

Mr. J. Dow, Probation Officer, New Plymouth

Offenders Probation Act, 1920.—There were 14 probationers on the register at the beginning of the year, 8 were received from the Courts, and 17 were received on transfer from other districts, making a total of 39 probationers dealt with. Of this number, 12 completed their period of probation satisfactorily, 15 were transferred to other districts, and 1 was sent to a Borstal for offences committed while on probation, leaving 11 on the register at the end of the year. The conduct of the probationers, with one exception, has been very good.

The sum of £103 10s. 10d. towards restitution and £6 6s. towards costs of prosecution has been collected.

Crimes Amendment Act, 1920, and Prevention of Crimes Act, 1924.—There were 4 probationers on the register at the beginning of the year and 10 were received from other districts, making a total of 14 probationers dealt with. Of this number, 3 completed their period of probation, 1 had his sentence remitted by the military authorities, 2 were transferred to other districts, and 5 committed offences and were returned to prison, leaving 3 on the register at the end of the year.

Mr. A. McLeod, Probation Officer, Rotorua

The following particulars regarding probation work in this district during the year ended 31st December, 1946, is submitted :—

Number of probationers registered as at 1st January, 1946	..	..	15
Number received from the local Court	..	..	13
Number received on transfer from other districts	..	..	18
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Number transferred to other districts	..	..	12
Number sent to Borstal for other offences	..	..	1
Number sent to prison for other offences	..	..	3
Number completed term satisfactorily	..	..	13
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Number remaining on register as at 31st December, 1946	..	..	17

The amount of restitution money collected during the year, £96 7s. 3d. The amount ordered to be collected from individual offenders in costs of prosecution and restitution during the year was £74 2s. 11d.

Under the Crimes Amendment Act :—

On register as at 1st January, 1946	..	..	..	9
Received on transfer from other districts	..	..	..	13
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Transferred to other districts	..	..	..	12
Sentenced on other offences	..	..	..	1
Term under supervision completed	..	..	..	1
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Remaining on register at 31st December, 1946	..	..	..	8

Restitution has been easy to collect in the majority of cases and the conduct and industry of the most of the probationers has been good. All have been fully employed most of the year and can show a certain amount of money banked to their credit.

The thanks of the Department are due to the district officers of the Police Department for their valued assistance during the year.

Mr. R. G. SAMPSON, Probation Officer, Timaru

Offenders Probation Act.—Under the Offenders Probation Act, 13 offenders were on the register at the beginning of the year. During the year 4 were added, all being first time on the register.