

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	498	10	0
Thames	170	0	0
Napier	25	0	0
Wanganui	112	0	0
Wellington	182	0	0
Greymouth	25	0	0
Christchurch	247	0	0
Dunedin	75	0	0
Invercargill	106	0	0
Total	£1,440	10	0

The direct cost to the Dominion in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £385 12s. 1d., this being £1,054 17s. 11d. less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 345 prosecutions, resulting in 301 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 152 prosecutions and 120 convictions in 1911.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION.

This branch of the Department continues to be of great value to the Police Force.

During the year the *Police Gazette* increased in volume by 88 pages of printed matter; 1,062 photographs were taken by the photographers, an increase of 244 over the preceding year; the portraits of 1,361 prisoners were dealt with; 183 prisoners were traced as previous offenders; and 6 detections were entirely due to finger-print identification. The work for the last quarter shows an increase of 60 per cent.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 13,552 offenders, being an increase of 1,455 on the previous year.

The following table shows the increase of the finger-print collection, and prisoners traced thereby, since the introduction of the finger-print system of identification in March, 1903 :—

Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904	3,500	3,500	117
1905	4,200	700	72
1906	5,000	800	88
1907	6,151	1,151	104
1908	7,622	1,471	123
1909	8,718	1,096	138
1910	9,919	1,201	140
1911	10,905	986	148
1912	12,097	1,192	178
1913	13,552	1,455	183

CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

Sixty-eight men were taken on during the year, their nationalities, religions, and occupations being as follows :—Nationalities : Australia, 2; England, 10; Ireland, 15; New Zealand, 26; Scotland, 15. Religions : Baptist, 1; Brethren, 1; Church of England, 19; Presbyterian, 26; Roman Catholic, 18; Wesleyan, 3. Occupations : Artillerymen, 2; bakers, 2; blacksmiths, 5; carrier, 1; clerks, 2; engine-driver, 1; ex-constables, 30; farm labourers, 7; joiner, 1; labourers, 11; ploughmen, 2; railway-surfacemen, 2; storekeeper, 1; weaver, 1.

FIRST AID TO THE INJURED.

During the year ended 31st March, 1913, 48 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 48 men who sat, all passed.

The maximum number of marks was gained in one case, the average of those who passed being 86.83. (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.