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NEW ZEALAND.

THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The COMMISSIONER OF POLICE to the Hon. the MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Police Department, Wellington, 23rd June, 1913.

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

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the strength of the Force was 846 of all ranks, being an increase of 11 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Senior sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	683
Chief Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Detective sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Acting-detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
In addition to the above there were—								
Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

The rank of Superintendent has been created, and the Inspectors in charge at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin have been appointed thereto. The strength of commissioned officers has been increased by two Inspectors, stationed at Auckland and Wellington respectively.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Takapuna, Havelock North, and Gonville; and the station at Scinde (Napier) has been closed.

The boundaries of the Auckland and Thames Districts have been altered by transferring fifteen stations in the southern portion of the Auckland District to the Thames District. The enlarged district so formed is now known as the Hamilton District, the headquarters having been transferred from Thames to Hamilton.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended the 31st March last: Retired on pension under Public Service Superannuation Act, 4; retired as medically unfit, 3; died, 9; resigned voluntarily, 30; called upon to resign, 1; transferred to Civil Service, 2; dismissed, 4; services dispensed with, 3; total, 56. This is the same number as in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with all offences reported to the police during the year ended the 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 982 on the figures of 1911. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·35 per cent., as against 2·32 the previous year.