

1917.
NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:
PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1916.

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

SIR,—

30th June, 1917.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1916.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

ROBERT STOUT, President.

REPORT.

DURING the year 1916 the Board held meetings at New Plymouth, Roto Aira, Waikeria, Waipa, Kaingaroa, Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, Paparua (Templeton), Addington, and Invercargill. The following table shows the dates of the meetings, and the cases considered :—

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of		Total.
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons under-going Reformative Detention.	
February 14	New Plymouth	77	122	199
" 16	Roto Aira ..			
" 17	Waikeria ..			
" 21	Waipa ..			
" 22	Kaingaroa ..			
" 24	Auckland ..	8	29	37
May 5	Wellington ..			
August 4	" 	8	23	31
November 24	" 	6	35	41
December 12	Lyttelton ..	3	113	116
" 12	Paparua (Templeton)			
" 13	Addington ..			
" 15 and 16	Invercargill ..	102	322	424
Totals				

The total number of cases considered during the year was 424, of which 102 were habitual criminals and 322 prisoners undergoing reformative detention. Several of the cases were those of persons who came more than once before the Board, the total number of distinct individuals dealt with being 344, of whom 77 were habitual criminals and 267 reformative prisoners.