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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 IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 2nd September, 1918.

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 number of permanent members of the Force of all ranks was 845, being a decrease of 53 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	9
Senior Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	28
Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	83
Constables	...	...	...	...	...	676
Chief Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	4
Detective-sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	18
Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	16

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	...	...	...	...	...	4
Matrons	...	...	...	...	...	8
District constables	...	...	...	...	...	8
Native constables	...	...	...	...	...	5

Temporary constables have also been appointed under section 32 of the War Legislation Amendment Act, 1916, to fill vacancies in the Force. On the 31st March last there were 56 temporary constables so employed.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Manunui and Takapau, and the stations at Nuhaka, Mahakipawa, and Mangatainoka have been closed.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 16; retired as medically unfit, 1; died, 4; resigned voluntarily, 34; called upon to resign, 3; dismissed, 2: total, 60. This is the same number as in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended the 31st December last, and show an aggregate net decrease of 3,196 on the figures of 1916. The proportion of offences to the population was 1·89 per cent., as against 2·16 the previous year.

The principal increases during the year appear under the following headings, viz.:—

Assault causing bodily harm	..	22	Malicious injury to property	..	..	13
Disturbing meetings and congregations	..	16	Murder	..	..	10
False pretences	..	49	Murder, attempted	..	..	10
Fortune-telling	..	22	Soliciting prostitution	..	..	52
Incest	..	11	Theft of pigs	..	..	16

The principal decreases were—

Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour	30	Forgery and uttering	21
Assault (common)	47	Furious riding and driving	52
Assault and robbery	16	Indecent exposure or behaviour	37
Breaches of the peace	72	Obscene and profane language	140
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	38	Theft (undescribed)	144
Disobeying orders of Court. &c.	65	Theft by servants	49
Drunkenness	2,033	Theft from dwellings	63
Failing to maintain wives, &c.	78	Trespass	42
		Vagrancy offences	188

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	4,745	4,556	189
Hamilton	1,556	1,481	75
Napier	1,602	1,524	78
Wanganui	2,284	2,146	138
Wellington	5,304	5,037	267
Greymouth	412	397	15
Christchurch	3,480	3,287	193
Dunedin	1,784	1,726	58
Invercargill	557	547	10
Totals	21,724	20,701	1,023

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1917 was 95·29, the figures of the preceding year being 95·70.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1916.		1917.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	29	28	19	15
Assault and robbery	21	21	5	5
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	440	300	402	286
Forgery and uttering	135	112	114	109
Murder	4	2	14	14
Murder, attempted	3	3	13	12
Rape	6	5	2	2
Receiving stolen property	73	73	74	74
Shooting with intent	3	3	1	1
Totals	714	547	644	518

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1916.	1917.
Assaults, indecent	97	90
Bestiality	...	3
Carnally knowing girls	41	46
Carnally knowing, attempted	11	9
Concealment of birth	4	2
Incest	5	16
Indecent exposure or behaviour	300	263
Rape	6	2
Rape, attempted	6	4
Sodomy	3	7
Sodomy, attempted	5	3
Totals	478	445

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 2,033 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1917 was 8,800 (8,216 males and 584 females), whereas in 1916 the number was 10,833 (10,096 males and 737 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1917 as compared with 1916 :—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1916.	Number of Prosecutions, 1917.	Decrease.
Auckland	1,740	1,479	261
Hamilton	668	576	92
Napier	766	690	76
Wanganui	1,222	1,071	151
Wellington	3,075	2,519	556
Greymouth	241	173	68
Christchurch	1,812	1,331	481
Dunedin	1,063	802	261
Invercargill	246	159	87
Totals	10,833	8,800	2,033

From the following table it will be observed that 36·61 per cent. of the males and 47·43 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 8·95 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion :—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1917, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

Police District.	Not previously convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland	871	59	217	18	87	9	71	6	41	3	31	2	59	5	1,377	102	188
Hamilton	441	10	55	..	45	..	9	..	1	..	13	..	2	..	566	10	..
Napier	342	6	144	2	53	..	35	1	35	1	23	3	44	1	676	14	14
Wanganui	745	32	148	7	63	3	31	4	14	..	6	..	18	..	1,025	46	3
Wellington	1,618	148	187	16	129	24	70	3	37	8	42	20	202	15	2,285	234	224
Greymouth	102	2	30	2	13	1	9	1	4	..	3	..	6	..	167	6	19
Christchurch	567	34	156	13	79	12	89	7	58	7	36	3	228	42	1,213	118	122
Dunedin	433	14	102	5	53	12	41	2	30	3	14	2	78	13	751	51	162
Invercargill	89	2	12	1	11	..	10	..	8	..	4	..	22	..	156	3	4
Totals	5,208	307	1,051	64	533	61	365	24	228	22	172	30	659	76	8,216	584	736

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1916 and 1917, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Increase or Decrease in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1916.		Number arrested, 1917.		Number convicted, 1917.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	866	51	841	53	841	53	...	...	...	23
Wellington and suburbs	2,162	246	1,804	204	1,804	204	...	...	...	400
Christchurch and suburbs	803	131	636	96	634	95	2	1	...	202
Dunedin and suburbs ...	737	67	565	49	563	49	2	...	...	190
Totals ...	4,568	495	3,846	402	3,842	401	4	1	...	815

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1916 and 1917 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1916.		Number arrested, 1917.		Number convicted, 1917.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	15	...	13	...	13	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	111	4	62	3	62	3	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	43	2	17	4	17	4	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	24	1	14	...	14	...	...	...
Totals ...	193	7	106	7	106	7	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1912 to 1916 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Commonwealth ...	143·5	139·5	139·9	126·6	102·5
New Zealand ...	111·0	108·5	120·6	117·9	97·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (492) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 184 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1917 as compared with 1916, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Convictions, 1917.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.
Auckland ...	34	57	21	36
Hamilton ...	13	26	14	12
Napier ...	3	19	7	12
Wanganui ...	31	95	49	46
Wellington ...	69	82	53	29
Greymouth ...	63	81	39	42
Christchurch ...	45	41	22	19
Dunedin ...	30	59	39	20
Invercargill ...	20	32	16	16
Totals ...	308	492	260	232

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each principal Centre during the Year 1917 as compared with 1916, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Convictions, 1917.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.
Auckland and suburbs ...	23	30	9	21
Wellington and suburbs ...	27	28	16	12
Christchurch and suburbs ...	9	11	4	7
Dunedin and suburbs ...	14	38	22	16
Totals ...	73	107	51	56

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 133 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 118 convictions, against 141 prosecutions and 107 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1917 amounted to £1,632, as against £2,249 in 1916.

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

	£
Auckland	20
Hamilton	693
Napier	70
Wanganui	508
Wellington	56
Greymouth	20
Christchurch	55
Dunedin	200
Invercargill	10
Total	<u>£1,632</u>

The direct cost to the Department in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £412, this being £1,220 less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 239 prosecutions, resulting in 208 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 257 prosecutions and 216 convictions in 1916.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

During the year the finger-impressions of 2,496 prisoners were received, classified, searched, and filed, and 132 prisoners were identified as previous offenders in this Dominion, Australia, England, &c.; 1,249 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to this branch; the portraits of 1,012 prisoners were dealt with, and 328 photographs of discharged prisoners were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

The number of photographs taken during the year shows an increase of over 75 per cent. on last year's figures. They included many exhibits in important Court cases such as copies of letters, &c., in a case of forgery of a will at Wellington, and finger-print enlargements in two breaking-and-entering cases at Christchurch.

The *Police Gazette* work shows an increase on the previous year. The *Gazette* itself has decreased in volume, but this is due to the fact that since the beginning of 1917 Law Reports and War Regulations have not been reprinted in the *Gazette*, but issued separately.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 20,982 offenders, being an increase of 1,474 over the previous year.

The following table shows the increase of the finger-print collection 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
1914	15,302	1,750	230
1915	16,682	1,380	270
1916	18,134	1,452	218
1917	19,508	1,374	166
1918	20,982	1,474	132

CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

Seven men were permanently appointed to the Force during the year, their nationalities, religions, and occupations being as follows :—Nationalities: New Zealand, 5; Scotland, 2. Religions: Presbyterian, 5; Roman Catholic, 2. Occupations: Ex-constables, 4; ex-soldiers, 2; labourer, 1.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out during the year by the Public Works Department :—

New buildings erected: Auckland (Central), additions; Wellington (headquarters, Johnston Street).

New buildings in course of erection: Wairoa, Oamaru.

Site acquired: Lower Hutt.

Alterations, improvements, &c., were effected at Hikurangi, Kawakawa, Russell, Whakatane, Tokomaru Bay, Waitara, Whangamomona, Palmerston North, Te Nui, Kilbirnie, Mount Cook, Denniston, Seddonville, Nelson, Amberley, Christchurch, Darfield, St. Andrew's, and Ophir.

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following return shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-laws offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available.

Year.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtainable	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328		646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347		652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346		664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375		668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401		675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439		692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472		714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495		728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530		740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461		754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435		768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414		783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359		796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381		816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375		830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388		851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398		875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375		900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387		925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375		961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331		977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308		1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330		1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333		1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287		1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303		1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304		1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257		1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
1916	19	104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258		1,152,669	24,920	23,848	10,833
1917	20	108	36	734	898	1 to 1,280		1,150,002	21,724	20,701	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274		1,147,391	...	...	...

* Includes 56 temporary constables.

GENERAL.

On the 4th February, 1918, the Hon. A. L. Herdman, Attorney-General, resigned the administration of the Police Department, and was succeeded by the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice.

On the 1st March, 1918, the headquarters of the Police Department were removed from the Government Buildings to the new police premises in Johnston Street, Wellington.

The Department scrupulously abstained since December, 1916, from enrolling any recruits who were liable for military service under the provisions of the Military Service Act, passed that year. The consequence is that during the year a considerable diminution in the membership of the Force took place. A sufficient number of suitable men willing to serve temporarily were not always forthcoming to fill the vacancies. The wisdom of refusing to encourage members of the Force to join the Expeditionary Forces, or to give them leave for the purpose, has been fully demonstrated. Had the Department granted any facilities or special terms to the large number of constables, unmarried and married, who expressed more than willingness to enlist for active service, the Police Force of the Dominion would have been practically reduced to the residue consisting of men above the military age or otherwise disqualified. I need not point out what straits the public services would be placed in had any different policy been pursued. Even the military service itself would have suffered considerably within the Dominion;

for the shortage in the police numbers which happened notwithstanding diminished seriously that full measure of assistance which the Police Department was willing to give in aid of military affairs. The reports of police officers in Great Britain and some of the dominions indicate that where a different policy was pursued at an early stage of the war the Police Forces were seriously crippled as time advanced, and their efficiency as an adjunct to the military was very much diminished.

In this connection it is opportune to record that in all their relations and in the most pressing conditions no friction occurred between the military and police service: the utmost goodwill and harmony have been maintained, so that the best result possible in all circumstances has been achieved. I desire especially to acknowledge the considerate concern evinced at all times for the exigencies of police requirements by the Commandant, the Chief of the General Staff, the Adjutant-General, the Director of Personal Services, and their respective staffs when making requests for the assistance and co-operation of the police. Similar observations apply to the Naval Adviser and his staff.

In September, 1917, a Sub-Inspector of Police was detailed to assist the Naval Adviser's staff in the supervision of wharves and shipping and in enforcing the War Regulations relating thereto. This arrangement has worked quite satisfactorily, with advantage to the police service as well as to the Naval Adviser's Department.

The question of making adequate provision for police-stations where police establishments already exist throughout the country is very urgent. Until recent years the necessity for acquiring land and building police offices and other accommodation in centres where it was quite certain that police must be permanently maintained appears to have been all but completely ignored. For want of premises of its own the Department was obliged to rent unsuitable houses to provide accommodation, and from time to time suitable properties offered at favourable prices have been refused on the score of economy. In this way opportunities for meeting the Department's legitimate wants, of effecting economy and acquiring properties which would in course of time so much appreciate that they would now be valuable public assets, have been lost. The consequence is that in some places the Department is now homeless, and retains possession of rented premises only by the special favour of the owners, or on payment of exorbitant rents. For this cause the cost of maintenance of the Force is increasing from year to year without any corresponding benefit. The value as a recruiting agency and attraction to the ranks of the Police Force of well-appointed, comfortable residences for men in charge of stations was so well understood by your predecessor, and is so much appreciated by yourself, that I trust this phase of police administration will become a cardinal feature of your departmental policy when the cessation of war may lead to a reduction to reasonable limits of the cost of new buildings. The satisfaction of members of the Force with their lot and with their actual situation is very much bound up with this matter.

Again I am able to repeat my commendation of the manner in which all ranks discharged the multifarious duties devolving upon them during the stressful continuance of the war. Though diminished in actual numbers, depleted still more by the breakdown in health of many of the men from time to time, those who remained, and these as they recovered, discharged their arduous duties with alacrity and thoroughness and without regard to personal consideration. All who remained at their posts in the police service have done their share in the task of winning the war, and they deserve all the consideration that can be extended to them.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

Extracts from the annual reports of officers in charge of districts are hereto annexed.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

SUPERINTENDENT KIELY, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March last was 1 Superintendent, 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 senior sergeants, 20 sergeants, 127 permanent constables, 17 temporary constables, 1 Chief Detective, 1 detective-sergeant, 5 detectives: total, 177, being 3 detectives and 3 constables short of the authorized strength. In addition to the above there were 5 district constables, 4 Native constables, and 2 matrons.

During the year there were—Deaths, 1 senior sergeant and 1 constable; superannuated, 1 senior sergeant and 1 constable; voluntary resignations, 1 senior sergeant, 1 detective, 8 permanent constables, and 4 temporary constables.

For the year ending 31st December last 4,745 offences were reported, as against 5,105 in the preceding year, a net decrease of 360. Of the total number of offences reported over 96 per cent. were accounted for by either arrest or summons. The following are the principal increases and decreases: Increases—Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour, 23; common assaults, 25; assaults occasioning bodily harm, 23; burglary, 26; cruelty to animals, 40; failing to provide maintenance for wives, &c., 34; false pretences, 21; gaming offences, 36; incest, 11; indecent exposure, 27; introducing liquor into Maori pa, 22; malicious injury to property, 12;

mischievous, 18; soliciting prostitution, 32. Decreases—Bankruptcy offences, 23; breaches of the peace, 34; deserting or absenting from merchant vessels, 57; drunkenness, 261; forgery and uttering, 41; furious riding and driving, 34; keeping disorderly houses or brothels, 13; obstructing police, 17; perjury, 7; receiving stolen goods, 14; sly-grog selling, 10; theft, 32; theft from dwellings, 55; vagrancy, 58.

A number of constables were fined for minor breaches of the regulations, otherwise the conduct of the men in general has been satisfactory.

Owing to the steady increase in population in Whangarei I consider the time has arrived when arrangements should be made for a constable for night duty. At the present time there are only two constables stationed there, and the time of one of them is continually taken up with duty in the country. I beg to recommend that an extra constable be provided for Whangarei.

During the past twelve months the sum of £2,725 has been paid in fines by bookmakers in Auckland City, but regardless of the substantial amount of the fines imposed in each case it cannot be said that illegal betting has in any way diminished. If bookmaking is to be put down the law will have to be amended so as to give the police power of arrest without warrant. The existing law is certainly quite inadequate.

INSPECTOR SHEEHAN, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The strength on the 31st March last was 1 Inspector, 4 senior sergeants, 4 sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, 59 constables, 2 district constables, and 1 Native constable. During the year the strength of the district has been increased by 5, 1 sergeant and 2 temporary constables being appointed to Hamilton Station, 1 constable to Whakatane Station, and 1 constable to the new station opened at Manunui in July, 1917.

Further additions to the strength are required at Frankton Junction (1 constable) and Rotorua (1 constable). A second constable is required at Frankton so that all express trains may be met and more attention given to the patrolling of the borough. A proper system of night duty cannot be carried out at Rotorua with the present staff, and an extra constable is required.

A new station will be required at Ohura, but can stand over for the present, as the railway-construction works are practically at a standstill. Stations will also be required at Piopio and Matamata in the near future, but can well stand over for the duration of the war.

During the year 1 Inspector retired on superannuation, 2 constables and 1 Native constable resigned, and 1 Native constable died.

The offences return for 1917 shows that 1,556 offences were reported, as compared with 1,871 for the previous year, a decrease of 315. Increases appear under the following heads: Disturbing meetings and congregations, 10; false pretences, 23; manslaughter, 2; murder (attempted), 2; theft, 21; theft from dwellings, 9. Decreases appear under the heads: Abusive and threatening behaviour, 21; arson, 8; assaults (common), 26; breaches of the peace, 33; disorderly conduct, 14; drunkenness, 92; obscene language, 41; sly-grog selling, 12.

Of the offences reported over 95 per cent. were accounted for either by arrest or summons.

Sly-grog selling is still being carried on in the King-country, although the police are active in trying to cope with the illicit trade. The total amount of fines inflicted for sly-grog selling during the year was £693.

Members of the Force have conducted themselves during the past year in a manner that deserves the highest praise, and have performed their arduous duties with credit and without the slightest friction with the public.

INSPECTOR McGRATH, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On the 31st March the strength of the district was 68 of all ranks, being an increase of 3 during the year. The total is made up as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 senior sergeant, 7 sergeants, 55 constables, 1 detective-sergeant, and 2 detectives. Increases were authorized at Napier, 1 constable; Takapau, 1 constable; and Mohaka, 1 constable.

A new station was opened at Takapau and the station at Nuhaka closed.

Two constables resigned during the year—one at Gisborne and one at Woodville.

The total number of offences reported during the year 1917 was 1,602, as compared with 1,703 for the year 1916, showing a decrease of 101 offences. Of the 1,602 offences reported, 1,524 resulted in a prosecution, leaving a total of 78 undetected offences for the year. The principal increases were—Breaches of the peace, 17; forgery and uttering, 13; furious riding and driving, 34; gaming offences, 16; malicious injury to property, 11; obscene and profane language, 10; theft of pigs, 12. There were decreases in the following: Disobeying orders of Court and summonses, 12; drunkenness, 76; failing to provide maintenance for wives, &c., 19; false pretences, 20; theft (undescribed), 33; vagrancy offences, 22.

Two men who were employed fencing in an isolated place on the East Coast were murdered in their camp, and the prosecution of a young man for the crime resulted in an acquittal. Apart from this case of murder there were no serious crimes calling for special mention during the past year. The offence of unlawfully supplying liquor to Maoris on the East Coast continues to give a great deal of trouble, much ingenuity being exercised in order to evade the law. By continual vigilance, however, the police have succeeded in keeping this nefarious traffic in check. Numerous convictions have been secured, and heavy fines were imposed.

The conduct of all members of the Force has been exemplary. The detective and uniform branches of the service have worked well together, and, although a good many extra duties have

devolved upon both branches in connection with military matters, all the work has been very satisfactorily performed.

I would suggest that it be made an offence for any person to use a horse or vehicle without the permission of the owner, as a good deal of annoyance and inconvenience is caused from time to time by persons taking motor-cars, bicycles, and occasionally horses, and using them without such permission. The circumstances attending such cases generally leave it doubtful whether the persons intend to steal or merely temporarily use the animal or vehicle. For many years unlawfully using horses has been an offence punishable by six months' imprisonment in New South Wales and Victoria, and the conditions which rendered the passing of this law necessary in those States were the same in effect as those now existing in this Dominion, especially in regard to motor-cars and bicycles.

INSPECTOR HENDREY, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district is 1 Inspector, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 2 senior sergeants, 7 sergeants, 2 detective-sergeants, and 73 constables, a total of 87 of all ranks. We are at present working 4 constables under strength—2 at Palmerston North, 1 at Feilding, and 1 at New Plymouth. These men are badly required to man the stations named, and provision will require to be made for a constable at Halcombe as soon as the freezing-works at Kakariki are completed.

During the year there occurred—Death, 1 constable; voluntary resignations, 3 constables; compulsory resignation, 1 constable; retirements on superannuation, 1 Superintendent, 1 senior sergeant, 1 detective-sergeant, and 3 constables.

The offences return for year 1917 shows that a total of 2,284 offences were reported, of which 2,146 were detected and dealt with; this shows a decrease of 92 on the number of offences reported during the preceding year. The principal increases were as follows: Bankruptcy offences, 14; false pretences, 9; furious riding and driving, 18; malicious injury to property, 13; attempted murder, 6; obstructing and resisting police, 13; sly-grog selling, 37; theft of cattle and horses, 11. The principal decreases are in burglary, breaking and entering, &c., 13; drunkenness, 151; theft by servants, 14; thefts from dwellings, 17; vagrancy offences, 40. The decrease in drunkenness is probably due to the War Regulations prohibiting treating and to the recent licensing legislation closing hotels at 6 p.m. I anticipate a marked decrease of drunkenness during the current year from these causes.

I regret to have to report that two serious crimes of murder have been committed during the past twelve months. In one case a man killed his wife and attempted to kill five other persons, whom he seriously wounded; the offender was convicted and executed. In the other case the accused was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. Both of these crimes were due to excessive drinking.

Sly-grog selling still continues in the Raetihi and Ohakune districts, and at Mokau and Awakino. The police have, however, been very successful in dealing with this class of offence, and during the twelve months fines amounting to £508 have been imposed.

The conduct of all ranks during the year has been very good. The work of the police has largely increased owing to what one might briefly term "war work," and all ranks have been doing their best cheerfully to cope with the increased work.

During the month of March last disastrous bush-fires were responsible for a vast destruction of property and stock in the Waimarino district, and I regret that during these fires three persons lost their lives. The police-station at Raetihi was completely destroyed by fire at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT NORWOOD, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

The strength of Force in this district on the 31st March last was 1 Superintendent, 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 6 senior sergeants, 15 sergeants, 126 permanent constables, 11 temporary constables, 1 Chief Detective, 5 detective-sergeants, 3 detectives. There was a shortage of 1 detective and 4 constables.

The stations at Mangatainoka and Mahakipawa have been closed.

In addition to the recommendations already made for the purchase of sites for police-stations at Lower Hutt, Seatoun, Kelburn, and Blenheim, I beg to recommend that the Department should secure sites at Upper Hutt, Seddon, and Levin. At the first-named place the present building cannot last much longer and a new site will be necessary; at the other places named the Department is renting premises and has no site to build on. Quarters for the senior sergeant in charge of the Mount Cook Station are also badly required; at present he lives in expensive rented premises some considerable distance from the police-station. There is a vacant section, belonging to the Government, adjoining the station, on which the building could be erected. New police-stations are also badly required at Greytown, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, and Eketahuna.

During the year there were—Death, 1 constable; retirements on pension, 3 constables; discharged as medically unfit, 1 constable; resignations, 1 sergeant, 5 permanent constables, 5 temporary constables, and 1 district constable; dismissed, 2 constables.

The total number of offences reported for the year 1917 was 5,304; dealt with by Courts, 5,037; undetected or abandoned through insufficient evidence, 267. The indictable cases dealt with in the Supreme Court were 173 in number. There was a decrease in the number of offences reported during the past year of 958 cases as compared with the previous year. Increases appear under the following heads: Deserting from ships, 21; forgery and uttering, 16; fortune-telling, 13; obstructing and resisting police, 15; soliciting prostitution, 13. Decreases: Common assaults, 26; breaches of the peace, 24; burglary, 17; drunkenness, 556;

furious riding and driving, 49; gaming offences, 37; indecency, 33; neglected and criminal children, 50; obscene and profane language, 27; theft (undescribed), 14; theft by servants, 23; vagrancy offences, 63.

It will be noticed that the greatest number of cases showing a decrease under a particular heading is that of drunkenness, 556 cases. In the preceding year the decrease was 782. This succeeding decrease is no doubt, in the main, accounted for by the anti-shouting regulations and early closing provisions.

The conduct of all ranks has been generally good. Two constables were dismissed for serious offences against the Police Regulations, and fines had to be inflicted in several other minor cases.

All ranks have been kept extremely busily engaged. The number of inquiries emanating from the military authorities has been very numerous, and at times it has been difficult to cope with them. Constables resigning to go to the front have been replaced by untrained men, consequently efficiency has suffered to some extent.

INSPECTOR CRUICKSHANK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the actual strength of this district was 1 Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 3 sergeants, 35 constables, and 1 detective-sergeant; total, 42. This number was 3 constables short of the authorized strength. The three vacancies are for constables at Waiuta, Otira, and Greymouth, but only the latter vacancy requires filling at present—the two former can wait until the war is over.

For the year 1917 only 412 offences were reported, as against 571 in preceding year, being a decrease of 159. The decrease includes 68 for drunkenness, the balance being petty cases which are not of sufficient importance to call for comment. Over 96 per cent. of all offences reported were accounted for either by arrest or summons, which is satisfactory.

The conduct of all ranks of the Force in this district has been satisfactory, and only in two instances had fines to be inflicted for breaches of the Police Regulations.

On the 9th November last, while John Coulthard, William Hall, and Isaac Angelo James were proceeding to the State Coal-mine in a motor-car with the miners' pay, amounting to £3,659 16s. 8d., the car was stuck up by an obstruction placed on the road, and at the same moment a man dressed in dungaree suit, wearing a mask, and carrying a revolver in each hand, jumped from cover, shot Coulthard dead, mortally wounded Hall, and wounded James. The murderer stole the money and then made off, the whole occurrence occupying only a few seconds. The country is covered by dense bush and scrub. The crime was well planned and boldly carried out, and the disguise worn left no clue as to identity of the offender. Detective-Sergeant Ward, who was early on the scene, showed great energy, zeal, and activity, and other police assistance arrived later. As a result of inquiries, a man named Frederick William Eggers was arrested in Christchurch on the 15th November, and nearly all the stolen money recovered. He has since been convicted and executed for the crime. The investigation of this crime leading up to the arrest and conviction of a cunning, callous, and desperate criminal reflects the greatest credit on the police as a whole, and especially on those engaged thereon.

SUPERINTENDENT DWYER, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1918, was 136 men, made up as follows: 1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 5 senior sergeants, 12 sergeants, 102 permanent constables, 5 temporary constables, 1 Chief Detective, 4 detective-sergeants, and 4 detectives.

During the year 6 permanent constables resigned from the Force (2 to join the Army), and 2 temporary constables also resigned; 1 senior sergeant, 1 Chief Detective, and 1 constable retired from the service on superannuation.

Seven constables were fined for breaches of the regulations, otherwise the conduct of the sergeants and constables has been excellent.

There are some police buildings in the district that badly need exterior painting, as some of them have not been touched for years, and it is hardly a wise policy to leave them run so long without doing something to protect them from the ravages of the weather.

The number of offences reported during the year 1917 was 3,480, as compared with 3,978 in 1916. The principal increases in the various classes during the year were—Assaults (indecent), 12; breaches of the peace, 27; disobeying orders of Court and summonses, 51; disorderly and riotous conduct, 22; thefts from dwellings, 22; disorderly houses and brothels, 20. The principal decreases were—Abusive and threatening language, 17; drunkenness, 481; gaming offences, 52; and obscene and profane language, 41.

The only serious crimes worthy of mention were the murder of a young woman at View Hill, for which a man receive a life sentence; and the murder of a child four years of age at Addington. The mother of the child was charged with having committed the crime, but was acquitted.

I would recommend that the Second-hand Dealers Act, 1908, be amended so as to apply to bicycle-dealers; this would enable the police to cope more effectively with bicycle-stealing, a class of offence that is becoming very prevalent in Christchurch. Since the restriction on shipping certain bicycle-parts have become very difficult to obtain, and of late it has been frequently found that stolen bicycles have been stripped of certain parts and then abandoned, and it has been suggested that these parts are readily purchased by bicycle-dealers and bicycle-repairers, and that some of them, at any rate, are making big profits out of the business.

The law empowering the police to enter without warrant, by day or by night, any premises where sly-grog is suspected of being carried on, and to seize all liquor found therein, has proved most helpful to the police, and has to a great extent done away with the sly-grog selling in this district.

The police in this district have during the year paid every attention to the enforcement of the gaming laws.

SUPERINTENDENT WRIGHT, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength on the 31st March, 1918, was—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 senior sergeants, 11 sergeants, 86 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 2 detective-sergeants, 2 detectives; total, 106. The only increase on last year's strength was that of 1 matron. I recommend an increase of 1 constable at the Central Station, Dunedin, to enable the administration of the gaol to be carried out without stripping a beat.

No new buildings have been provided during the year, and owing to the strict economy exercised no repairs beyond those urgently required have been effected. Money is very badly needed in this district for purchase of stations and repairs, but the expenditure can stand over for the present.

During the year 4 constables resigned to join the Expeditionary Forces.

The offence return for 1917 shows that 1,784 offences were reported, as compared with 2,319 in 1916, a net decrease of 535 offences. This decrease is chiefly accounted for under the headings of—Assaults, 41; breaches of the peace, 17; disobeying orders of Court, 91; disorderly conduct, 18; drunkenness, 261; escaping from custody, 16; failing to maintain, 21; obstructing and resisting police, 34; thefts, 22; and thefts from dwellings, 12. There have been increases under the headings of—Burglary, 6; carnally knowing girls, 5; false pretences, 9; gaming offences, 24; obscene language, 10; but these do not exceed the usual fluctuations experienced from year to year, and call for no remark. Of the total number of offences reported, nearly 97 per cent. have been accounted for either by arrest or summons. Of the 76 persons committed for trial, 69 were subsequently convicted at the Supreme Court.

There were 9 prosecutions for sly-grog selling, resulting in convictions and fines amounting to £200, as compared with 7 prosecutions during the previous year and £41 12s. in fines.

No crimes of such a serious nature as to require comment have been committed during the year, and the district has been very orderly.

The conduct of the police has been good, and all have shown a zeal in the performance of their duties. War work continues to increase, and it is astonishing the amount of work that is entailed. Were it not for the decrease in what may be termed police work proper the depleted staff would not have been able to cope with the inquiries which are daily undertaken for nearly every branch of the military organization.

During the year an assistant matron was appointed, and this has enabled the matron and her assistant to devote considerable time to outside matters, such as visiting railway-station, picture-theatres, parks, and other places where girls frequent, with the view of their protection.

Temporary constables are now doing duty in Dunedin, and, considering their want of training, are giving satisfaction.

INSPECTOR FOUHY, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1918, was as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 senior sergeant, 4 sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, and 34 constables, a total of 41 of all ranks.

At Invercargill station two more constables are required to cope with the work properly. There are just enough men here to work the station when full-handed, but I am always short-handed when men have to go relieving constables on leave, or sick, or have to go on escort duty. Then, the natural expansion of the town requires greater police protection. Wyndham district is too large to be satisfactorily worked by one man, and I have already recommended that a constable should be stationed at Tokonui.

During the year 1 constable retired from the service on superannuation.

The total number of offences reported for 1917 was 557, as against 735 for 1916. There have been increases in the following class of offences: Common assault, 9; disobeying orders of Court, 20; obscene language, 5; theft by servants, 10. There has been a substantial decrease in the following: Burglary, 17; drunkenness, 87; failing to provide maintenance for wives, &c., 24; false pretences, 11; mischief, 10; theft undescribed, 11; theft from dwellings, 11.

The conduct of all branches of the Force in this district has, on the whole, been good.

Great difficulty is experienced in effectually enforcing the anti-treating clauses of the War Regulations. Though the police in this district obtained numerous convictions during the year, and have had some substantial fines imposed, as well as one license endorsed, and another cancelled, for breaches of the anti-treating regulations and the licensing statutes, there is no doubt that the anti-treating clauses are still persistently disregarded. This is principally on account of adherence to an old custom, to the ease with which treating is effected, and to the corresponding difficulty of detection. On the whole, however, there has been a considerable decrease in the quantity of liquor consumed during the year, and in drunkenness and cognate offences. This is due to the number of men absent on active service, but more particularly to the limitation of the statutory hours for the sale of liquor, legislation which can be and is being strictly enforced.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1916, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

Offences.	1916. Number of all Offences reported.	1917.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
		Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
Abandoning children	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Abduction	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Abortion, attempt to procure ..	10	7	7	2	5	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	3
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Absconding from bail	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Absent from military camp without leave	89	30	30	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Absconding from industrial schools ..	236	186	153	..	..	134	18	1	..	..	..	..	50
Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour	308	278	278	..	..	228	7	39	4	..	..	..	30
Animals Protection Act, offences under	46	48	48	..	..	39	..	9	..	..	..	2	..
Arson	29	19	15	9	..	5	..	1	..	4	..	..	10
Arson, attempted	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Assaults, common	728	681	675	1	..	549	16	100	9	1	..	..	47
Assaults, indecent	97	90	84	72	..	4	..	8	..	50	..	..	7
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	28	50	50	42	2	3	..	3	..	30	2	22	..
Assaults on police	89	69	68	..	..	66	..	2	..	..	..	..	20
Assaults and robbery	21	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	16
Attempting to commit crimes not otherwise specified in this return	7	9	8	2	..	4	..	2	..	1	..	2	..
Bankruptcy offences	27	18	18	18	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	9
Being in possession of sheep-skins with the ears cut off	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Begging	33	32	32	..	..	29	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bestiality	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..
Bigamy	12	11	10	6	4	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	1
Breaches of the peace not otherwise specified in this return	338	266	266	..	..	248	3	14	1	..	..	..	72
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	440	402	286	140	2	111	6	25	2	128	2	..	38
Carnally knowing girls	41	46	44	42	..	2	..	..	..	19	..	5	..
Carnally knowing girls, attempted ..	11	9	9	6	..	1	..	2	..	5	..	..	2
Concealment of birth	4	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Conspiring to defeat justice or corrupting juries or witnesses	4	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Conspiring to defraud	7	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Contempt of Court	1	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	..
Conveying liquor into military camp ..	6	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Counselling the commission of an offence	62	66	66	11	..	43	..	12	..	..	..	4	..
Cruelty to animals	209	211	211	..	..	190	1	20	..	..	..	2	..
Cruelty to children	4	15	15	..	..	5	4	4	2	..	..	11	..
Damaging police uniform	40	39	39	..	..	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Deserting from Military Forces	50	222	72	..	..	72	..	..	..	..	..	172	..
Deserting or absenting from H.M. ships	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Deserting or absenting from merchant vessels	310	269	237	..	..	231	..	6	..	..	..	..	41
Detaining postal packets	11	5	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	6
Discharging firearms	59	46	46	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	47	27	27	..	..	26	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	933	868	834	..	..	773	18	42	1	..	..	..	65
Disorderly and riotous conduct	222	210	208	..	..	185	17	6	..	..	..	..	12
Disturbing meetings and congregations	36	52	51	..	..	35	..	16	..	..	..	16	..
Drunkenness	10,833	8,800	8,800	..	..	8,197	583	19	1	..	..	..	2,033
Escaping from legal custody	44	21	20	3	..	14	3	..	..	3	..	..	23
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders' Probation Act	18	8	7	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
Failing to provide adequate maintenance for wives, children, parents, or other near relatives	1,304	1,226	1,152	..	..	1,011	26	109	6	..	..	..	78
False declarations	11	12	12	5	1	4	1	1	..	5	..	1	..
False pretences	222	271	254	46	5	136	50	14	3	32	33	49	..
Fisheries Acts, offences under	81	59	59	..	..	48	1	10	..	..	..	..	22
Forgery and uttering	135	114	109	98	4	4	..	3	..	77	2	..	21
Fortune-telling	2	24	24	..	..	4	20	..	..	..	..	22	..
Found armed by night, with felonious intent	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Furious riding and driving	239	187	185	..	..	177	1	7	..	..	..	..	52
Gaming offences	257	239	239	..	..	206	2	29	2	..	..	..	18
Habitual criminal failing to report himself	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..

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Offences.	1916.	1917.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.		
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.		Increase.	Decrease.	
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.						
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Illegally interfering with dead body ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	128	10	5	..	2	..	2	..
Illegally on premises ..	160	143	143	..	..	128	10	5	..	..	..	..	1	17
Illegally pawning ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Incest ..	5	16	16	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	11	..	..
Indecent exposure or behaviour ..	300	263	259	2	..	236	11	10	..	3	..	..	..	37
Indecent Publications Act, offences under ..	11	17	17	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..
Introducing liquor into Maori pa ..	41	56	54	..	..	47	..	7	..	..	..	15	..	..
Keeping disorderly houses or brothels ..	59	71	71	..	..	17	49	3	2	..	..	12	..	..
Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses ..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..
Libel ..	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Malicious injury to property ..	318	331	328	..	1	299	9	17	2	..	1	13	..	..
Maliciously killing or maiming animals ..	13	4	4	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	9	..
Manslaughter ..	8	11	11	10	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..
Mischief not otherwise specified in this return ..	206	181	178	1	..	148	14	13	2	1	..	..	25	..
Murder ..	4	14	14	9	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	..	..
Murder, attempted ..	3	13	12	11	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	10	..	..
Neglected and criminal children ..	296	241	241	..	..	159	64	12	6	..	..	..	55	..
Obscene and profane language ..	912	772	769	1	..	691	41	23	13	..	..	..	140	..
Obstructing or resisting police ..	161	155	155	..	..	144	..	11	..	..	..	..	6	..
Obstructing railway-lines ..	11	22	22	2	..	17	1	2	..	2	..	11	..	..
Obstructing railway officers ..	5	13	13	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..
Obstructing thoroughfares ..	64	52	51	..	..	48	1	2	..	..	..	..	12	..
Opium, smoking or being in possession of ..	28	8	8	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	20	..
Perjury ..	20	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	15	..
Personating electors ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Poison-laying ..	..	10	8	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
Prohibited immigrants, unlawfully landing ..	8	9	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Rape ..	6	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..
Rape, attempted ..	6	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..
Receiving stolen goods ..	73	74	74	8	8	46	1	8	3	4	..	1	..	..
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	83	60	60	..	..	56	1	3	..	..	..	23	..	..
Rescuing cattle from being impounded ..	16	13	13	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..
Robbery or extortion ..	5	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Sending false telegrams ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Shooting with intent ..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Sly-grog selling ..	141	137	133	..	..	108	10	13	2	..	..	..	4	..
Smuggling ..	4	3	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
Sodomy ..	3	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	..	..
Sodomy, attempted ..	5	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Soliciting prostitution ..	52	104	104	..	..	..	101	3	..	..	..	52	..	..
Stone-throwing ..	100	95	95	..	..	82	2	11	..	..	..	..	5	..
Stowing away on board ships ..	15	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..
Suicide, attempted ..	69	66	66	..	..	47	10	6	3	..	..	..	3	..
Supplying noxious drug with intent to commit a crime ..	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..
Sureties of the peace ..	25	39	39	..	..	22	3	10	4	..	..	14	..	..
Theft (undescribed) ..	2,534	2,390	1,971	88	7	1,563	116	173	24	74	3	..	144	..
Theft as a bailee ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Theft, attempted ..	9	10	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Theft by servants ..	126	77	72	14	3	45	7	2	1	10	3	..	49	..
Theft from dwellings ..	229	166	114	38	..	66	2	8	..	30	..	..	63	..
Theft from the person ..	35	23	18	11	..	3	1	2	1	7	..	..	12	..
Theft of cattle and horses ..	40	47	34	23	..	2	..	9	..	17	..	7	..	..
Theft of dogs ..	8	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Theft of pigs ..	4	20	19	..	..	11	..	8	..	..	..	16	..	..
Theft of sheep ..	22	13	9	2	..	4	..	3	2	..	..	..	9	..
Theft of post-letters ..	41	17	16	9	..	4	..	1	2	9	..	..	24	..
Threatening letters ..	..	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..
Threatening to shoot ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares ..	49	46	46	..	..	41	4	1	..	..	..	..	3	..
Trespass ..	96	54	54	..	..	51	..	3	..	..	..	..	42	..
Vagrancy offences not otherwise specified in this return ..	722	534	534	..	..	388	111	27	8	..	..	..	188	..
Wearing military uniform without authority ..	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Wounding with intent ..	2	6	6	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Unlawful assembly ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Totals ..	24,920	21,724	20,701	799	52	17,483	1,351	905	111	580	52	547	3,743	
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APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1918.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Sub- Inspectors.	Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective- Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Auckland District—													
Auckland ..	1	1	1	1	7	49	1	1	4	66	13	..	..
Aratapu ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Avondale ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Birkenhead ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cowes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dargaville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Devonport ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Ellerslie ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Epsom ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Freeman's Bay ..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Grey Lynn ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Holonsville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hikurangi ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hobsonville ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Houhora ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Howick ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaikohu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaitia ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Kawakawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kingsland ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mangawai ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mangonui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Maungaturoto ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mercer ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mount Albert ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mount Eden ..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Mount Eden South ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mount Roskill ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Newmarket ..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Newton ..	..	..	..	1	3	9	..	1	14	1	..	..	..
Northcote ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ohaeawai ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Okupu (G. Barrier) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Onehunga ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..
Otahuhu ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Owen's Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Panmure ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Papakura ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Parnell ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Ponsonby ..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
Pukekohe ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Queen St. Wharf ..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..
Rawene ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Remuera ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Russell ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Takapuna ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Tuakau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Waipu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Waiuku ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Warkworth ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wellsford ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Whangarei ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Whangaroa ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	3	20	127	1	1	5	160	17	5	4
Hamilton District—													
Hamilton ..	..	1	..	1	1	6	..	1	..	10	2	..	..
Cambridge ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Coromandel ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Frankton Junction ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Huntly ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Karangahake ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Katikati ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kawhia ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kihikihi ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kirikiriroa ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Manunui ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Matiere ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Morrinsville ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ngaruawahia ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Ongarue ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Opotiki ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Otorohanga ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Paeroa ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Putaruru ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Raglan ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Raurimu ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rotorua ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Taumarunui ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Hamilton District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
Taupo ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tauranga ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Te Aroha ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Te Awamutu ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Te Kuiti ..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Te Puke ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Te Whaiti ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Thames ..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Thames South ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tokaanu ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waihi ..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Waikino ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Whakatane ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
Whitianga ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	1	..	4	4	56	..	1	..	66	3	2	1
Napier District—													
Napier ..	..	1	..	1	2	9	..	1	..	14	3	..	..
Carlyle Street ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Clive ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dannevirke ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Gisborne ..	..	1	..	1	9	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..
Hastings ..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..
Havelock North ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Mohaka ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Motu ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ongaonga ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ormondville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Patutahi ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Porangahau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Port Awanui ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Spit (Napier) ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Takapau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Taradale ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Te Araroa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Te Karaka ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Tokomaru Bay ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Tolaga Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Tuparoa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Waipawa ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Waipiro Bay ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Waipukurau ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wairoa ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Weber ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whataupoko ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Woodville ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	1	1	1	7	52	..	1	2	65	3	..	..
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	..	1	..	1	1	12	..	1	..	16	..	..	..
Aramoho ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ashhurst ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bull's ..													

APPENDIX B—*continued.*RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—*continued.*

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective-Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District— <i>continued.</i>													
Rongotea ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Shannon ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. John's (Wanganui)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Stratford ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Taihape ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitara ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitotara ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wanganui East..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waverley ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Whangamomona ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waldegrave St. (Palmerston N.)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	1	2	2	7	67	..	2	..	81	2	1	..
Wellington District—													
Wellington ..	1	1	1	2	6	32	1	4	3	51	5	..	..
Blenheim ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	1	..	..
Brooklyn ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Carterton ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Clyde Quay ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Collingwood ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eastbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eketahuna ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Featherston ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Greytown North ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Havelock ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Island Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Johnsonville ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Karori ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kilbirnie ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Levin ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Lower Hutt ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Martinborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Masterton ..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	1	..	..
Miramar ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Motueka ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mount Cook ..	..	..	..	1	3	20	..	1	..	25	1	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	2	..	..
Otaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pahiatua ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Petone ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Picton ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Pongaroa ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Richmond ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Seddon ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Takaka ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Taranaki Street..	..	..	..	1	3	20	..	..	..	24	1	..	..
Te Nui ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
The Port ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Thorndon Quay..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tinakori Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Upper Hutt ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Wakefield ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wellington South ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	6	15	126	1	5	3	159	11	..	..
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth ..	..	1	..	1	1	5	..	1	..	9	..	..	..
Ahaura ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Blackball ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Blackwater ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Brunnerton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Charleston ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cobden ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Denniston ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dunollie ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Globe Mine ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Granity ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hokitika ..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Karamea ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kumara ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Murchison ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Greymouth District— <i>continued.</i>													
Okarito ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Otira ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Reefton ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Rimu ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ross ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Seddonville ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Stafford ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Westport ..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Totals ..	..	1	..	2	3	33	..	1	..	40	2	..	..
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	..	1	2	5	34	1	3	3	50	5	..	..
Addington ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Akaroa ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Amberley ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ashburton ..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Belfast ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bealey Flat ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bingsland ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Chatham Islands ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cheviot ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Coalgate ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Culverden ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Darfield ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fairlie ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fendalton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Geraldine ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Glenavy ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Islington ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaipoi ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Kaikoura ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Leeston ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lincoln ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Linwood ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Little River ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lower Riccarton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lyttelton ..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	1	..	7	..	..	..
Methven ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
New Brighton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Oxford ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Papanui ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Phillipstown ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pleasant Point ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rakaia ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rangiora ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Riccarton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Albans ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Chief Detectives.	Detective- Sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Dunedin District— continued.													
Mornington ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mosgiel ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Naseby ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
North Dunedin ..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
North-east Valley ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Ophir ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Outram ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Owaka ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Palmerston South ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Port Chalmers ..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Portobello ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ranfurly ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ravensbourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Roslyn ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Roxburgh ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Bathans ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Clair ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Kilda ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
South Dunedin ..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitati ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Woodhaugh ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	2	11	76	1	2	2	96	10	..	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—													
Invercargill ..	..	1	..	1	2	9	..	1	..	14	2	..	..
Arrowtown ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bluff ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—continued.													
Clinton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Gladstone ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	1	..	..
Gore ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Half-moon Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lumsden ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mataura ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Nightcaps ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
North Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Orepuki ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Otautau ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pembroke ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Queenstown ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Riverton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
South Invercargill ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tapanui ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waikaia ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Winton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wyndham ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	4	30	..	1	..	37	3	..	..	..	..
Attached to head- quarters staff ..	..	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	7	..	..	..	..
On leave prior to retirement ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
On indefinite leave (Army Reservist) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Grand totals ..	4	7	9	28	83	676	4	18	16	845	56	8	5

APPENDIX C.

RETURN SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF POLICE TO POPULATION AND COST OF POLICE PER INHABITANT IN EACH OF THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES.

Place.	Number of Police.	Estimated Population (31st Dec., 1917).	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand ..	901	1,147,391	1 to 1,274	s. d. 4 6½
Victoria ..	1,735	1,411,004	1 to 814	4 8½
New South Wales ..	2,566	1,882,053	1 to 734	6 5½
Queensland ..	1,089	688,532	1 to 633	8 11½
South Australia ..	563	441,122	1 to 784	5 11½
Western Australia ..	493	309,423	1 to 628	8 7½
Tasmania ..	232	203,177	1 to 876	4 10½

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