

There were during the year 34 breaches of the regulations, 21 were dealt with by the Visiting Justices, and the balance—a number of minor offences requiring disciplinary correction by loss of privileges—were dealt with by myself.

The pig-raising industry has again shown a good return for the period and the sales were 321 baconers for a net total of £1,400. The total transfer in of weaners from other institutions numbered 321. The stock are in good condition.

The dairy herd has kept in excellent condition and production greatly increased. Supplies of milk to institution for rations, and also sales to local staff, have been maintained, also butter for rations, and sales to Wi Tako Prison, &c. A good crop of hay has again been harvested this year. A number of heifer calves are being reared and will replace some of the old cows in due course.

The vegetable supplies have been obtained from the institution garden and have been of good quality.

The bread manufactured in the prison bakehouse for rations and sales to the Arohata Borstal Institution has been maintained at a high standard.

General maintenance of the prison buildings and cottages has been carried on with prison labour during the year. All the cottages have been renovated and roofs painted. The work of painting the cells and institutional buildings, &c., is now well in hand. Alterations, &c., have been effected during the year at Head Office, Patents Office, and Registrar-General's Office, &c. Office furniture for these offices has also been manufactured. The prison laundry has dealt with all institutional requirements and laundered blankets for the Army and Air Departments. Towels, &c., have also been done for the Department of Industries and Commerce. The Mines Department were again supplied with a large quantity of kindling-wood; also, a large number of sacks were repaired for this Department during the year. The printing industry has maintained a good output of institutional stationery. Boot repairs have been carried out for the Arohata Borstal Institution and all institutional requirements. On the Borstal Farm at Arohata an officer and 12 men have been employed regularly during the year on general farm work.

The screening of topical and educational films provided by the Department has been continued regularly during the year, and this, with the wireless installation, has provided much appreciated entertainment. A series of concerts arranged by Mr. Andrew Morrison, J.P., were again given during the year.

The prison nursery and buildings have again been fully maintained during the period, and a large number of seeds have been planted, seedlings planted out, &c. A large number of trees were again supplied for distribution to the Wellington Beautifying Society.

Throughout the year Church services were held regularly each week, and to the ministers of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and other branches of the Protestant Churches, the Roman Catholic clergy, and the officers of the Salvation Army who have visited us from time to time we are deeply indebted.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the staff for their co-operation. Their conduct has been excellent and the prison routine work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

WI TAKO PRISON, HERETAUNGA

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During the year 205 prisoners were received and 212 discharged or transferred, leaving the muster at 48 at the end of the year, as compared with 55 at the start. The daily average number in custody was 56.35.