of convictions for which fines were imposed and the total amount of such fines in respect of prosecutions instituted by the police during the year ended 31st March, 1940 :—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
Consolidated Fund	16,498	£ 31,953 13 0
Main Highways Revenue Account (section 24, Motor-vehicles Act, 1924)	7,833	13,383 2 0
Local authorities (by-law offences)	265	156 7 6
Total	24,596	£45,493 2 6

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At Headquarters during the year the finger impressions of 3,522 persons were received, classified, indexed, and filed; 248 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders; 2,200 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch; the photographs of 3,123 prisoners (5,934 photographs) were received and dealt with; 752 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*; 16 wanted persons located; and 2 unknown deceased persons identified by finger-prints.

Finger-prints left by offenders when committing 30 crimes were identified as belonging to 24 persons, who were prosecuted. All pleaded guilty with the exception of 2, one of whom was convicted at the Supreme Court on finger-print evidence, and the other proved that his finger-print was legitimately left on the exhibit.

In one of the cases mentioned above, the offender when arrested was informed that his finger-prints had been discovered at the scene of the crime. He admitted the offence, and implicated 3 other persons, with the result that 4 offenders were convicted of fifteen crimes.

In another case, when informed of the evidence, the offender admitted the charge concerned, also eight additional offences of breaking, entering, and theft.

These cases serve to illustrate the value of the finger-print system of identification.

Finger-prints of 372 persons were received for inquiry from other countries, of which 36 were identified as those of persons previously convicted in New Zealand; the finger impressions of 111 New Zealand offenders were sent overseas for inquiry, 47 being identified as having been previously convicted outside this Dominion.

It is interesting to note that in New Zealand the finger-print system has, to date, been responsible for the identification of 7,472 persons.

In conjunction with the Arms Bureau, a number of micro-photographs of bullets, &c., were taken, with very satisfactory results in each case.

Instruction regarding the classification, filing, and searching of finger-prints, dealing with finger-print exhibits found at the scenes of crimes, our general office routine, and photography was given to two commissioned officers of the Fiji Police.

The finger-print system of identification was introduced in March, 1903, and the following table shows the increase in the finger-print collection in five-year periods from 1905 and for the year 1940 :

Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Period.	Prisoners Traced as Previous Offenders.	Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Period.	Prisoners Traced as Previous Offenders.
1909 ..	8,718	5,218	525	1929 ..	40,852	8,923	1,298
1914 ..	15,302	6,584	879	1934 ..	48,545	7,693	1,107
1919 ..	22,332	7,030	939	1939 ..	55,801	7,256	1,115
1924 ..	31,929	9,597	1,244	1940 ..	57,749	1,948	248

Auckland Branch. On 31st March, 1940, the finger-print collection in Auckland totalled 7,338 sets, being made up as follows : Males, 6,894 ; females, 400 ; and foreign, 44 sets.

During the year 1,097 sets of finger-prints were received from the Mount Eden Prison or taken at the Criminal Registration Branch, and were duly classified, searched, and filed.

The photographs of 282 prisoners were taken and 1,410 prints were made from the negatives, also a large number of photographs of scenes of crimes and motor accidents, &c., were taken, the total number of photographs produced by the Branch during the year being 2,235. Three volumes—i.e., 900 photos of New South Wales prisoners' photographs were received, card indexed, and the cards filed in order of finger-print classification.

The remanded-prisoner forms, together with the results of the cases inserted, for 547 prisoners were dealt with and returned to the Criminal Registration Branch at Wellington.

In five cases offenders who would not otherwise have been known as having been previously convicted were traced by their finger-prints, and in ten other cases finger-prints left by offenders when committing crimes were identified and the offenders duly arrested and dealt with by the Supreme Court, most of these pleaded guilty, and in some cases admitted numerous other offences ; only in one case was it necessary to call finger-print evidence in Court.

The "*modus operandi*" or "classification of crime" bureau is in good working-order, and forms the nucleus of what will at some future date be a great adjunct to the detection of crime.

ARMS BUREAU.

The Arms Bureau has been fully occupied during the year, the greater part of the work being in connection with shooting accidents and fatalities. In the majority of instances where Coroners inquests were held, a report on the actual mechanical condition of the weapon concerned was furnished after the weapon had been examined. These reports have occasionally assisted the police and Coroners to a decision as to whether an apparent suicide may have been an accidental happening, or *vice versa*. In a number of other instances it was shown that, although death was due to a deliberate act on the part of the deceased, the firearm itself was of a dangerous nature or in such a state as to be unsafe for further use.

For various reasons it was not found possible to give the usual lectures at the headquarters of police districts and certain provincial towns ; but trainees at the police Training Depot were given more than the usual amount of instruction in relation to firearms and the bearing of firearms and ammunition on their future work.

Considerably more time was spent this year in experimental work, particularly regarding the restoration of numbers, trade-marks, &c., that have been erased from metal articles such as firearms, and progress has been made in this direction. In several cases numbers have been restored on firearms sent in from different districts, and in one instance only the number could not be restored. As a result of the Commissioner's visit to Australia information on this and other subjects connected with the scientific identification of firearms and ammunition has been exchanged between this office and the States of the Commonwealth.

The Arms Bureau has been used in several cases that have been brought before the Courts, and expert evidence was given in three Supreme Court trials.

The causes of accidental shootings have been further investigated, and every possible step is being taken to bring about a better understanding of the hidden dangers of certain firearms and the elimination of unsafe types from this market. Arrangements are being made for a series of public lectures to be given as soon as conditions permit.

The following statistics in respect to accidents and fatalities with firearms show a very slight improvement over the previous year's figures. While the deaths were 2 less, the actual total of accidents was 49 this year, as against 47 last year : Fatal, 17 ; non-fatal, 32. Hammer shotguns, 15 (3 fatal) ; hammerless shotguns, 3 (1 fatal) ; .303 in. rifles, 3 (1 fatal) ; .22 in. rifles, 26 (11 fatal) ; pistols, 2 (1 fatal). The average age of the victims of these shooting accidents was twenty-six years and a half.

The following table shows the rate of accidents for each month of the year : April, 10 ; May, 11 ; June, 1 ; July, 5 ; August, 2 ; September, 2 ; October, Nil ; November, 2 ; December, 3 ; January, 3 ; February, 3 ; and March, 7. March, April, and May are indicated as the dangerous months of the year.

Attention is again drawn to the number of these accidents which are due to carrying loaded firearms in motor-vehicles. In this year's statistics 6 fatal and 5 non-fatal accidents are recorded through this dangerous practice.

Eleven accidents (4 fatal) were traced to the undesirable practice of leaving firearms and ammunition within the reach of children.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out during the year by the Public Works Department:

New police-stations were erected at Clive, Roslyn (Dunedin), Katikati, Little River, Mosgiel, Oturua, and Whakatane. The new district police headquarters station at Palmerston North was completed, and contracts were let for new stations at Rotorna and Port Chalmers, which are now nearing completion.

Offices were erected at Papakura and Waitara, and lock-ups at Blenheim, Bruce Bay, and Clyde. Land for police purposes was acquired at Auckland, Piopio, and Te Kaha, a new residence for the senior sergeant was built at Oamaru, and houses and sections were purchased for a police-station at Mount Roskill (Auckland), senior sergeant's residence at Blenheim, and residences for the Superintendent and Inspector of Police at Wellington.

Repairs, renovations, and/or improvements were effected at the following stations:

Whangarei District.—Dargaville, Hikurangi, Kaikohe, Kaitia, Kawakawa, Kohukohu, Mangonui, Ruawai, Russell, Waipu, and Whangarei.

Auckland District.—Auckland Central, Avondale, Devonport, Grey Lynn, Helensville, Henderson, Huntly, Kingsland, Mercer, Mount Albert, Mount Eden (South), Mount Roskill, Newton, Otahuhu, Parnell, Ponsonby, Pukekohe, Remuera, Warkworth, Wellsford, and Whitianga.

Hamilton District.—Hamilton, Katikati, Kihikihī, Matamata, Morrinsville, Ngaurawahia, Otorohanga, Paeroa, Tauranga, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, Te Puke, Tokaanu, and Waihi.

Gisborne District.—Gisborne including residences (2), Patutahi, Ruatoria, Taneatua, and Te Karaka.

Napier District.—Hastings, Mohaka, Napier (residence), Taradale, Waipawa, and Waipukurau.

New Plymouth District.—Fitzroy, Hawera, Kaponga, Mokau, Opunake, Stratford, Waitara, and Whangamomona.

Wanganui District.—Aramoho, Mangaweka, National Park, Ohura, Raetihi, Rangaroa, and Taumaranui (residence).

Palmerston North District.—Feilding, Foxton, Marton, Palmerston North, Pongaroa, and Woodville.

Wellington District.—Featherston, Greytown, Kilbirnie, Mount Cook, Northland, Seatoun, Thorndon Quay, Upper Hutt, Wellington Central and Superintendent's residence, and Wellington South.

Nelson District.—Motueka, Nelson (residence), Seddon, Takaka, and Wakefield.

Greymouth District.—Blackball, Charleston, Cobden, Hokitika, Millerton, Wataroa, and Westport.

Christchurch District.—Addington, Akaroa, Amberley, Ashburton, Belfast, Bingsland, Chatham Islands, Christchurch Central and residences (2), Culverden, Fendalton, Islington, Kaiapoi, Lower Riccarton, Lyttelton, New Brighton, Phillipstown, and Upper Riccarton.

Timaru District.—Duntroon, Fairlie, Geraldine, Kurow, Pleasant Point, St. Andrew's, and Temuka.

Dunedin District.—Balclutha, Caversham, Clyde, Dunedin Central, Lawrence, Middelmarsh, Mosgiel, North Dunedin, North-east Valley, St. Clair, St. Kilda, Waikouaiti, Waitahuna, and Woodhaugh.

Invercargill District.—Bluff, Clinton, Invercargill (residence), Riverton, Waikiwi, and Winton.

GENERAL.

Efficiency.—Lectures have been given weekly to junior constables and fortnightly to senior constables, sergeants, and detective staff.

Excellent work in connection with the Claveley murder at Kaikoura during the year resulted in the conviction of the offender for the murder of his wife. The work of the police and scientists in this case is deserving of the highest commendation. The presiding Judge commended the police on the excellent manner in which the case was prepared.

The general conduct of the police has been excellent. The utmost harmony prevails throughout the Service, and all branches co-operate in a most gratifying manner.

Transport.—During the year a light truck was added to our transport service at Auckland to do rough work such as the conveyance of exhibits to and from Court, collection of bicycles and such like, thus saving the new van and cars from being used for such work. A new vehicle for the conveyance of prisoners is under construction for Christchurch, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck has been purchased for special work similar to that at Auckland. Our transport in the four main cities is now very efficient and giving excellent service. At the smaller centres officers of the Department provide their own cars and are paid mileage or an annual allowance when they use these cars on official work. Should this not suffice in an emergency, cars can be hired at a moment's notice. This system has worked well and efficiently.

In the country districts the Department supplies each station with a motor-garage, and the member of the Force in charge provides his own car and is paid an annual allowance for its use on official work.

Our transport throughout the Service is to-day in an efficient state and is working very satisfactorily.

Buildings.—Excellent progress was made during the year in modernizing a good number of our old dwellings that were sound and worth improving. Those that have had attention will last for many years to come. Other similar buildings are to receive attention as time and finance permit. We have a number of very old police-stations that are not worth spending money on, as through age they are beyond the stage of repairing. It is hoped to replace them as soon as finance is available.

The plans for the erection of a number of new police-stations have been completed and authority obtained to proceed with the calling of tenders. In other cases plans are in the course of preparation.

Due to war conditions the preparation of plans for new buildings at some of the district headquarters has had to be curtailed. It is hoped, however, that during the current year it may be possible to proceed with one or two where the present offices are in a very bad state, and it is very trying to work under the conditions prevailing.

Training-school. Owing to the Centennial Exhibition being held in Wellington and extra men being required for duty there, an extra batch of recruits was put through training prior to the opening of the Exhibition. The accommodation at the training-school was then utilized for accommodating the men on duty at the Exhibition, thus obviating heavy expense in obtaining lodging for them outside.

No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining suitable recruits for the Service. This is due in a large measure to the attractive conditions in the Service itself and the opportunities available to men who wish to advance in it. The pay, working conditions, and general outlook are so good that they appeal to young men.

Women Police.—It is hoped to introduce women police in the very near future.

War Activities.—Following the outbreak of war on the 4th September last the police have had a very busy time. The coming into force of the Alien Control Emergency Regulations necessitated the registration of all aliens in New Zealand. This work was undertaken by this Department, and was completed within a very short space of time. The regulations are working very satisfactorily. A number of German nationals have been interned on Somes Island.

All aliens and naturalized British subjects were required to obtain a licence to work on a wharf or on a ship. This was attended to forthwith.

All aliens must notify change of abode, and enemy aliens are required to obtain a permit if absent from their homes for more than twenty-four hours.

The Public Safety Emergency Regulations came into force on the 21st February, revoking Regulation 14 of the Censorship and Publicity Emergency Regulations 1939. These regulations gave the police extended powers to deal with subversive statements. Many cases have been taken and the offenders prosecuted to conviction. The position is now satisfactory. A few organizations gave trouble at the outset by attempting to hold meetings in public places in defiance of the regulations and police authority, but firm handling has brought about a cessation of their attempts. As far as meetings in public places are concerned, there is now no difficulty. Various organizations have accepted the position as a wartime and necessary provision.

Enlistment for War Service. A great number of our men have enlisted for service. Some of them who had service in the fighting Forces and were required in key positions were granted leave without pay for the duration of the war that they might serve overseas—some in the Army and others in the Navy. Others, again, who wished to go overseas could not be spared, as they were men of experience, and in view of the onerous duties cast on the police by war conditions it was inadvisable to allow them to go. Their applications to serve overseas are to be reviewed later in the light of then existing conditions.

The Centennial Exhibition. The Exhibition was opened on the 8th November last by His Excellency the Governor-General and closed on the 4th May. A special section of thirty police did duty at the Exhibition. Sub-Inspector D. J. O'Neill was in charge, and Detective-Sergeant P. Doyle had charge of the Detective Branch under Sub-Inspector O'Neill. I heard nothing but commendation of the courteous, helpful, and tactful way in which the police carried out their duties. I would like to thank the managing-director, the directors, the secretary, His Worship the Mayor of Wellington, and all those connected with the management, also the stallholders, for the assistance and co-operation given the police during the period of the Exhibition. I am pleased to be able to report that there was very little crime committed at the Exhibition, and what there was was almost wholly cleared up. What crime there was was of a trivial nature, such as petty stealing. The general conduct of the showmen was on the whole very good. The total attendance of the public ran into over two millions and a half, and their conduct left nothing to be desired—their honesty was outstanding, as evidenced by the number of articles and amount of money found from time to time and handed in to the police office. It speaks volumes for the honesty of our people.

Liquor at Dance-halls, &c. The legislation passed last session has been a pronounced success. Numerous prosecutions for this class of offence have been taken throughout the Dominion, and the Courts by the imposition of salutary penalties have been very helpful. In country districts the legislation has been a blessing. There is already a very marked improvement in the conduct of all dances.

Commissioners' Conference in Brisbane. On the invitation of the Commissioner of Police at Brisbane, who convened a Conference of Police Commissioners from the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, I attended the Conference by request of the Right Hon. the Minister in Charge of this Department (Right Hon. P. Fraser). The Conference opened at Brisbane on the 31st July last, and concluded on the 4th August. The Hon. the Minister in Charge of Police, Queensland (Mr. E. Hanlon) opened the Conference. The Government of Queensland entertained the Commissioners at luncheon on the 31st July, and spared no effort to make our stay in Queensland enjoyable. It also presented each Commissioner and his wife with a memento of the occasion. The Commissioner of Police for Queensland (Captain E. J. Carroll, M.V.O., M.C.) and Mrs. Carroll also did everything possible to make our stay in their State a happy one.

This was the first Conference to which New Zealand had sent a representative. A great deal is to be gained by attending such a Conference. Although much of the matter on the order-paper had no application to New Zealand and dealt entirely with inter-State problems, the discussion on such problems was interesting, as many of the points raised and discussed may arise in New Zealand.

Subjects of interest to New Zealand were discussed and much information gained that is likely to be of benefit to the Police Force of the Dominion.

After the Conference had concluded I spent a short time in conferring with the Commissioners at Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne in their respective cities looking into the nature of their activities in all aspects of Police administration.

Extracts from reports of officers in charge of districts are appended.

D. J. CUMMINGS,
Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR FOX, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

The total of all ranks as at 31st March was forty, an increase of one constable since last annual report.

Kaikohe Town is well served now with the two constables stationed there, but it is an important and growing centre and should be the headquarters of a sergeant, who could exercise supervision over Kaikohe, Rawene, Ohacawai, and Kawakawa, and conduct the Court cases brought through those stations. The Court work is considerable.

A station was opened in August last at Kohukohu, on the northern side of Hokianga Harbour.

The total number of offences reported during the year was 1,577, as against 1,571 during the previous year, an increase of 6 only. Arrests or summonses resulted in respect of 1,489 offences, leaving 88 in which no action resulted. Increases or decreases in particular breaches do not appear to call for comment, except, perhaps, as to thefts. There were 359 last year, as compared with 296 the previous year, an increase of 63. I can advance no specific reason for this increase.

Two men were charged with serious crimes during the year; one with manslaughter, another with attempted murder and manslaughter.

Regarding the first, accused assaulted his nephew, a boy of thirteen years, in a milking-shed by striking him on the head with a piece of steel, the resultant injury causing the boy's death. On a charge of manslaughter, accused was acquitted at the Supreme Court, the evidence tending to show an intention to strike the boy on the shoulder.

The second accused referred to, following a domestic dispute, took unlawful possession of a motor-car, driving it at a fearful speed back and forth on the roadway. The car collided with another, killing the woman occupant. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment on a charge of manslaughter. He was acquitted on a charge of attempted murder of his son, a boy of four, whom he had taken in the car with him.

The general conduct of the police during the year was very good. No breaches of regulations by them came under notice.

SUPERINTENDENT CUMMINGS, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

On 31st March, 1940, the actual strength of the Force of all ranks was 310.

I recommend an increase of twenty constables for the Central Station, and three sergeants—One for Mount Albert, one for Mount Eden, and one for Papakura.

The increase would enable all the necessary relieving duty to be carried out, and generally enable all requirements to be met adequately and efficiently.

The Criminal Registration Branch rendered valuable assistance during the year.

Thames South Police-station was closed on 18th April, 1939.

A new modern station is urgently required at Auckland Central, and police residences at Howick, Surfdale, and Whitianga. Several of the stations in the district have been renovated during this year, some are at present being renovated, while a few others require it.

An additional constable was appointed to Pukekohe and Thames.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1939, shows a total of 12,043, as compared with 12,328 for the previous year, a decrease of 285. Of the total number reported, 11,058 were accounted for by arrest or summonses.

The principal increases were in thefts, attempted thefts, obtaining credit by fraud, burglary, house and shop breaking, receiving stolen property, mischief, breach of the peace, drunkenness, indecent acts, vagrancy, unlawful use of motor-cars, stealing postal packets, damage to Post Office pillar-boxes, selling and exposing liquor for sale, found on licensed premises after hours, Natives illegally dealing in liquor, failing to comply with the terms of release under the First Offenders' Probation Act, and reckless or negligent driving.

The following showed a decrease: False declarations, attempted suicide, assaults, theft from dwellings, theft by servants, false pretences, using profane and indecent language, damaging telegraph equipment, and offences under the Destitute Persons Act.

The following major crimes occurred during the period under review:—

(1) During the early part of 1939 a number of cases of assaulting women, who were in bed at the time of the occurrence, were brought under the notice of the police. A special watch was kept, and on 17th April, 1939, a constable detected the offender in the grounds of a private hospital, and when in the act of apprehending the offender the constable was violently assaulted. Some days later the offender was arrested, and sentenced to a total of six years' hard labour and declared an habitual criminal.

(2) Early on the morning of the 6th November, 1939, a man and a woman were found in a state of collapse in a local hotel. After inquiries it was ascertained that the man had attempted to murder the woman and had then attempted suicide. There appears little doubt that the man's wife had previously committed suicide, knowing that her husband was leaving home with another woman. The man was sentenced to two years' reformative detention.

(3) On the morning of 21st December, 1939, a restaurant-keeper was discovered allegedly unconscious at Huntly, and when revived stated that he had been assaulted by three men. After removal to a hospital, he eventually admitted that his story was bogus, but he later received a sentence of two years' imprisonment for carnal knowledge and was also convicted of making a false statement to the police.

The conduct of the members of the Force in the district has been satisfactory during the year. A fairly high standard of efficiency has been maintained, and both branches of the Service have done good work.

One sergeant and seventeen constables were dealt with for breaches of the regulations.

I would recommend that section 278 of the Crimes Act, 1908, be amended so as to include *all* buildings.

I suggest that section 55 of the Police Offences Act, 1927, be amended to deal with persons escaping from police lock-ups, so that the offender may be dealt with summarily.

I recommend that "enclosed areas" in sections 52 (i) and 54 of the Police Offences Act, 1927, be defined to include that portion of land around a house or building which would in the ordinary manner have been enclosed with a fence. This would deal with schools, &c., that have no gates on their property.

I also recommend that section 189 (b) of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1927, be repealed so that offenders with a previous conviction who come before the Court on indictment may be dealt with summarily. If this amendment was made, it would dispense with sending a number of offenders to the Supreme Court and save considerable unnecessary expense. They would still have the right of trial by jury.

The police still continue to do a very large amount of work for other Departments.

In consequence of the time taken in performing such work with our limited strength, police work must suffer, and will continue to do so until the offices of other Departments do some of their own work.

The work performed for other Departments has increased 50 per cent. during the year.

During the past year the Trans-Tasman Airway started operations with an inaugural flight of the "Aotearoa." There is now a bi-weekly service in operation, due to the addition of the flying-ship "Awarua."

On the arrival of H.M.S. "Achilles" on 23rd February, after successful participation in the sinking of the "Graf Spee" at the Battle of the River Plate, a public reception was tendered to the ship's company. Seldom has Auckland seen such a crowd as that which lined the streets to give them a welcome.

The greatest assembly of people ever seen in Auckland was that which took place on 30th March last for the purpose of paying reverent homage at the passing of a beloved Prime Minister, the Right Hon. M. J. Savage.

On both occasions, despite the fact that huge crowds had assembled, all members of the Force carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. Letters of commendation have been received complimenting the police on the way they carried out their duties.

INSPECTOR LOPDELL, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

During the year additions were made of one constable each at Putaruru, Te Kuiti, and Rotorua Stations, bringing the authorized strength on 31st March, 1940, to eighty-seven men of all ranks.

A sergeant was also appointed to charge of the Te Awamutu sub-district.

The total offences for the year ended 31st December, 1938, were 3,059, while those for this year were 3,283, showing an increase of 224 offences. Of these the largest increases were for breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act, drunkenness, failing to pay maintenance, and thefts (petty). The other figures of increases and decreases are the usual fluctuations which occur from year to year.

There was no serious crime during the year.

The conduct of the police, with the exception of three offenders, was excellent. Two constables were discharged for misconduct, while a third was disciplined.

A steady increase in the population within the district is occurring, all the towns and townships showing evidence of the increase. The townships of The Mount, near Tauranga, and Piopio, near Te Kuiti, each require a police-station. Land has been procured to that end and the erection of station buildings is under consideration. A very fine new station which will fill the needs for many years is nearing completion at Rotorua.

The recent law forbidding drinking at public dances is having a very good effect and is much appreciated by people throughout the district.

INSPECTOR EDWARDS, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

There has been no increase in the strength of the Force in this district during the past year, though a sergeant has replaced the constable in charge of the Whakatane sub-district.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1939, shows a total of 1,755 offences reported, as compared with 1,589 the previous year, being an increase of 166. Arrests and summonses resulted in 1,720 cases being dealt with, leaving 35 undetected.

The most noticeable increases were in theft, false pretences, mischief, drunkenness, illegal supply of liquor to Natives, breach of prohibition orders, and burglary and house and shop breaking.

The most noticeable decreases were false statements and declarations, theft of animals, and reckless or negligent driving of motor-vehicles.

No serious crimes were reported during the year.

The conduct of the police in this district has been good, and their duties have been performed in a very satisfactory manner. There were no defaulters.

INSPECTOR CAMERON, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On 31st March, 1940, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was sixty-seven, being an increase of one, due to the stationing of a constable at Tuai.

I recommend an increase of two constables at Hastings, one constable at Napier, and one constable at Wairoa. This would give more adequate supervision at night and also provide additional staff to cope with the work, which has increased considerably in these centres in recent years.

A new station was established at Tuai. A modern police residence and office was built at Clive, replacing the building which was in use for the past sixty years.

For the year ended 31st December, 1939, the total number of offences reported was 1,976, an increase on the previous year of 83. Of the offences reported, 1,833 were accounted for by arrests or summonses, leaving 143 undetected.

The principal increases were theft, house or shop breaking, receiving stolen property, and drunkenness.

The principal decreases were—found on licensed premises and intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle.

No serious crimes were committed during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force on the whole has been good. Six constables were dealt with for breaches of Police Regulations, three of them being dismissed from the Force.

INSPECTOR SHANAHAN, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The strength of the police in this district on 31st March, 1940, was fifty, being authorized strength.

An increase of two constables is required at New Plymouth in order to efficiently carry out beat duty, relieving duty, and meet the requirements of forty-eight-hour week and sickness.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1939, was 1,116, as compared with 1,402 for 1938, a decrease of 286. Of offences reported, 1,062 were accounted for by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were indecent assault, common assault, exposure and grossly indecent acts, gaming offences, selling liquor to youths, and illegally supplying liquor to Natives.

Decreases: Breaches of Motor-vehicles Act, house and shop breaking, drunkenness, converting cars, Sunday trading, failing to maintain, and illegally on licensed premises.

The conduct of the police has been very good during the year and duties have been carried out in a very satisfactory manner, only one member having been dealt with for a minor breach of regulations.

There has been no serious crime in the district during the past year.

INSPECTOR DEMPSEY, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength was increased by one constable, due to the appointment of a second constable at Ohakune.

I recommend that an additional detective be appointed to Wanganui. Frequently one or more of the detective staff is away in the King-country for a week at a time, creating a shortage of staff for emergencies.

The annual offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1939, shows a total of 1,567 offences reported, an increase of 144 over 1938, and of the total, 1,464 offences were dealt with by arrest or by summons.

The increases include theft, unlawful use of motor-vehicles, intoxication while in charge of motor-vehicles, mischief, assault offences against women generally, selling or exposing liquor for sale, and illegal supply of liquor to Natives.

The decreases include drunkenness, bookmakers' convictions, disobedience of maintenance orders, forgery, house-breaking, breaches of the peace, and offences against the Motor-vehicles Act.

There has been an annual increase in the number of persons charged with being intoxicated while in charge of motor-vehicles, the annual figures being 1937, 21; 1938, 34; and 1939, 43.

On Xmas Eve a Chinese market-gardener, whose garden had been robbed on occasion, heard a noise amongst his vegetables and fired two shots from a .410 calibre shot-gun in the direction of the sound, thereby inflicting light pellet wounds on a deaf Maori woman. "No bill" was returned by the grand jury.

On 31st December a Maori who had been dumb from birth, while in a jealous rage, attacked a Maori girl with a knife, inflicting one wound. On a plea of "Guilty" entered at the Supreme Court to a count of doing grievous bodily harm, the offender was ordered to be detained for reformatory purposes for a period not exceeding two years.

On the night of 27th December, 1939, at Taihape, a man who was obsessed by a fancied or real wrong fired a .303 calibre rifle at the house of his father-in-law. Earlier still he had written a letter demanding money, and after the shot had been fired he wrote another letter to a relative at Wellington. At the February sittings of the Supreme Court at Wanganui the offender, upon conviction for intimidation and for two offences of demanding money by menaces, was placed on probation for two years, with special conditions which, if complied with, will prevent a repetition of the offences.

The conduct of the police throughout the district has been very good and frequently a high state of efficiency had been shown in the work performed. No member of the Force was dealt with as a defaulter.

During the year motor traffic on the roads was very heavy and accidents were fairly numerous, due frequently to want of thought or want of care.

By using cars for which the Department pays an allowance, police in the country districts were able, very often, to arrive at the scene of collision while the parties were still there, and with assistance from the drivers were able to fix an approximate point of impact and trace tire tracks.

INSPECTOR SCOTT, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1940, the strength of the Force in this district was fifty-eight, no increases or decreases having taken place during the year.

An increase of one sergeant and two constables at Palmerston North is absolutely necessary. The additional sergeant is required to exercise more supervision over the beat-duty constables, especially at night, and also to relieve other sergeants in the district when on annual leave. The two extra constables are required to enable an extension of the city beats to be made. The business area of the city has expanded considerably in recent years, and further police protection, especially at night, has become necessary.

One additional constable is also required at Marton. Since the station at Marton Junction was closed in 1933 the duty of attending passenger-trains and general inquiries in that locality has been carried out by the police from the Town of Marton, two miles away. Having regard to the ever-increasing number of general police inquiries and the greater number of trains (including troop-trains) which now have to be attended, the present members have difficulty in coping with the work, especially as one constable is fully employed on country inquiries and Bailiff's duties. Criminal statistics for Marton Police District for 1939 are more than 100 per cent. higher than those for the previous year.

The new police buildings at Palmerston North have been completed and occupied since the end of November last. The buildings are a credit to the Department and an asset to the city. The offices are spacious and well appointed, and the barrack accommodation for unmarried constables leaves nothing to be desired. Full consideration has also been given to those unfortunates who have to be confined in the lock-up, and every reasonable comfort and convenience consistent with their safety have been provided. These buildings should meet all requirements for many years to come. Great credit is due to those who prepared the original plans for the thoroughness with which every requirement was foreseen and provided for.

The offences return for the year ended the 31st December last shows a total of 2,377 offences reported, against 2,218 for the previous year, an increase of 159. Of the total number of offences reported, 2,194 were dealt with by arrest or summons.

The principal increases were in sexual offences, thefts, and breaches of the Gaming Acts and Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were in house and shop breaking, mischief, vagrancy, unlawful conversion of motor-vehicles, intoxication while in charge of motor-vehicles, and failing to maintain wives and children.

On the 26th April, 1939, a young woman was the victim of a serious assault near the Fitzherbert Bridge, being struck over the head with an iron bar with such force as to fracture her skull. Her assailant was subsequently arrested and, being found insane, was committed to a mental hospital.

Two constables were dealt with during the year for breaches of Police Regulations, otherwise the conduct of the Force has been excellent and a high standard of efficiency in both branches of the service maintained.

INSPECTOR SWEENEY, TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1940, the authorized strength of the district was 272 of all ranks, the actual strength being 262.

During the year the authorized strength was increased by the appointment of an additional constable at Miramar Station, and temporarily increased by thirty-one men of various ranks by the creation of a separate staff for duty at the Centennial Exhibition, composed of one Sub-Inspector, three sergeants, one detective sergeant, four detectives, and twenty-two constables.

I recommend that, when circumstances permit, Superintendent Lewin's recommendation in his annual report of last year in connection with an increase of strength in the district be given effect to—namely, that additional constables be appointed as under: Four to Central Station, two to Mount Cook, two to Taranaki Street, one to Kilbirnie, one to Petone, one to Lower Hutt, and one to Wellington South.

Offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1939, numbered 8,158, compared with a total of 7,304 for the previous year, an increase of 854.

The chief increases were false pretences, assault, house or shop breaking, drunkenness, found on licensed premises, unlawful conversion of motor-cars, maintenance orders, and minor breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

Substantial decreases were shown in the case of reckless driving, attempted house-breaking, opium-smoking, and breaches of the Arms Act.

I am pleased to say that, despite a large influx of visitors to the Centennial Exhibition, the district has been almost free from serious crime throughout the year.

One charge of attempted murder was dealt with. This relates to an alleged attempt by one man to shoot another with a revolver. At the Supreme Court the accused was found guilty of causing bodily harm in circumstances that, if death had occurred, he would have been guilty of manslaughter.

On the whole the conduct of members of the Force in the district has been good, and a satisfactory standard of efficiency has been maintained by both branches of the Service.

INSPECTOR CARROLL, NELSON DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March was thirty-seven. The authorized strength is thirty-eight, the deficiency being accounted for by the retirement on superannuation of the detective who was stationed at Blenheim and the non-arrival of a man to replace him. This man has since arrived, but he is being kept in Nelson as it was found that there was not enough work in Blenheim to keep a detective fully employed, while, on the other hand, there is too much for one man in the Nelson end of the district. We are thus reverting to the position existing before the transfer of the detective to Nelson in November, 1938, when the whole of the detective work in the district was attended to from Nelson. This I consider the better arrangement.

I would again draw attention to the growing necessity for the opening of a station at Renwicktown, on the main Blenheim - Nelson Highway, about eight miles from Blenheim. Renwicktown is close to the Woodbourne Aerodrome, where there are at present between four and five hundred men residing or employed. I am given to understand that when the present building programme has been completed there is every likelihood of this number being considerably increased.

For the year ended 31st December, 1939, the total number of offences reported was 965, an increase of 119 over the number reported during 1938. There were increases in cases of drunkenness, being found on licensed premises, and selling or exposing liquor for sale during closing-hours, but the principal increase was under the heading of "Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years of age." For this offence there were forty-one prosecutions, there being only one case reported during the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the prosecution of a number of young men and youths at Blenheim as a result of their association with four young girls who had got out of control. In all, nineteen males were charged with a varying number of offences, sixteen being dealt with in the Children's Court and three in the Supreme Court. Three of the girls concerned were also dealt with and committed to institutions.

The conduct of members of the Force during the year has, on the whole, been good. One constable was dealt with for breaches of the Police Regulations.

INSPECTOR MACLEAN, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1940, the strength of the Force in this district was forty-seven, the actual strength being one under the authorized strength.

The total number of offences reported during the year is 1,067, compared with 914 reported during the previous year. Of all the offences reported, 1,034 were dealt with by arrest or summons. The principal decreases were drunkenness and breaches of the Arms Act. The principal increases were theft from dwellings, house and shop breaking, failing to maintain wives or children, and offences by publicans and persons found illegally on licensed premises.

The conduct of members of the Force in this district has been very good during the year, a fairly high standard of efficiency being maintained, and both branches of the service performing their duties satisfactorily.

SUPERINTENDENT RAWLE, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

On the 31st ultimo the authorized strength of the Force in this district was 169, the same as the previous year. The actual strength on the same date was 166.

A new police-station was opened at Rolleston on the 15th December last. This was found to be necessary on account of the establishment of the large military camp at Burnham.

The total number of offences reported during the year was 5,133, compared with 4,834 for the previous year, being an increase of 299. Of all offences reported 4,514 were detected.

The principal increases appear under the following headings: False pretences, house or shop breaking, failing to maintain, selling or supplying liquor at unauthorized times, illegally on licensed premises, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act and Traffic Regulations.

The increased activity of the police has been responsible for the detection of the larger number of licensing offences. This has had the effect of a general improvement in the conduct of licensed premises throughout the district.

The principal decreases appear under the headings: Theft, drunkenness, unlawful conversion of vehicles, &c., mischief, and reckless and negligent driving.

The decrease in offences caused through liquor, or as a result of over-indulgence in liquor, is no doubt due to the stricter enforcement of the licensing laws.

The decrease in reckless and negligent driving is partially due to the reason shown above and partially due to the fact that in many cases of a minor nature action is taken under the Traffic Regulations.

During the year a man was convicted of the murder of his wife at Claverly in October, 1938. The work of all members of the Force engaged on this case was of a very high standard, and was favourably commented on by the trial Judge.

A serious outbreak of burglaries occurred during the year, necessitating considerable extra work on the part of the detective staff, whose efforts were ultimately successful in apprehending the criminals, who were subsequently convicted at the Supreme Court.

The conduct of members of the Force on the whole has been good. Six constables were dealt with during the year for breaches of Police Regulations, mostly of a minor nature.

Both branches of the Service have carried out their duties efficiently and with credit to themselves individually.

The work of members of the Force in country districts, which has increased considerably since the declaration of war, has been well done, and they have worked long hours ungrudgingly.

INSPECTOR FLANAGAN, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1940, was forty-eight, this being the authorized strength.

The Waimate Police-station was destroyed by fire on the 7th July, 1939. A new station is being erected, and is expected to be completed by the 25th April, 1940.

The total number of offences reported for the year ended 31st December, 1939, was 965, as compared with 856 for the previous year, an increase of 109. Arrests or summonses resulted in 840 cases.

The principal increases were in respect of offences relating to house or shop breaking, theft (undescribed), assault, false statements and declarations, offences against provisions in force in no-license districts, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicles, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The most notable decreases were false pretences, obtaining credit by fraud, mischief, and drunkenness.

The district has been free from crime of a serious nature during the year.

The general conduct of the police in this district during the year has been very good and their duties have been performed in a satisfactory manner.

SUPERINTENDENT O'HARA, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1940, the actual strength for the district was 122, being an increase of one compared with 1939.

New buildings (residence and office) were erected at Mosgiel, Otarehua, Roslyn, and St. Clair.

A new station was opened at Otarehua, while one station (St. Bathans) was closed.

New buildings are required at Dunedin Central and South Dunedin.

The annual offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1939, disclosed that 3,289 offences were reported, as against 2,963 for the previous year, being an increase of 326 offences for the year.

Of the number reported, 3,160 persons were arrested or summoned, leaving 131 undetected offences, being approximately 96 per cent. detected and 4 per cent. undetected.

Of the persons charged, 92 were committed for trial or sentence, and, of these, 89 persons were convicted.

The principal increases included the following: Thefts, house or shop breaking, receiving property dishonestly obtained, mischief, drunkenness, profane or indecent language, vagrancy, unlawfully using horses or motor-cars, and reckless or negligent driving.

Decreases included the following: False statements and declarations, false pretences, Sunday trading, failing to pay maintenance moneys, and breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

The increases and decreases are just ordinary fluctuations which occur from year to year.

A man who was charged that while in a state of intoxication in charge of a motor-vehicle he caused the death of two persons was found guilty of causing death by negligent driving, and sentenced to six months' reformatory detention. The short facts are that the bodies of two persons (young man and young lady) were found in Duke's Road, Mosgiel. The accused did not report the accident, but was later on located and charged. He had partaken of liquor prior to driving the lorry which caused the death of the two persons, who were riding a motor-cycle at the time.

Another man was convicted on a charge of attempted rape and assault causing actual bodily harm, and was sentenced to three years and nine months' hard labour. In this case a young lady was assaulted in Dunedin. The accused attempted to rape her, but was frustrated in his purpose by the timely arrival of a man who heard her screams. She was badly assaulted, and required medical treatment in hospital. The accused had previously been convicted of a similar offence when sixteen years of age.

On the 10th April, 1939, a man driving a motor-vehicle without a license at Cromwell caused the death of a young man who was a passenger in the car when it collided with another vehicle. He was convicted of negligent driving causing death.

The general conduct of the police has been good during the year. All members of the Force have taken a keen interest in their work, which has been well performed. One sergeant and eight constables were dealt with for breaches of the regulations. One constable was dismissed, while fines were inflicted on the remainder.

INSPECTOR GIBSON, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March, 1940, totalled fifty-two. This represents a decrease of one constable under the authorized strength, caused by Constable Crawford, a Naval Reservist, being called up for service by the Naval Authorities.

I again recommend an increase of an additional constable at Gore to provide efficiency, especially when relieving duties require to be performed at out-stations attached to Gore sub-district.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1939, disclosed a total of 1,107 offences reported, this being a decrease of one compared with the previous year.

The principal decreases were breaches of the Arms Act, persons found on licensed premises, breaches of the peace, indecent acts, mischief, and theft.

Increases were shown in obtaining credit by fraud, drunkenness, failing to maintain wife and children, intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle, and other breaches of the Motor-vehicles Act.

There has been no serious crime of a particular nature during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the year has been good. Three members were dealt with for breaches of the Police Regulations; in each case a fine was inflicted.

There are still large numbers of men engaged by the Public Works Department at Hollyford Valley, Milford Sound, and Haast Pass. This considerably increases the work and entails long journeys by the constables stationed at Lumsden and Pembroke.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1939.

Offences.	1938.	1939.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Sum- monses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
False statements and declarations ..	397	123	123	1	1	118	..	3	..	1	1	..	274
Corrupting juries or witnesses ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Breaking prison	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	30	37	35	9	..	24	..	2	..	9	..	7	..
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence	27	26	26	20	..	5	..	1	..	20	..	..	1
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	5	6	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Indecently assaulting a male ..	61	68	63	57	..	1	..	5	..	36	..	7	..
Incest	21	8	8	5	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	13
Indecent acts	35	38	36	11	..	18	..	7	..	10	..	3	..
Publishing obscene matter	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Offences against the Person, &c.</i>													
Neglecting duties tending to the preser- vation of life or health	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Murder	7	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
Murder, attempted	..	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..
Manslaughter	5	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Suicide, attempted	91	77	77	..	1	54	19	1	2	..	1	..	14
Suicide, aiding and abetting	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Concealment of birth	1	7	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..
Disabling or stupefying with intent to commit a crime	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	4	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Endangering safety of persons on rail- ways or tramways	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Putting explosive substances in places with intent to do bodily harm ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Administering poison or other noxious things with intent to injure or annoy	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	25	32	30	23	1	3	..	3	..	17	1	7	..
Causing actual bodily harm under cir- cumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter ..	3	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Assault, indecent	102	149	135	96	..	30	..	9	..	75	..	47	..
Assault with intent to commit a crime	8	12	12	7	..	4	..	1	..	6	..	4	..
Assault	728	796	776	3	..	699	14	56	4	3	..	68	..
Rape	12	11	11	10	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	1
Rape, attempted	8	4	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	4
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	29	119	118	73	2	40	..	3	..	65	2	90	..
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years, attempts to	9	21	21	12	..	3	..	6	..	10	..	12	..
Abortion, procuring	13	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	9
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	1	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..
Bigamy	6	7	7	5	1	..	..	1	..	5	1	1	..
Abduction	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stealing children under fourteen years	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed)	6,009	6,779	5,245	123	7	4,489	418	181	27	82	4	770	..
Theft, attempted	34	54	52	1	..	42	1	8	..	1	..	20	..
Theft from the person	14	23	13	6	2	4	1	..	..	5	..	9	..
Theft from dwellings	265	276	143	49	..	86	7	..	1	44	..	11	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted ..	10	12	10	4	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	2	..
Theft by clerks or servants	109	18	16	5	1	10	..	..	..	5	1	..	91
Theft of animals (specified)	71	33	28	5	..	21	..	2	..	5	..	..	38
Theft of animals, attempted	4	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
False supplying	729	802	700	69	1	573	34	22	1	67	1	73	..
False pretences, attempted	22	19	14	1	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	..	3

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CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.— <i>continued.</i>													
<i>Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.</i>													
Obtaining credit by fraud	127	188	172	5	..	156	3	7	1	5	..	61	..
False accounting by officials or clerks ..	3	12	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	9	..
False statements by officials or public officers ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Conspiracy to defraud	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft ..	12	5	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	7
Robbery and aggravated robbery	14	17	14	13	..	..	..	1	..	12	..	3	..
Assault with intent to rob	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Demanding with intent to steal	2	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Burglary	76	107	74	58	1	15	..	..	..	58	1	31	..
Burglary, attempted	15	13	6	1	..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	2
House or shop breaking, &c.	1,004	1,394	887	536	1	323	3	24	..	518	1	390	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted ..	111	89	45	24	..	19	..	2	..	18	..	..	22
Being found in dwellinghouse by night ..	6	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Being armed with intent to break or enter ..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Being disguised or in possession of house-breaking implements	5	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Receiving property dishonestly obtained ..	98	176	175	13	..	134	10	18	..	7	..	78	..
Forgery	85	95	91	63	3	20	1	4	..	61	3	10	..
Uttering forged documents or false certificates ..	33	35	34	25	3	4	1	1	..	25	3	2	..
Sending false telegram	3	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Procuring execution of document by false pretences	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Personation	5	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Coin, offences relating to	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arson	15	15	13	10	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	..
Arson, attempted	2	8	7	3	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	6	..
Setting fire to crops, attempted	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Wilfully placing obstruction on railway ..	2	10	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
Mischief	838	895	845	1	..	793	10	39	2	1	..	57	..
Mischief on railways and tramways ..	18	10	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Possessing or making explosive substance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Sending threatening letters	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Threatening acts with intent to intimidate ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	712	738	731	..	..	655	9	65	2	..	..	26	..
Cruelty to animals	47	64	62	..	..	53	5	4	..	..	..	17	..
Drunkenness	5,202	5,683	5,683	..	..	5,533	142	7	1	..	..	481	..
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	18	20	20	..	..	19	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Drunk and disorderly	226	232	232	..	..	223	4	5	..	..	..	6	..
Soliciting prostitution	7	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	222	242	204	7	..	184	2	11	..	5	..	20	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	542	520	518	..	..	483	21	13	1	..	..	..	22
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	309	377	375	15	..	260	40	54	6	8	..	68	..
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	163	180	180	1	..	167	3	9	..	..	..	17	..
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness ..	16	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. ..	916	1,087	898	51	..	820	3	23	1	49	..	171	..
Unlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	147	221	220	..	..	199	1	20	..	..	..	74	..
Sunday trading	163	85	85	..	..	67	15	2	1	..	..	..	78
False allegation <i>re</i> commission of offence ..	6	8	8	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	2	..

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GAMING ACT.													
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c.	119	149	149	..	..	138	7	4	..	..	..	30	..
Found in a common gaming-house ..	207	88	88	..	..	81	3	4	..	..	..	..	119
Gaming with instruments ..	61	61	61	..	..	53	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	10	9	9	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Betting, unlawful ..	19	12	12	..	..	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	7
Following the occupation of bookmaker	120	118	118	..	..	115	..	3	..	..	..	..	2
Publishing betting charts ..	7	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Trespass on racecourse ..	55	52	52	..	..	51	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.													
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	5	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	14	81	76	1	..	50	1	24	..	1	..	67	..
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets	2	7	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	..
Unlawfully opening mail-bags ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fraudulently secreting or detaining misdelivered mail bags, &c.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	23	45	15	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	22	..
Damaging telegraph equipment ..	59	49	26	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Posting indecent post-cards or letters..	1	13	6	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	12	..
False statement re posting postal packet	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.													
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	2,057	1,570	1,434	..	..	1,229	8	197	..	..	..	..	487
Failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance moneys	2,594	2,595	2,478	..	..	2,207	13	256	2	..	..	1	..
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force	30	35	35	..	..	31	..	4	..	..	..	5	..
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act	3	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.													
Ship-desertion ..	178	219	156	..	..	150	..	6	..	..	..	41	..
Absent without leave ..	18	10	7	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Offences against discipline ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Harbouring deserters ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Stowing away ..	32	51	51	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	19	..
LICENSING ACT.													
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct	1	8	8	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	7	..
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons	3	12	12	..	..	9	1	2	..	..	..	9	..
Keeping disorderly houses ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c. ..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	661	767	767	..	..	558	28	174	7	..	..	106	..
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	48	73	73	..	..	60	3	9	1	..	..	25	..
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons	15	12	12	..	..	7	1	2	2	..	..	..	3
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Employing minors in bars ..	4	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives ..	101	183	182	..	..	170	3	9	..	..	..	82	..
Obstructing Inspectors or refusing entrance to Inspectors or constables	1	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Having or purchasing labels for bottling contrary to Act	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Breaches of prohibition orders ..	641	603	602	..	..	566	23	11	2	..	..	..	38

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LICENSING ACT—continued.													
Found on licensed premises after closing-hours	1,863	2,268	2,266	..	..	2,131	45	82	8	..	..	405	..
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	30	13	13	..	..	11	..	1	1	..	..	..	17
Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license	107	158	158	..	..	127	18	13	..	..	..	51	..
Found on premises where liquor was seized under a warrant	75	118	116	..	..	97	..	12	7	..	..	43	..
Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	45	70	70	..	..	62	..	8	..	..	..	25	..
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	57	25	25	..	..	23	1	1	..	..	..	..	32
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	100	90	90	..	..	84	2	4	..	..	..	..	10
Supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts	139	138	138	..	..	128	5	5	..	..	..	..	1
Permitting consumption of liquor in restaurants after hours	16	21	21	..	..	17	1	3	..	..	..	5	..
In possession of liquor in vicinity of dance-halls, &c.	..	70	70	..	..	69	..	1	..	..	..	70	..
MISCELLANEOUS.													
Absconding from industrial schools ..	23	31	30	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
Bankruptcy offences ..	7	11	11	8	..	3	..	..	..	7	..	4	..
Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping, &c.	4	6	6	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	2	..
Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing	7	11	11	..	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	4	..
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	43	36	29	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offensive manner, &c., on a railway, &c.	13	20	20	..	..	18	..	2	..	..	..	7	..
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders Probation Act	134	165	142	..	..	128	9	5	..	..	..	31	..
Habitual criminals or offenders, breach of conditions of probationary license	13	12	9	..	..	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Indecent publications Act, offences under	26	9	9	..	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	17
Opium-smoking, &c. ..	66	26	26	..	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	40
Smuggling ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Trespassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c.	33	46	46	..	..	43	2	1	..	..	..	13	..
Arms Act, breaches of ..	333	308	308	..	..	298	..	10	..	..	..	..	25
Second-hand Dealers Act, breaches of	4	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
MOTOR-VEHICLES ACT.													
Causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving	73	49	48	38	1	..	..	9	..	27	..	..	24
Being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle	810	756	754	..	..	683	4	67	..	..	..	..	54
Reckless or negligent driving ..	1,907	1,734	1,732	4	..	1,589	26	108	5	3	..	..	173
Other breaches of Act ..	11,174	11,185	11,170	12	..	10,631	261	239	27	8	..	11	..
Totals	44,308	46,378	43,162	1,534	32	38,299	1,254	1,930	112	1,339	23	3,820	1,750
Increase	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,070	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE
31ST MARCH, 1910.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	
Whangarei District—														Hamilton District														
Whangarei ..	1			1	1	14				2	19			<i>continued.</i>						2								
Dargaville ..					1	3					4			Ngaruawahia ..						1						1		
Hikurangi ..						1					1			Otorohanga ..						1						1		
Houhora ..						1					1			Paeoa ..						2						2		
Kaco ..						1					1			Putaruru ..						2						2		
Kaikōhe ..						2					2			Raglan ..						1						1		
Kaitiaki ..					1	2					3			Rotorua ..			1		1	9					14			
Kawakawa ..						1					1			Taupo ..						1						1		
Kohukohu ..						1					1			Tauranga ..					1	3						4		
Mangonui ..						1					1			Te Aroha ..						2						2		
Maungaturoto ..						1					1			Te Awamutu ..					1	2						3		
Ohārewai ..						1		1			1			Te Kuiti ..					1	5						6		
Rawene ..						1					1			Te Puke ..					1							1		
Ruawai ..						2					2			Te Whaiti ..													1	1
Russell ..						1					1			Tokaanu ..						1						1		
Waipu ..						1					1			Waihi ..					1	4						5		
Totals ..	1			1	3	33	1			2	41			Totals ..	1		1	1	7	74			1	2		87	1	
Auckland District—														Gisborne District—														
Auckland ..	1	2	2	2	17	108	20	1	7	14	174			Gisborne ..		1			1	17			2		22			
Avondale ..						1					1			Bartletts ..						1						1		
Balmoral ..						2					2			Kaiti ..						1						1		
Birkenhead ..						1					1			Makaraka ..						1						1		
Coromandel ..						1					1			Matawai ..						1						1		
Devonport ..				1		4					5			Opotiki ..					1	2					3		1	
Ellerslie ..					1	3					4			Patutahi ..						1						1		
Epsom ..						1					1			Ruatorua ..						2						2		
Freeman's Bay ..						1					4			Taneatua ..						1						1		
Grey Lynn ..						1					1			Te Araroa ..						1						1		
Helensville ..						1					1			Te Karaka ..						1						1		
Henderson ..						2					2			Tikitiki ..						1						1		
Howick ..						1					1			Tokomaru Bay ..						1						1		
Huntly ..					1	2					3			Tolaga Bay ..						1						1		
Kingsland ..						1					1			Waipiro Bay ..						1						1		
Kohimarama ..						1					1			Whakatane ..					1	2						3		
Manurewa ..						1					1			Totals ..		1			1	3	35			2		42		1
Mercer ..						1					1			Napier District														
Mount Albert ..						2					2			Napier ..		1			1	15			1	2	22			
Mount Eden ..						2					2			Bay View ..						1						1		
Mt. Eden (South) ..						1					1			Carlyle Street ..						1						1		
Mount Roskill ..						1					1			Clive ..						1						1		
New Lynn ..						1					1			Dannevirke ..						1						5		
Newmarket ..					1	3	12				16			Hastings ..					1	1	11			1	1	15		
Newton ..					1	14					15			Havelock North ..						1						1		
Northcote ..						1					1			Kopuawhara ..						1						1		
Onehunga ..						1	6				7			Mobaka ..						1						1		
Otahuhu ..					1	5					6			Nuhaka ..						1						1		
Papakura ..						2					2			Ongaonga ..						1						1		
Papatoetoe ..						1					1			Ormondville ..						1						1		
Parnell ..						1	3				4			Porangahau ..						1						1		
Point Chevalier ..						1					1			Port Ahuriri ..					1	2						4		
Ponsonby ..						1	4				5			Takapau ..						1						1		
Port Fitzroy (Great Barrier) ..												2		Taradale ..						1						1		
Pukekohe ..						1	4				5			Tui ..						1						1		
Queen St. Wharf (A) ..						1	7				8			Waipawa ..						1						1		
Remuera ..						2					2			Waipukurau ..						2						2		
Surfdale ..						1					1			Wairoa ..						1						4		
Takapuna ..						1	2				3			Totals ..		1			2	5	52	1		2	3	66		
Thames ..						1	5				6			New Plymouth Dis- trict														
Tuakau ..						1					1			New Plymouth ..		1			1	2	14	1		1	1	24		
Waiuku ..						1					1			Eltham ..						2						2		
Warkworth ..						1					1			Fitzroy ..						1						1		
Wellsford ..						1					1			Hawera ..					1		6			1		8		
Whitianga ..						1					1			Ingiewood ..						1						1		
Totals ..	1	2	2	8	28	226	20	1	7	14	309	2		Kaponga ..						1						1		
Hamilton District—														Mokau ..														
Hamilton ..	1			1	1	25			1	2	31			Moturoa ..						1						1		
Cambridge ..						2					2			Normanby ..						1						1		
Frankton Junction ..						1	3				4			Opunake ..						1						1		
Hamilton East ..						1					1			Rahotu ..						1						1		
Katikati ..						1					1			Stratford ..					1	5						6		
Kawhia ..						1					1			Waitara ..						2						2		
Kerepehi ..						1					1			Whangamomona ..						1						1		
Kihikihi ..						1					1			Totals ..		1			2	3	40	1		2	1	50		
Matamata ..						1					1																	
Morrinsville ..						2					2																	

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District—														Nelson District—													
Wanganui ..	1			1	1	21				1	27			Nelson ..	1			1	1	13				1	17		
Aramoho ..						1					1			Blenheim ..					1	7					8		
Castleditch ..						1					1			Collingwood ..						1					1		
Gonville ..						1					1			Havelock ..						1					1		
Hunterville ..						1					1			Motueka ..						2					2		
Mangaweka ..						1					1			Murchison ..						1					1		
Manunui ..						1					1			Pieton ..						2					2		
National Park ..						1					1			Port Nelson ..						1					1		
Ohakune ..						2					2			Richmond ..						1					1		
Ohura ..						1					1			Seddon ..						1					1		
Ongarue ..						1					1			Takaka ..						1					1		
Patea ..						2					2			Wakefield ..						1					1		
Raeitihi ..						1					1			Totals ..	1			2	1	32			1		37		
Raurimu ..						1					1			Greymouth District—													
St. John's (Wanganui) ..						1					1			Greymouth ..	1			1	1	11			1	1	16		
Taihape ..					1	4					5			Ahaura ..						1					1		
Taumarunui ..					1	4					5			Blackball ..						1					1		
Waitotara ..						1					1			Bruce Bay ..						1					1		
Wanganui East ..						1					1			Brunnerton ..						1					1		
Waverley ..						1					1			Charleston ..						1					1		
Totals ..	1			1	3	48			1	2	56			Cobden ..						1					1		
Palmerston North District—														Denniston ..						1					1		
Palmerston North ..	1			1	1	24			1	3	31			Granity ..						1					1		
Ashhurst ..						1					1			Hokitika ..					1	4					5		
Bulls ..						1					1			Kanieri ..						1					1		
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.) ..						1					1			Karamea ..						1					1		
Eketaahuna ..						1					1			Kumara ..						1					1		
Feilding ..					1	4					5			Millerton ..						1					1		
Foxton ..						2					2			Ofira ..						1					1		
Kimbolton ..						1					1			Reefton ..					1	2					3		
Levin ..						2					2			Ross ..						1					1		
Marton ..					1	2					3			Runanga ..						1					1		
Otaki ..						2					2			Waiuta ..						1					1		
Pahiatua ..					1	2					3			Wataroa ..						1					1		
Pongaroa ..						1					1			Westport ..					1	5					6		
Rongotea ..						1					1			Totals ..	1			1	4	39			1	1	47		
Shannon ..						1					1			Christchurch District													
Terrace End (Palmerston N.) ..						1					1			Christchurch ..	1	2		1	9	62	14	1	3	6	99		
Woodville ..						1					1			Addington ..					1	3					4		
Totals ..	1			1	4	48			1	3	58			Akaroa ..						1					1		
Wellington District—														Amberley ..						1					1		
Wellington ..	1		2	1	9	52	18	1	4	6	94			Ashburton ..					1	6					7		
Brooklyn ..						1					1			Beckenham ..						1					1		
Carterton ..						2					2			Belfast ..						1					1		
Eastbourne ..						1					1			Bingsland ..						1					1		
Exhibition ..			1		3	13	5		1	4	27			Chatham Islands ..						1					1		
Featherston ..						2					2			Cheviot ..						1					1		
Greytown ..						1					1			Coalgate ..						1					1		
Island Bay ..						1					1			Culverden ..						1					1		
Johnsonville ..						1					1			Darfield ..						1					1		
Karori ..						1					1			Fendalton ..						1					1		
Kelburn ..						1					1			Islington ..						1					1		
Khandallah ..						1					1			Kaipoi ..						2					2		
Kilbirnie ..					1	4					5			Kaikoura ..						1					1		
Lower Hutt ..					1	8					10			Leeston ..						1					1		
Lyall Bay ..						1					1			Lincoln ..						1					1		
Martinborough ..						1					1			Linwood ..						1					1		
Masterton ..					1	7					9			Little River ..													
Miramar ..						1					1			Lower Riccarton ..													
Mount Cook ..					1	3	16	11			31			Lytelton ..					1	9					16		
Mocera ..						1					1			Methven ..						1					1		
Northland ..						1					1			New Brighton ..					1	2					3		
Packakariki ..						1					1			North New Brighton ..						1					1		
Petone ..					1	7					9			Oxford ..						1					1		
Seatoun ..						1					1			Papanui ..						1					1		
Taranaki Street ..					1	3	18	13			35			Phillipstown ..						1					1		
Thorndon Quay ..						1					1			Rakauia ..						1					1		
Tinui ..						1					1			Rangiora ..					1	2					3		
Tinakori Road ..						1					1			Riccarton (Upper) ..						1					1		
Upper Hutt ..						2					2			Rolleston ..						1					1		
Wadestown ..						1					1			St. Albans ..						3					3		
Wellington South ..					1	7					8			Southbridge ..						1					1		
Wharf (Wellington) ..					1	5	1				7			Sumner ..						1					1		
Totals ..	1	3	6	21	162	48	1	8	10	260				Sydenham ..					1	5					6		
														Waikari ..						1					1		
														Woolston ..						1					1		
														Totals ..	1	2		3	13	123	14	1	3	6	166		

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Temporary Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Timaru District—													
Timaru ..	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	23	1	1
Duntroon ..					1	1					1		
Fairlie ..					1	1					1		
Geraldine ..					1	1					1		
Glenavy ..					1	1					1		
Hampden ..					1	1					1		
Kirow ..					1	1					1		
Oamaru ..				1	8	1		1	1	1	10		
Pleasant Point ..					1	1					1		
St. Andrew's ..					1	1					1		
Tenuka ..					1	1					2		
Waimataitai ..					1	1					1		
Waimate ..					1	3					1		
Totals ..	1	1	2	3	39	2	1	2	1	48			
Dunedin District—													
Dunedin ..	1	1	1	1	8	38	8	1	2	3	63	1	1
Alexandra ..					1	1					1		
Anderson's Bay ..					1	1					1		
Balclutha ..					2	1					2		
Caversham ..					1	1					1		
Clyde ..					1	1					1		
Cromwell ..					1	1					1		
Green Island ..					1	1					1		
Kaitangata ..					1	1					1		
Lawrence ..					1	1					1		
Maori Hill ..					1	1					1		
Middlemarch ..					1	1					1		
Milton ..					1	1					1		
Mornington ..					1	1					1		
Mosgiel ..					2	1					2		
Naseby ..					1	1					1		
North Dunedin ..					1	7					8		
North-east Valley ..					1	1					1		
Ophir ..					1	1					1		
Oturehua ..					1	1					1		
Outram ..					1	1					1		
Owaka ..					1	1					1		
Palmerston South ..					1	1					1		
Port Chalmers ..					1	5					6		
Portobello ..					1	1					1		
Ranfurly ..					1	1					1		
Ravensbourne ..					1	1					1		
Roslyn ..					1	1					1		
Roxburgh ..					1	1					1		
St. Clair ..					1	1					1		
Dunedin District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
St. Kilda ..						1					1		
South Dunedin ..						1					1		
Waikouaiti ..						1					1		
Waitahuna ..						1					1		
Waitati ..						1					1		
Woodhaugh ..						1					1		
Totals ..	1	1	1	1	14	91	8	1	2	3	119	1	1
Invercargill District													
Invercargill ..	1	1	1	1	19	1		1	2		25	1	1
Arrowtown ..					1	1					1		
Bluff ..					1	2					3		
Clinton ..					1	1					1		
Gore ..					1	4					5		
Half-moon Bay ..					1	1					1		
Lumsden ..					1	1					1		
Mataura ..					1	1					1		
Nightcaps ..					1	1					1		
North Invercargill ..					1	1					1		
Otautau ..					1	1					1		
Pembroke ..					1	1					1		
Queenstown ..					1	1					1		
Riverton ..					1	1					1		
South Invercargill ..					1	1					1		
Tapanui ..					1	1					1		
Tokanui ..					1	1					1		
Tuatapere ..					1	1					1		
Waikaia ..					1	1					1		
Waikiki ..					1	1					1		
Winton ..					1	1					1		
Wyndham ..					1	1					1		
Totals ..	1	1	1	3	44	1		1	2		52	1	1
Attached to headquarters staff ..				1	5					1	10		
Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..					1						1		
Lent to Samoan Administration ..					1						1		
On leave prior to retirement ..	1				1						2		
On leave without pay ..					4					1	5		
Grand totals ..	5	16	6	37	112	1098	93	4	34	52	1457	3	1

APPENDIX C.

RETURN SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF POLICE TO POPULATION AND COST OF POLICE PER INHABITANT IN EACH OF THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES.

Place.	Number of Police.	Estimated Population.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
				s. d.
New Zealand ..	1,457	1,640,901	1 to 1,126	7 8½
Victoria ..	2,351	1,887,278	1 to 803	8 6½
New South Wales ..	3,747	2,770,348	1 to 739	9 10½
Queensland ..	1,368	1,015,927	1 to 743	11 6½
South Australia ..	911	597,045	1 to 655	11 0½
Western Australia ..	579	465,916	1 to 805	10 11½
Tasmania ..	293	241,576	1 to 825	10 6