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NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PRISONS BRANCH:

PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1912.

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

SIR,—
Office of the Prisons Board, Wellington, 15th July, 1913
I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1912.
I have, &c.,
The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington. ROBERT STOUT.

REPORT.

DURING the year 1912 the Board held thirteen meetings. The following table shows the dates of and places of meeting, and the number of cases, grouped under their particular class, that were considered at each meeting:—

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of		Total.
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons undergoing Reformative Detention.	
January 13 and 15 ..	New Plymouth ..	41	92	133
March 1	Wellington ..	2	2	4
May 7 and 8 ..	Auckland ..	23	51	74
May 10	Waiotapu ..			
May 11	Waipa ..			
May 13	Waikeria ..			
May 25	Wellington ..	1	3	4
September 16 and 17 ..	New Plymouth ..	52	64	116
October 15	Wellington ..	1	0	1
December 27	Wellington ..	39	47	86
Totals	..	159	259	418

As the number of individuals represented in the above total is 207 (habitual criminals and offenders, 63; persons under reformative detention, 144), it will be noted that some of the cases were considered more than once.

The work of the Board is still sufficiently new to the public to make it advisable to explain its jurisdiction before reviewing its labours. It came into being under the provisions of the Crimes Amendment Act, 1910, for the purpose of determining the cases of habitual criminals, of habitual offenders, and of persons sentenced to reformative detention. A person may be declared to be an habitual criminal or offender who has been convicted of certain offences