

blacksmiths, 2; bricklayers, 2; cabinetmaker, 1; carpenters, 2; carter, 1; clerks, 2; drivers, 3; electrical operator, 1; ex-constables, 3; farm labourers, 11; farmers, 2; grocer's assistant, 1; labourers, 13; milkman, 1; miners, 4; motormen, 2; piano-tuner, 1; platelayer, 1; ploughman, 1; postman, 1; sawmill hand, 1; seaman, 1; shepherds, 2; soldier, 1; telegraphist, 1; woodwork-machinist, 1.

POLICE PROVIDENT FUND.

On 31st March last the amount standing to the credit of the fund was £32,204 7s. 1d., being an increase on the previous year of £390 19s. 3d. On the same date there were on the fund 3 ex-Inspectors, 1 ex-sergeant-major, 21 ex-sergeants, 55 ex-constables, 5 ex-detectives, and 2 widows of deceased constables, their aggregate annual allowances being £8,231 8s.

This fund has now been merged in the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

Since the Police Provident Fund Act, 1899, came into force the Government have saved the sum of £22,606 8s. 11d. in the form of retiring-allowances which would no doubt have been paid had it not existed.

STATIONS, ETC.

During the year the following works have been completed:—

New Buildings.

Chatham Islands	..	Station.	New Plymouth	..	Station.
Christchurch	..	Inspector's residence.	Otira	..	Lock-up.
Dunollie	..	Station.	Rakaia	..	Station.
Epsom	..	Lock-up.	Rawene	..	Lock-up.
Islington	..	"	Rotorua	..	Offices.
Kaikohe	..	Station.	Shannon	..	Station.
Kaitaia	..	"	Sydenham	..	"
Kirikiri-roa	..	"	Takaka	..	"
Lincoln	..	"	Thames	..	"

New Building in Course of Erection.

Pongaroa .. Station.

Additions, Improvements, &c.

Coalgate	..	Painting, &c.	Papanui	..	Drainage and water.
Hamilton	..	Outbuildings, &c.	Picton	..	Alterations.
Hunterville	..	Water and drainage.	Russell	..	Painting, &c.
Kawhia	..	Wash-house and renovations.	Wellington (Newtown)	..	Additions.
Manaia	..	Repairs and painting.	Wera-roa	..	Conversion old post-office to constables' quarters.
Palmerston North	..	Ditto.	Whangarei	..	Additions.

Properties acquired.

Culverden	..	Site.	Kaikohe	..	Site.
Eden Terrace (Auckland)	..	Station.	New Brighton	..	"
Ellerslie	..	"	Wakefield	..	Station.
Frankton	..	Site.	Woolston	..	"
Johnsonville	..	"			

First Aid to the Injured.

During the year ended March, 1910, 61 probationers presented themselves, at the conclusion of their course of training at the depot, for examination in "first aid to the injured," the examinations being held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Of the 61 men who sat, all passed.

The maximum number of marks was gained in seven cases, the average of those who passed being 84.69. (Maximum, 100; bare pass, 50.)

The lecturer was in each case Dr. Henry, Police Surgeon, and the examiners different medical men appointed by the Association.

The New Zealand Police Force.

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, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the colony had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available:—