

The pig-raising industry has again had a good return for the year. Although the sale of baconers was only 209, they realized close on £1,000. With the closing of the Air Force stations the supply of pig-swill has been considerably reduced and the number of pigs raised to baconers has been less.

The dairy herd has kept in excellent condition and production well maintained. Supplies of milk to institution for rations and sales to local staff have been of good quality, also butter for rations and sales to Wi Tako Prison, &c. A good crop of hay has again been harvested this year.

All available prison labour has been fully utilized in the various industries. The prison garden has been fully cultivated and has produced all the vegetables used in the institution, with the exception of potatoes. The printing industry has maintained all the supplies of institutional stationery, as well as printing-work for Head Office, Registrar-General's Office, and Supreme Court, &c. The prison laundry continues to deal with all of the institutional requirements, also towels, &c., for the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts. Boot repairs have been carried out for the Arohata Borstal Institution and all our institutional requirements.

At Arohata Borstal farm, 1 officer and 14 men have been regularly employed during the year on general farm work. Also, additions and alterations to the farm-manager's residence were effected by prison tradesman labour. The interior painting of the cells, &c., was completed during the year, also the painting of all the roofs of the wings, workshops, and kitchen block, &c.

Sound-films were exhibited at regular intervals by the Department and were greatly appreciated. In August the Wellington W.E.A. again commenced a series of weekly lectures. Christmas cheer of ample proportions was again provided by various social organizations, including the Tory Street Mission, Wellington City Mission, and the Wellington Branch of the Howard League, who forwarded plums and tomatoes. Gifts of tobacco were also received from the Controllor-General of Prisons.

The prison nursery buildings are in bad state of repair and have been out of action most of the year. Approximately 3,000 trees were sent out to the Wellington Beautifying Society for distribution.

Throughout the year the various denominations have held their regular services. Our thanks are due to the ministers of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and other branches of the Protestant Churches for their attendances, also to Father Uhlenberg and the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the officers of the Salvation Army, to whom we are deeply indebted.

In conclusion, I desire to again thank the staff for their co-operation. Through the shortage of officers, a heavy strain was imposed on the whole staff, but the prison routine work was carried out in a satisfactory manner in spite of the conditions under which the officers worked.

WI TAKO PRISON, HERETAUNGA

(Superintendent: Mr. A. St. P. JORDAN)

There were 48 prisoners confined at this prison at the beginning of the year. During the year 249 prisoners were received and 263 were discharged, leaving a total of 34 prisoners on the 31st December, 1946.

Four prisoners were admitted to the public hospital. Apart from these 4, there were no serious cases of illness and all were treated by the prison medical officer.

The conduct of the prisoners during the year was reasonably good. Eight prisoners were punished for prison offences, 2 of whom were dealt with by a Visiting Justice, and the remainder by the Superintendent.

An exceptionally good Christmas dinner was enjoyed by the prisoners this year. Thanks are due to the Howard League, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Brethren, and relatives and friends of the prisoners, who supplied fresh and dried fruit, &c.