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Divine services has been conducted throughout the year by the Rev. F. G. Cumming, or some member of one of the Churches.

*First Offenders' Probation Act.*

There were 3 males on probation at the commencement of the year, and 2 males were placed on probation during the year. Received from other districts, 2 males and 1 female; discharged, 3 males; transferred to other districts, 2 males and 1 female—of this number, 1 male was afterwards sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for failing to comply with the terms on which he was released; reporting at the end of the year, 2 males.

GISBORNE PRISON.

EXTRACTS FROM GAOLER'S REPORT.

The health and conduct of the prisoners have been good. There have been no sickness and no punishments.

The prisoners were employed at keeping the Gaol clean, and improving the grounds.

Both male and female yards have been laid down in concrete, which is a great improvement.

GREYMOUTH PRISON.

EXTRACTS FROM GAOLER'S REPORT.

The general health of the prisoners has been very good. One male prisoner was removed to the District Hospital.

The prisoners have been employed principally in keeping the Prison in order, mending their clothes and boots, painting and repairing the outside of the Gaoler's and the constable's quarters, which are attached.

INVERCARGILL PRISON.

EXTRACTS FROM GAOLER'S REPORT.

The conduct of the various officers has been very good. On the whole I have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the officers of this Prison have carried out their very onerous duties.

The quality of the food supplied has been good, and there has been a total absence of complaints.

The Crimes Amendment Act, especially now that its provisions are becoming better known, is proving itself very effective.

I am more than ever satisfied that, especially and more particularly in the cases of youthful offenders, the Crimes Amendment Act has proved itself a real blessing. The provision for the payment of a small wage as a reward for industry and good conduct is also a direct incentive, removing as it does the need for anxiety as to how they will subsist until able to obtain employment.

There were two escapes from this Prison during the year, but both prisoners were recaptured by Prison officers within a short time of the attempt.

The building of the north wing extension continues. On the completion of this wing, providing as it does for the accommodation of a number of additional prisoners, it will be possible to introduce an up-to-date classification scheme in this Prison.

Mr. McLean, City Missioner and Probation Officer under the Crimes Amendment Act, still continues his good work amongst the youths in this Prison. Divine service is held every Sunday.

The general health of the prisoners has been good.

During the year considerable progress has been made with the work of reclaiming the Estuary swamp. The greater portion of the work has now been successfully completed, and before long the area of 650 acres set aside for a prison farm will be available.

The Prison school still continues to be successful. An average of 45 prisoners attend on three evenings per week, attendance being compulsory until the Fifth Standard is passed. A public-school teacher, assisted by a Prison officer, gives the necessary tuition.

Physical drill for all prisoners under twenty-five years of age is engaged in on two evenings per week. Swedish drill is the form of exercise employed. The prisoners take a keen interest in the proceedings, and the progress made reflects great credit on their instructor.

*First Offenders' Probation Act.*

On the 1st January, 1914, there were 4 males and 1 female on the register. Eight males were admitted to probation during the year, and 5 males and 1 female completed their terms of probation satisfactorily. Four males were transferred to other districts and 1 failed to report during the year, leaving 2 males on the Registrar at the end of the year. Two probationers failed to comply with the conditions of their probation, and were arrested and admitted to probation for further terms.

KAINGAROA PRISON.

EXTRACTS FROM GAOLER'S REPORT.

One prisoner escaped from custody during the year, and was at large for several days. He was, however, recaptured by the police, and sentenced to an additional term of imprisonment.

With a few exceptions, the conduct and industry of the prisoners has been excellent, and the work done on the plantation has been highly satisfactory. Although the country where tree-