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NEW ZEALAND

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 Right Hon. the MINISTER IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Police Department, Wellington, 1st August, 1920.

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 844, being an increase of 53 during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Senior Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Constables	...	...	...	...	...	...	671
Senior Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Detective-sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
In addition to the above there were—							
Police surgeons	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Matrons	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
District constables	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Native constables	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

There were also 72 temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919: 40 of these were recruits undergoing a period of probationary service with a view to permanent appointment; the remaining 32 were temporary constables appointed during the war period who were over age or otherwise unsuitable for permanent appointment.

STATIONS.

New stations have been established at Lyall Bay (Wellington), Fortrose, and Waikiwi, and the stations at Panmure, Clyde Quay (Wellington), Globe Mine, Gladstone, and Tokonui have been closed.

On the 1st December last a new police district was established with headquarters at Timaru. It comprises 13 stations, of which 9 were formerly included in Christchurch District and 4 in Dunedin District.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 10; retired as medically unfit, 3; died, 5; resigned voluntarily, 39; dismissed, 3: total, 60. This is 2 less than 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 increase of 4,010 on the figures of 1918. The proportion of offences to the population was 1.99 per cent., as against 1.75 the previous year.

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

Assault, common	..	..	173	Drunkenness	..	..	988
Theft (undescribed)	..	..	651	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	..	..	253
Theft from dwellings	..	..	34	Vagrancy offences	..	..	196
House or shop breaking, &c.	..	..	161	Gaming offences	..	..	99
Mischief	..	..	156	Failing to provide maintenance for wives, &c.	..	..	396
Breach of the peace	..	..	117	Breach of prohibition order	..	..	372

There were decreases in the following:—

Assault causing bodily harm	..	..	12	Selling liquor without a license	..	..	41
Burglary	..	..	102	Absconding from industrial schools	..	..	36
Receiving stolen property	..	..	34	Keeping brothels, &c.	..	..	17
Theft of animals	..	..	20				

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	5,532	5,331	201
Hamilton	2,148	2,048	100
Napier	1,959	1,887	72
Wanganui	1,624	1,574	50
Palmerston North	1,153	1,114	39
Wellington	4,995	4,721	274
Greymouth	696	686	10
Christchurch	3,085	2,955	130
Timaru	823	797	26
Dunedin	1,426	1,382	44
Invercargill	837	817	20
Totals	24,278	23,312	966

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1919 was 96·02, the figures of the preceding year being 94·62.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1918.		1919.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	13	13	22	19
Robbery and aggravated robbery	6	5	5	4
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	406	326	521	426
Forgery and uttering	82	76	112	104
Murder	4	3	9	9
Murder, attempted	5	3	1	1
Rape	1	1	8	7
Receiving stolen property	97	97	63	63
Wounding with intent	5	5	3	3
Totals	619	529	744	636

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1918.	1919.
Unnatural offence	3	2
Unnatural offence, attempted	2	3
Indecently assaulting a male	8	14
Incest	4	3
Indecent acts	23	28
Concealment of birth	3	5
Assault, indecent	83	72
Rape	1	8
Rape, attempted	6	2
Carnally knowing girls	23	24
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	8
Abortion, procuring, &c.	4	11
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	200	208
Totals	369	388

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 988 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1919 was 8,216 (7,758 males and 458 females), whereas in 1918 the number was 7,228 (6,733 males and 495 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1919 as compared with 1918:—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1918.	Number of Prosecutions, 1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland	1,159	1,610	451	..
Hamilton	515	631	116	..
Napier	724	702	...	22
Wanganui	454	500	46	..
Palmerston North	389	394	5	..
Wellington	2,050	2,240	190	..
Greymouth	123	154	31	..
Christchurch	875	912	37	..
Timaru	226	336	110	..
Dunedin	554	542	..	12
Invercargill	159	195	36	..
Totals	7,228	8,216	1,022	34

From the following table it will be observed that 35·32 per cent. of the males and 60·04 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 10·1 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1919, 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 Foreigners 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	903	42	191	21	118	18	77	11	39	9	25	5	127	24	1,480	180	224
Hamilton	508	18	47	..	30	..	11	..	3	..	4	..	10	..	613	18	..
Napier	379	15	84	3	70	2	46	..	28	..	26	..	43	6	676	26	17
Wanganui	322	15	74	3	37	2	22	..	9	..	5	..	11	..	480	20	4
Palmerston North	275	6	40	5	20	1	9	..	5	4	4	..	25	..	378	16	..
Wellington	1,456	70	259	35	123	11	62	21	40	15	37	2	106	3	2,083	157	297
Greymouth	117	1	14	1	4	..	5	..	4	..	3	..	5	..	152	2	16
Christchurch	419	8	97	10	58	8	67	7	30	8	25	5	152	18	848	64	118
Timaru	188	..	37	..	19	..	15	..	11	..	6	..	59	1	335	1	13
Dunedin	303	6	68	5	46	3	31	1	12	1	4	..	56	6	520	22	84
Invercargill	148	2	15	..	7	..	3	..	4	..	3	..	13	..	193	2	11
Totals	5,018	183	926	83	532	45	348	40	185	37	142	12	607	58	7,758	458	784

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1918 and 1919, 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, 1918.		Number arrested, 1919.		Number convicted, 1919.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	612	55	898	83	897	83	1	...	314	...
Wellington and suburbs	1,549	180	1,742	154	1,741	154	1	...	167	...
Christchurch and suburbs	511	57	525	51	522	51	3	...	8	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	383	45	400	21	398	21	2	...	...	7
Totals ...	...	...	3,055	337	3,565	309	7	...	489	7

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1918 and 1919 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1918.		Number arrested, 1919.		Number convicted, 1919.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	21	2	39	1	39	1	...	...
Wellington and suburbs ...	63	...	50	2	50	2	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs ...	8	2	6	1	6	1	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	2	...	10	...	10	...	...	...
Totals ...	94	4	105	4	105	4	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1914 to 1918 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Commonwealth ...	139.9	126.6	102.5	93.0	86.1
New Zealand ...	120.6	117.9	97.3	78.3	63.5

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (488) against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 127 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1919 as compared with 1918, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Prosecutions, 1919.	Convictions, 1919.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.
Auckland ...	56	49	22	27
Hamilton ...	20	18	7	11
Napier ...	35	65	49	16
Wanganui ...	128	111	53	58
Palmerston North ...	24	35	23	12
Wellington ...	110	78	51	27
Greymouth ...	123	58	29	29
Christchurch ...	59	24	19	5
Timaru ...	...	11	4	7
Dunedin ...	33	10	7	3
Invercargill ...	27	29	20	9
Totals ...	615	488	284	204

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1919 as compared with 1918, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Prosecutions, 1919.	Convictions, 1919.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.
Auckland and suburbs ...	19	22	8	14
Wellington and suburbs ...	45	15	8	7
Christchurch and suburbs ...	17	9	6	3
Dunedin and suburbs ...	24	2	1	1
Totals ...	105	48	23	25

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 50 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 41 convictions, and there were also 64 prosecutions, resulting in 45 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1919 amounted to £1,820, as against £1,396 in 1918.

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

	£
Auckland	355
Hamilton	830
Napier	200
Wanganui	210
Palmerston North	20
Wellington	110
Greymouth	...
Christchurch	5
Timaru	40
Dunedin	...
Invercargill	50
Total	£1,820

The direct cost to the Department in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £495, this being £1,325 less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 324 prosecutions, resulting in 224 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 225 prosecutions and 176 convictions in 1918.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

During the year the finger-impressions of 2,686 prisoners were received, classified, and filed, being an increase of 453 on the previous year; 176 prisoners were identified as previous offenders in this Dominion, Australia, England, &c.; 1,130 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to this branch; the portraits of 1,524 prisoners were dealt with; and 448 photographs of discharged prisoners were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

On the 31st March the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 23,686 offenders, being an increase of 1,354 over the previous year.

The value of the finger-print system of identification has been shown during the year in several criminal cases, the most noteworthy being that of the murder of the Postmaster at Ponsonby, Auckland. In this case finger-prints found on a cash-box in the Ponsonby Post-office, which had been broken into, were identified at the Criminal Registration Branch within twenty-four hours of receipt, and led to the arrest of the offender. The finger-print evidence formed the principal link of the chain of circumstantial evidence upon which the accused was subsequently convicted of murder and executed.

In another case a set of prints was received in the ordinary course, and some of the impressions were discovered to be identical with those on a piece of glass found eighteen months previously at the scene of the breaking and entering of a large drapery emporium. The identity of the finger-prints was the principal evidence in this case, and a conviction resulted.

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
1919	22,332	1,350	153
1920	23,686	1,354	176

CANDIDATES FOR FORCE.

One hundred and thirteen men were permanently appointed to the Force during the year, their birthplaces, religions, and occupations being as follows: Birthplaces—New Zealand, 75; England, 11; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 13; Australia, 6. Religions—Church of England, 42; Presbyterian, 40; Roman Catholic, 27; Methodist, 3; Baptist, 1. Occupations—Asylum-attendants, 2; artilleryman, 1; bakers, 5; bacon-curer, 1; blacksmiths, 2; bricklayer, 1; butcher, 1; carters, 2; carpenters, 5; clerks, 5; coach-driver, 1; custodian, 1; drainage inspector, 1; ex-constables, 13; engine-driver, 1; farrier, 1; farm labourers, 19; gardener, 1; grocer, 1; labourers, 22; machinists, 2; miners, 5; motorman, 1; motor mechanic, 1; moulder, 1; painters, 2; plumber, 1; sawmill hands, 3; seamen, 3; shepherd, 1; steward, 1; storeman, 1; taxi-driver, 1; timber-measurer, 1; tram-conductor, 1; traveller, 1; warder, 1.

Included in the above are 43 men who served as temporary constables during the war and were considered suitable for permanent appointment, also 13 ex-constables who resigned to join the Expeditionary Force and were reinstated in their former positions in terms of section 6 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919.

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: Raetihi, Lower Hutt, Oamaru.

Properties purchased: Freeman's Bay, Fendalton, Duntroon, Greytown, Lyall Bay, Mornington, Terrace End, Seddon, Waikiwi, Dunedin (Superintendent's residence), Palmerston North (Inspector's residence), Wanganui (Inspector's residence), Picton (constable's residence).

Sites acquired: Blenheim, Dannevirke, Upper Hutt, Petone.

Alterations, improvements, &c., were effected at Auckland, Christchurch, Dargaville, Fitzroy, Hamilton, Hampden, Johnsonville, Kimbolton, Lawrence, Manaia, Mount Cook (Wellington), Mosgiel, New Plymouth, Ohakune, Otaki, Patea, Port Awanui, Palmerston North, Papanui, Phillipstown, Timaru, Waitara, Wakefield, and Whangarei.

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	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	3/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	3/5	1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	3/8	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	3/9	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	4/1	1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
1916	19	104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258	4/2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,152,669	24,920	23,848	10,833
1917	20	108	36	734	898	1 to 1,280	4/3	1,150,002	21,724	20,701	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	878	1 to 1,319	5/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,158,156	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	21	114	38	743*	916	1 to 1,325	4/11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,214,184	...	...	...

* Includes temporary constables.

GENERAL.

On the 22nd August, 1919, the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice, resigned, and the administration of the Police Force was assumed by the Right Hon. W. F. Massey, P.C., Prime Minister.

The policy of establishing new police districts, thereby reducing the areas under the supervision of officers to more reasonable proportions, is proving to be satisfactory. In December, 1919, a new district, containing thirteen stations, with Inspector's headquarters at Timaru, was set up under the charge of Inspector Hastie. Another, including the North Auckland district, with headquarters at Whangarei, was established on the 1st May ultimo under the charge of Inspector Mullany. With some increases in the strength of these new districts it is hoped that much closer attention to the public wants will result, as well as increased efficiency on the part of the men.

The greatest numerical strength of the Force was attained in 1916, when the number was 916. Cessation of recruiting during the war caused a reduction, until in 1919 the number was 878. On the 31st March, 1920, the number again reached the record, 916. In my report of last year I drew attention to the superior advantages offered by the Police Force as an employment and a career. Recruiting has gone on steadily, and on this date the number of men of all ranks in the Force is 947, notwithstanding resignations for various causes, some due to the allegedly better conditions in other employments. In this connection I may mention that a large proportion of those who resigned for that reason have made application for reappointment.

In 1918 and 1919 two increments of 1s. 6d. per day each were granted to all non-commissioned officers and constables. This increase, designed to meet the abnormal cost of living which developed during the Great War, seemed at the time to be liberal and satisfactory. As time went on, however, the cost of rent and commodities did not decrease, but rather increased at a greater and faster ratio, and applications for further increases in pay were received. A substantial increase seemed to be justified, and recommendation was made accordingly. I am confident that the claim will be met in the same generous manner as before. Though recruiting has greatly improved, yet for various reasons, generally well understood, the Police Department, like some other public Departments, has not received additions fast enough to meet the demands for new establishments in growing centres and districts, or for additions to stations whose staffs have become inadequate owing to local increase of population. I have no doubt that the increase of pay, which I understand is about to be granted, will sufficiently stimulate recruiting to enable the Department to meet all reasonable requirements of the public at an early date. This the Department is most anxious to do.

In my report for 1919 I drew attention to the housing difficulty, which affects the police in common with other citizens. I pointed out the difficulties in administration caused by the existing conditions in that respect. The policy of purchasing suitable properties has been steadily pursued when opportunity offered during the interval, and many satisfactory purchases have been made of buildings—some for the purpose of police-stations, and some for the accommodation of officers, non-commissioned officers, and constables. It is proper to state here that though many other suitable properties have been offered, yet they were declined because the purchase would involve the expulsion of tenants in residence. In no case has any house been purchased except where the owner was the tenant or the house unoccupied. A satisfactory beginning has been made, but a great deal more must be done to house and equip the Department and its members, and I trust the policy above indicated will be steadily pursued while necessary. In this connection I beg to draw special attention to the necessity for devising a comprehensive scheme of house accommodation for the married men stationed in the cities and large towns in proximity to their stations. It is of urgent and vital importance that this should be done as early as possible, and I trust that, in the general project of house-building which the Government has in hand, this matter will, if possible, be included.

I beg to draw attention again to the overburdening of the police with the work of other Departments. The paucity of police would not be acute with existing numbers but for that cause. Responsible officers are constantly complaining about it, and the public complain about police shortcomings without understanding its cause. The remedy generally seems to be to increase the strength of the Police Force until it is capable of meeting its own duties adequately as well as the duties required by other Departments.

Early this year it was announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales would visit this Dominion. His Royal Highness arrived at Auckland on the 24th April ultimo in H.M.S. "Renown," and commenced a tour of the country from Auckland to Invercargill, and departed from Lyttelton for Australia on the 22nd May. Immense enthusiasm marked every stage of the tour. The intensity of the feeling exhibited and the demonstrations of loyalty aroused by the presence of the Prince gave evidence of the immense strength and depth and breadth of the attachment of the people to the King and Royal Family. It is certain that the visit has strengthened the sentiments governing the relation of the Royal Family to the people. The hundreds of thousands of people who attended the organized welcomes to the Prince are not likely ever to forget what they felt, and saw, and heard on these occasions. It is my good fortune to be able to record that no accident or casualty of any kind arising out of the arrangements for the Prince's reception has been reported. This is undoubtedly due in great measure to the very careful and perfect arrangements made by the local bodies, who in all cases courteously and fittingly invited the co-operation and assistance of the police officers in preparing the plan of reception and the regulation of the traffic and crowds. It only remained, therefore, for the police to see that details so pre-arranged were carried out when the Prince arrived at each place named in the itinerary. This was done as nearly as possible, and there is reason to believe with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

The tragic death of Constable V. Dudding, who was shot while in execution of duty on the 6th October, 1919, focussed public attention upon the unsatisfactory provision existing for the compensation or relief of the widows and children of members of the Police Force who lose their lives, or their health or fitness for further service, through the execution of their duty. Parliament being in session at the time, prompt action was taken by the Government to provide a

remedy, and within a month after the event mentioned the Finance Act was passed containing a clause (14) making the same provision for the police as for soldiers who had taken part in the war as members of the Expeditionary Forces. This measure has given great satisfaction to the Force in general. Under it several cases have already been relieved, its application being retrospective.

Those members of the Force who resigned, joined the Expeditionary Force, and were reappointed constables on their return to the Dominion, have been restored to their former position on the seniority list, and their superannuation rights have been revived, as authorized by the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919, in fulfilment of the assurance of the Department given in my report for 1919. The Government, with characteristic generosity, contributed the amount of their superannuation premiums which were payable during their absence.

The same Act made permanent provision for the appointment of temporary constables when required. Advantage has been taken of that power to appoint recruits as temporary constables for a period of probation—generally three months—and in that way the Act has given relief to the Department. This course was expedient owing to the fact that the training-depot has been closed since December, 1916. Arrangements are now being made to reopen it, and the former and more satisfactory method of training recruits for several months before approval and appointment will be followed.

The Act also enabled temporary constables appointed for service during the war and for twelve months thereafter to be retained in their positions indefinitely while fit for service. There are twenty-five of these men still remaining.

The good conduct of the Force in general has been well maintained.

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 WRIGHT, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

The authorized strength on the 31st March last was—1 Superintendent, 2 Inspectors, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Senior Sergeants, 21 sergeants, 147 constables, 1 Senior Detective, 3 detective-sergeants, 7 detectives: total, 186. In addition there were 2 matrons, 1 police surgeon, 4 district constables, and 4 Native constables.

The only increase during the year has been 1 Inspector at Whangarei, 1 sergeant for night duty at Auckland, and 1 detective at Auckland.

Since March, 1916, the only increase to the authorized strength has been 1 Inspector, 2 sergeants, and 1 detective. This has been due to the fact that during the war recruiting was so restricted that it was impossible to fill the strength, let alone increase it.

The strength should now be increased as early as possible by the addition of 10 constables and 2 detectives for the city, 1 constable for Mount Eden, 1 constable for Newmarket, 1 sergeant and 1 constable for Freeman's Bay, 2 constables for the wharf, 1 constable for Dargaville, 1 constable for Onehunga, 1 detective and 3 constables for Whangarei, making a total of 1 sergeant, 3 detectives, and 20 constables. This addition will only satisfy the present pressing need. Under prevailing conditions every member of the Force, especially in the city, has to work strenuously, and it is very difficult to arrange for necessary leave being granted. The increase recommended for the city is required to cope with the growing population and work devolving on the police; the same reason applies to Dargaville and Onehunga. The increase at Whangarei is necessitated by the establishing of the Whangarei Police District under an Inspector. A detective is required there to attend to cases arising in the north, as under present conditions considerable delay is occasioned in sending one from Auckland, and his efforts are handicapped accordingly. One of the constables for Whangarei is required as a district clerk, the other two to enable night duty to be performed there and have a constable on reserve for station duty, relieving, &c. I think it is essential that night duty should be regularly performed in a place like Whangarei.

No new stations have been formed during the year, and the only one closed was Panmure. New quarters have been purchased for a police-station at Freeman's Bay and are now occupied.

The casualties during the year have been—Deaths, 2 constables; resigned, 7 constables and 1 detective-sergeant; superannuated, 1 Senior Sergeant, 1 sergeant, 2 constables, and 1 district constable.

The offences return for 1919 shows that 5,532 offences were reported during that year, as compared with 4,534 for the previous twelve months, a net increase of 998. Noticeable increases are observed under the headings of—Assaults (55), theft (166), housebreaking (21), drunkenness (451), obscene language (75), vagrancy (49), gaming (55), failing to maintain (70), and breaches of prohibition orders (128). Decreases are shown under the following headings: Theft from dwellings (20), false pretences (21), burglary (13), receiving stolen property (26), mischief (64),

found in gaming-house (72). The increases are only what might be expected considering the increase of population during the year, and do not indicate any abnormal growth of crime in the district, which has, with few exceptions, been comparatively free from crime of a serious nature.

Of the total number of offences reported, 96 per cent. have been accounted for either by arrest or summons.

At the Supreme Court 160 persons were committed for trial or sentence, of whom 118 were subsequently convicted.

There were 18 prosecutions for sly-grog selling, resulting in 16 convictions, during the year, a decrease of 7 cases as compared with the previous year.

The conduct of the police during the year has been very satisfactory, and although an enormous amount of extra work has been thrown upon them in consequence of the war and resulting regulations it has been well and cheerfully performed. Complaints from the public against members of the Force have been exceedingly rare, and there have been none of a serious nature.

Recruiting of late has improved, but the pay does not attract as many as desired owing to the high wages ruling outside the Force.

A serious matter that affects the efficiency of the Force is the difficulty married men have in obtaining houses both in the city and country towns, and I think the time has arrived when proper provision should be made for purchasing suitable properties in all towns where the police are likely to be permanently required. Members of the Force on transfer have the greatest difficulty in obtaining even second-rate and unsuitable dwellings, and the difficulty of carrying out transfers which are essential to the proper government of the service is a serious drawback.

INSPECTOR SHEEHAN, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The authorized strength on the 31st March, 1920, was—1 Inspector, 3 Senior Sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, 5 sergeants, 61 constables, 2 Native constables, 1 district constable.

No increase in strength has taken place during the year, and, owing to the shortage of men to fill vacancies, headquarters station is working two men short of its strength, and Waihi Station is in the same position.

Increases in strength are required as follows:—

Hamilton Station, one detective. A second detective is required to cope with the increasing important inquiry work.

Frankton Junction, one constable. As pointed out last year, a second constable is much required owing to the large increase in railway traffic, and for the patrolling of the portion of borough which is becoming thickly populated.

Rotorua Station, one constable. With the addition of one constable to the present staff a proper system of night duty could be carried out, as it cannot be done with the present staff. I would urge the necessity of this addition at this station.

A sergeant should be stationed at Tauranga in charge of that subdistrict, and unless some alteration is made in respect of the Court work at Whakatane a sergeant will also be required there in the near future.

A permanent constable is much required at Taneatua since the granting of an accommodation license at that place over a year ago, and in view of the construction of large railway-works in connection with the East Coast Railway and the prospects of opening up bush lands in the neighbourhood shortly. The Urewera country is also easiest of access through Taneatua.

A new station is very much required at Matamata. The population is increasing rapidly, and the district is highly progressive. The Department possesses land suitable for building on in the township.

With the increasing land-settlement and railway-construction works in progress Ohura will soon require the services of a constable.

Piopio is also a centre where the services of a permanent constable will shortly be required.

There is also the question of the hydro-electric-power supply from Horahora or its vicinity. When the labour and material required for the work are obtainable and the work in full swing a large number of men will be employed in this undertaking, and I anticipate that a constable, or perhaps two, will be required where the principal camps are pitched.

One constable resigned during the year, and one district constable was retired.

The offences return for 1919 shows that 2,148 offences were reported, as compared with 1,560 for the previous year, an increase of 588. Increases appear under the following heads: Assault, 37; theft, 120; theft from dwellings, 16; false pretences, 32; house and shop breaking, 20; forgery, 7; mischief, 40; breach of the peace, 59; obscene language, 82; failing to maintain, 41; drunkenness, 116. Decreases appear under the following principal headings: Indecent acts, 9; indecent assault, 13; cruelty to animals, 20; obstructing police, 22; selling liquor without a license, 20.

The increase in the number of offences as compared with the previous year is large. A large proportion of the offences under the headings "Theft," "Theft from dwellings," and "Shop-breaking" was committed by gangs of boys who for some time successfully covered up their acts but in the end were detected and dealt with. The general increase may be ascribed to the increase of population throughout the whole district, and the increase in the amount of construction-works in progress employing large numbers of men.

During the year the district has been very free of offences coming under the heading of serious crime.

Sly-grog selling still obtains in the King-country, but during the past year it has been kept well in check, and the police concerned have worked strenuously to abate the nuisance. Fines amounting to £830 were imposed for this offence during the year.

With the exception of a few slight breaches of discipline, the conduct of members of the Force, particularly the older members, has been exemplary.

INSPECTOR MARSACK, NAPIER DISTRICT.

On the 1st September, 1919, I arrived at Napier on transfer from Wellington, and took charge of this district, in succession to Superintendent McGrath.

On the 31st March the authorized strength of the Force in this district was 68 of all ranks, made up as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Senior Sergeants, 6 sergeants, 53 constables, 2 detective-sergeants, 1 detective, 2 temporary constables. The actual strength on same date was 64, there being a shortage of 1 sergeant, 2 constables, and 1 detective-sergeant.

The establishment of a new station at Petane is urgently required. The railway-works in progress in that vicinity have entailed the forming of several camps of workers along the different sections of construction, which require constant supervision. The existing station at Taradale is too far away from this portion of the subdistrict for its efficient supervision, and frequently complaints needing immediate attention are received at the Napier Station, entailing considerable expenditure in motor-hire. I would recommend that the present unwieldy Taradale subdistrict be divided and a new station opened at Petane. I would also recommend the reopening of the station at Nuhaka as early as possible, the township being too distant from Wairoa for efficient supervision.

There were no deaths or dismissals during the year, but 4 constables resigned from the service.

The offences return shows that the total number of all offences reported for the past year was 1,959, an increase of 47 over that of the preceding year. Of this number, 1,887 cases were dealt with by the Courts, leaving 72 undetected cases. There has been a somewhat noticeable increase in sexual offences, the figures showing an increase in cases of this class of 28 over last year's return. However, it is satisfactory to record that in each case the offender was brought to justice. There were also increases in the following offences: Mischief, 37; breach of the peace or behaviour with intent, 34; drunk and disorderly, 12; using profane, indecent, or obscene language, 16; assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, 22; failing to maintain wife or children, 21; failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance-moneys, 16; illegally supplying liquor to Natives, 11. The principal decreases were—Theft (undescribed), 42; false pretences, 13; burglary, 20; drunkenness, 22; gaming with instruments, 20; selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons, 13; breaches of prohibition orders, 17.

There has been no crime of a very serious nature during the year. Three persons were committed for trial for manslaughter, the offences in each case resulting from the reckless driving of motor vehicles. In each case the persons committed were acquitted by the jury.

The general conduct of the police has been good, with the exception of a few minor breaches of the Police Regulations, which have been dealt with by small fines or cautions. An excellent *esprit de corps* exists between the members of the uniform and detective branches of the service, each mutually assisting the other in the execution of their duties. The members of the Force stationed on the East Coast have been especially active in enforcing compliance with the licensing laws in the Maori districts, and have obtained several convictions, entailing substantial penalties.

I would endorse and repeat my predecessor's recommendation in his annual report of 1917 that the licensing laws be amended to the effect that it should be an offence for a Native in a proclaimed area to be found in possession of liquor off licensed premises; also that power be granted the police to search Natives suspected of having liquor in their possession, and to seize the same, without warrant.

The introduction of the Police Offences Amendment Act of 1919 as regards the illegal use of horses and motor vehicles is having a salutary effect, and complaints of cars having been so taken have considerably decreased.

INSPECTOR HENDREY, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the district is—1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Senior Sergeants, 4 sergeants, 47 constables, 1 district constable, 1 detective-sergeant, and 1 detective: a total of 58 of all ranks.

A new station is required at Breakwater, New Plymouth, and also at Castlecliff, Wanganui. At both these places the population is increasing, and a resident constable is very necessary at each place. Increase of strength is also required at New Plymouth, Stratford, Hawera, Wanganui, and Taihape. At each of these towns population continues to increase, and it is necessary that the strength should be increased, so that stronger night patrols can be arranged at these places.

I beg to recommend the following increases:—

Two constables at New Plymouth, which would enable two men to be on night duty all the year round. The present strength only allows one constable for night-duty purposes, and this is not sufficient.

One constable at Stratford, where the present strength permits one constable for night duty up to 1 a.m.; during the rest of the night there is no police protection, and an increase of one would permit of an all-night patrol, which the size and importance of this town requires.

An increase of two constables at Hawera, which would provide a continuous police patrol day and night. At present there is only a police patrol up to midnight or 1 a.m.; the rest of the night there is no patrol, and Hawera is growing so rapidly that a continuous police patrol is absolutely essential.

An increase of three constables is required at Wanganui, so that at least three constables may be available for night duty. This town is a most important centre—the fifth town in the Dominion—and the population is rapidly increasing; the business area

of the town is spreading out, and the two men who at present patrol the town are not able to give that supervision that a town of the size of Wanganui demands. The time is soon coming when a sergeant for night-duty purposes will also be required here.

An increase of two men is required at Taihape, which is increasing in population and as a trading centre. It is on the border of the King-country no-license area, and a considerable influx of hard-drinking and sometimes undesirable individuals weekly visit Taihape. Last year 219 offenders were handled by the sergeant and his two constables. The station has a large country area to be policed, which takes up almost the whole of the time of one constable, so that the town work is mostly done by the sergeant and one constable. This town should have a continuous patrol through the night. At present the police patrol up to midnight, which is not sufficient. Comparing the offences dealt with by the Taihape police (219), New Plymouth had a total of 150 offences, Hawera a total of 173 offences, Stratford a total of 63 offences, Wanganui a total of 596 offences; so that the claim that Taihape requires increased police protection is very real.

While urging that the increases recommended at the different towns are very necessary, the lack of housing-accommodation makes the question a difficult one to deal with at present. While there are quarters at New Plymouth and Wanganui for single men, at these towns, and at Stratford, Hawera, and Taihape, it is quite impossible to secure houses for married men. I beg to strongly urge that the Department build houses to provide decent accommodation for their staff. At present no man knows how long he will be permitted to continue in the house he occupies; some men have to pay high rents for houses that are barely fit for habitation, and some of the men have had to scatter their families amongst friends and themselves occupy single men's quarters. All this tends to unsettle the men, and certainly does not help to secure that efficiency that is necessary in a Department like the Police.

Casualties during the year were 4—viz., 1 sergeant and 1 constable retired on superannuation, and 2 constables resigned.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1919, shows that a total of 1,624 offences were reported during the year, of which 1,574 were detected and dealt with. This shows an increase of all offences reported of 221 on the number of offences reported during the previous year. The principal increases are as follows: Assaults (common), 20; theft (undescribed), 49; drunkenness, 46; vagrancy, 37; gaming offences, 48; failing to maintain wives and children, 36; selling or exposing or opening licensed premises at unauthorized times, 25; offences against provision of no-license in Native proclaimed area, 35. The principal decreases are in—Assaults causing actual bodily harm, 19; burglary, 25; assaults and resisting police, 45.

Two girls were prosecuted, one for murder and one for manslaughter of their newly born infants, but in both cases bills were ignored by the grand jury.

The district has been quiet and fairly free from serious crime.

With a few exceptions the conduct of the members of the Force in this district has been excellent. Three constables were punished for offences against the regulations.

Sly-grog selling still continues at Ohakune, Raetihi, and Mokau. Fines for this offence imposed during the year amounted to £210, as compared with £170 imposed during the year 1918. The constables at these stations are vigilant, and, generally speaking, manage to detect and bring offenders before the Court for punishment.

INSPECTOR MACKINNON, PALMERSTON NORTH DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the Palmerston North District numbered 40 on the 31st March, 1920, including 1 Inspector, 1 Senior Sergeant, 2 sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, 32 constables, and 3 temporary constables.

A constable is required at Feilding to fill the vacancy which has existed there for some months past, and an additional constable for beat duty also is required there.

At Shannon, where important public works have largely increased the amount of police work, another constable will be required in the near future.

Three additional constables for beat duty and one plain-clothes constable for inquiry work are required at Palmerston North. The railway inquiry work at Palmerston North alone is sufficient to keep two men fully employed. The present detective staff is overworked and inadequate since the railway authorities have resumed the practice of seeking police assistance to trace goods over-carried or lost in transit.

No stations have been opened or closed during the year. A house for Inspector's residence has been purchased at Palmerston North, and police quarters have been purchased at Rongotea and Terrace End. New quarters will be required at Ashhurst, Levin, and Waldegrave Street in the near future; the houses rented by the Department at these centres have been sold, and the new owners will require possession.

One constable died during the year, and 1 constable retired on voluntary resignation.

A considerable increase is shown this year in the number of offences dealt with in this district. The most noticeable increases are found under the headings of "Theft" and "Common assault." The cause of the increases in these offences may be assigned to the demobilization of large numbers of men from the Expeditionary Forces during the year.

With the exception of a murder at Terrace End there has been no serious crime in this district.

The conduct of members of the Force has been excellent throughout the year. None have been penalized for breach of discipline, while all have been most assiduous in the performance of their duties.

SUPERINTENDENT NORWOOD, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1920, the authorized strength was—1 Superintendent, 1 Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 8 Senior Sergeants, 12 sergeants, 134 constables, 1 Chief Detective, 6 detective-sergeants, 3 detectives, 2 matrons, and 1 surgeon: total, 170. The actual strength was 171 of all ranks.

The police-station at Clyde Quay was closed, and a new station established at Lyall Bay.

On the 6th October, 1919, Constable Dudding, of Wellington City, was shot dead while in the execution of his duty by a man named Alexander Aspin, who then committed suicide. Another death also occurred in the case of Senior Sergeant Crean.

One constable retired on pension, 22 voluntarily resigned, and 3 were dismissed. A large number of the resignations were those of temporary constables, in most cases returned soldiers, who appeared to be restless and unable to settle down to steady work.

The total number of offences reported during the year ending the 31st December, 1919, was 4,995, as against 4,074 in the preceding period, an increase of 921 cases. The principal increase is under the heading of "Offences against rights of property." Under this definition there is an increase of 300 cases, as follows: Theft (undescribed), 170; house and shop breaking, 27; receiving stolen property, 10; forgery, 20; uttering, 8; mischief, 55. The cases of drunkenness were 2,240, as against 2,050, an increase of 190 cases. The charges of vagrancy were 105, as against 44, an increase of 61. Offences under Gaming Act, 64, as against 16; increase, 48. Offences under the Licensing Act, 570, as against 400; increase, 170 cases.

Of 4,995 cases reported, in 4,721 offenders were brought before the Court.

Two cases of a serious nature were reported, the murder of Constable Dudding previously referred to, and the shooting of a man named Christopher Carr on a homestead in the Masterton district by a man named Reside, a son of the owner of the homestead. The offender in this case was found by the jury to be insane at the time he committed the offence, and ordered to be kept in custody during the pleasure of the Minister of Justice.

The conduct of all ranks has, with a few exceptions, been satisfactory. During the greater part of the past year there has been a considerable shortage in the strength of the district, with an increase of work in all branches, consequently the staff have had considerable difficulty in coping with it.

The recruits now coming forward for police work are principally young and inexperienced men, and the want of training in the depot is having a bad effect on the efficiency of the service. I beg to suggest that the training-depot be opened as early as possible, so that the men can get proper tuition, drill, and physical training before being detailed for police duty.

INSPECTOR CRUICKSHANK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March last the strength of this district was—1 Inspector, 2 Senior Sergeants, 4 sergeants, 31 constables, 2 detective-sergeants; total, 40—being 7 constables short of authorized strength. One sergeant has since retired on superannuation, 1 Senior Sergeant has been transferred, and 1 detective-sergeant is now acting as a Senior Sergeant at Greymouth. The vacancies for constables are—1 at Colden, 1 at Seddonville, 1 at Waitata (the latter station was temporarily closed during the war, and a constable may not be required for some little time yet, until the mines there get fully manned), and 2 at Greymouth Station. Otira Station has been reduced by 1 constable, and Globe Mine Station closed.

A new station is required to be opened at Millerton, where a house has been purchased for that purpose.

No new stations have been opened during the year. Globe Mine Station was closed on the 11th July, 1919.

The offences return for 1919 shows that 696 offences were reported, as compared with 829 in 1918, a net decrease of 133 offences. This decrease is chiefly accounted for under the heading of "Breaches of the Licensing Act." Of the total number of offences reported over 98 per cent. have been accounted for either by arrest or summons.

The only serious crimes were: The dwellinghouse occupied by Senior Sergeant Simpson was damaged by explosives, and later a similar offence was committed at the dwellinghouse occupied by Constable Black; and again early this year a second attempt to damage by explosives was made at Senior Sergeant Simpson's house. These crimes were apparently committed with intent to intimidate the police in doing their duty in a certain direction.

The conduct of police has been good. All except one or two have shown zeal in the performance of their duties. With a depleted staff and increasing work done by police for other Departments it was found difficult at times to overtake all the work in a satisfactory manner.

SUPERINTENDENT DWYER, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1920, was 118, made up as follows: 1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 Senior Sergeants, 9 sergeants, 79 constables, 14 temporary constables, 1 Chief Detective, 4 detective-sergeants, 3 detectives, 1 matron, and 1 surgeon.

The new district of Timaru was formed in December last, in charge of Inspector Hastie, and 9 stations from this district, together with 3 sergeants, 1 detective-sergeant, and 17 constables, were handed over to him.

The casualties in the district during the year were as follows: 6 constables resigned from the Force, 2 constables were dismissed, and 1 discharged. One sergeant and 1 constable retired from the Force on superannuation, and 2 constables were retired from the service as medically unfit.

The number of offences reported in the district during the year ended the 31st December, 1919, was 3,085, as compared with 2,503 in 1918. The principal increases in the various classes of offences during the year were—Petty thefts, 63; houses and shop breaking, 37; houses and shop breaking attempted, 30; thefts from dwellings, 19; vagrancy, 35; breaches of the peace, 30; mischief, 18; failing to maintain wife and children, 107.

There were only 130 undetected offences during the year, and these chiefly consisted of thefts of bicycles. Considering the numerous duties that the police of both town and country are called upon to perform, especially for other Government Departments, it speaks highly in their favour that they have been so successful in coping with all classes of crime committed in the district during the year.

There were no serious crimes committed in the district calling for any special remarks.

Nine constables were fined for breaches of the Police Regulations during the year, otherwise the conduct of all ranks was highly satisfactory.

I would suggest that section 181 (1) of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, be amended so that summary offences committed outside the twelve months need not be sent to the Supreme Court for trial. As the law now stands, no matter how trivial the offence may be, if proceedings have not been commenced within the twelve months after the commission of the offence the offender must go for trial to the Supreme Court instead of being dealt with summarily. I would also suggest that section 51 (1), paragraph (i), of the Police Offences Act, 1908, be amended in the direction of making it an offence for any one to be found by night without lawful excuse in any unoccupied building whatever.

INSPECTOR HASTIE, TIMARU DISTRICT.

Timaru District was created and taken over in December, 1919, comprising 13 stations. The actual strength of the Force of all ranks on the 31st March was 34, the authorized strength being 38. My staff has for a considerable time been below the strength, and great difficulty has been experienced in coping with the work. At times it was not possible to have a man on day duty in the street all the time owing to complaints from other quarters having to be attended to. Now that Timaru is a head station I recommend the addition of at least two constables to the authorized strength, as all relieving duty for the district will have to be done from Timaru, and on account of being short-handed for about eighteen months the annual leave of members has accumulated. Apart from that, the town is gradually growing, and extra police are required to patrol parts that at present are rarely if ever visited. This is necessary to keep down complaints.

There have been no stations opened or closed. One temporary constable whose conduct was not satisfactory resigned.

As regards offences, there is no cause for comment. There have been no serious crimes, and the increase or decrease of any particular class of offence depends greatly on the amount of floating population. Drunkenness shows an increase of 110 for the year, no doubt partly due to the large number returning from overseas and the high wages ruling for labour causing increased expenditure.

The conduct of the Force as a whole has been good, one constable being fined for breaches of the regulations.

The population of Timaru and suburbs is 13,716, and is increasing, every house being occupied, and the district is very prosperous. Timaru itself is becoming more popular every year as a residential town and seaside resort, and large numbers of visitors flock here in the holiday season, which entails a great deal of extra work in inquiry and patrol duty, and requires the services of a full staff.

SUPERINTENDENT McGRATH, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

On the 31st March, 1920, the authorized strength of the Force in this district was—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Senior Sergeant, 11 sergeants, 76 constables, 2 Senior Detectives, 1 detective-sergeant, 2 detectives, 2 matrons, and 1 surgeon. There was a decrease during the year of 1 Senior Sergeant and 10 constables owing to the transfer of Oamaru, Duntroon, Hampden, and Kurow Stations to the newly formed Timaru Police District.

I think it is very desirable to have a sergeant on duty in the watchhouse all night at the central station at Dunedin, and for this purpose an additional sergeant is required. An increase of two constables for ordinary duty is also required at the same station, as two are continuously employed looking after prisoners in the police-gaol. I recommend an increase of one constable at South Dunedin, where it is becoming increasingly necessary that a constable should be on duty in the watchhouse at night, and the present staff is too small to admit of this being done. South Dunedin is a large, thickly populated district, and at present there is no one at the station to attend to urgent calls during the night.

No stations were opened or closed during the year, but new stations were purchased at Mornington, Woodhaugh, and also a residence for the Superintendent at Dunedin. The scarcity of suitable houses for police purposes renders it the more necessary to acquire them as opportunity offers at all places where the police occupy rented stations which they may be required to vacate at any time.

During the year 4 constables were discharged on resignation and 1 detective was dismissed.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1919, shows that the total number of offences reported was 1,426, being an increase of 62 over that of the preceding year. There were 1,382 prosecutions, leaving only 44 offences unaccounted for. The principal increases were—Mischief, 18; theft from dwellings, 14; obscene and profane language, 12; failing to maintain wife or children, 22. The chief decreases appear as follows: Theft (undescribed), 35; house and shop breaking, 2; drunkenness, 12. The latter offence has been steadily decreasing for

some years. There were no serious crimes calling for special mention during the year, and the almost entire absence of sexual offences is worthy of notice.

The conduct of the members of the Force of all ranks, with a few exceptions, has been very good. The detective and uniform branches cordially co-operated in the discharge of their duties, with the result that the work has been satisfactorily performed and very few serious offences undetected. The majority of the constables stationed in the city are young men who were placed upon street duty without any preliminary training, and in the circumstances the most of them have done remarkably well. No doubt a term in the training-depot would greatly improve them in every way, but especially in appearance and discipline. Some of them appear to find it difficult to decide whether to remain in the service or not, as is evidenced by the fact that they tendered their resignations and withdrew them shortly afterwards. This is probably due to the increased cost of living and the fact that they could obtain higher wages outside the Force. Dissatisfaction with the rate of pay, however, is not confined to the new hands, but extends to all ranks, and, in my opinion, if the essential efficiency of the Force is to be maintained, increased pay all round is absolutely necessary.

I suggest that section 123 of the Legislature Act, 1908, be amended so as to provide a penalty for selling intoxicating liquors in licensed premises between the hours of 12 noon and 7 p.m. on the day on which an election takes place within the district where such licensed premises are situated. The section quoted declares that it shall not be lawful to sell intoxicating liquors in licensed premises between the hours mentioned on any day on which an election takes place, but provides no penalty. The penalty fixed by the Licensing Act only applies to elections held under the provisions of that Act, so that unless a licensing election takes place on the same day as an election under the Legislature Act no penalty can be imposed.

INSPECTOR FOUHY, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in the Invercargill District on the 31st March, 1920, was as follows: 1 Inspector, 1 Senior Sergeant, 4 sergeants, 34 constables, and 1 Senior Detective. The authorized strength of the district is not sufficient to cope with the work, 3 more constables being required.

The police-station at Gladstone has been transferred to Waikiwi, where the Department has purchased a very suitable station.

A new station is required at Tuatapere, where the population is fast increasing, caused by the large number of new settlers in the district and by the hydro-electric works to be erected at Lake Monowai, the route to which is already under construction, via Tuatapere.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1919, was 837, as against 564 for the year 1918. The principal increases were—Theft, 46; theft from dwellings, 8; housebreaking, 14; drunkenness, 36; default of maintenance, 27; failing to maintain wife, &c., 26. Of the total number of offences reported nearly 98 per cent. have been accounted for by arrest or summons.

The conduct of the men on the whole has been good, only two having been punished.

During the year 3 constables resigned and 1 retired on superannuation.

Many of the constables at this station are recruits. An instruction class is conducted by the Senior Sergeant as often as circumstances permit—usually once a week—with good effect.

Owing to the difficulty in procuring houses for members on transfer the Department would be well advised to procure as many dwellings as possible—at least for the officer in charge and the sergeant and detective in charge of their respective branches.

A fair number of recruits are offering lately, but many of them have to be turned down as unsuitable. It is a noticeable fact that in stature and other physical dimensions they are not up to the standard of the older members of the service.

Too much work continues to be pressed by other Departments on to the police almost as a matter of right, and sometimes without even asking for the authority of the head of this Department. It has come to such a pass now that some of the other Government Departments look upon the police as their servants, and address correspondence to them accordingly, wanting interim reports, &c. This has a bad effect upon the police, who see some other Departments, whose officers have more time on their hands than the police, pass on work to the police which they could easily attend to themselves, and this very often when the police are short-handed. If life, limb, and property are to have the protection intended, fully three-fourths of the extraneous work now performed by the police will have to be eliminated.

The Police Offences Amendment Act, 1919, section 3, which, shortly, makes it penal for any person to use a horse, motor, vessel, &c., without the owner's consent, broke new ground in legislation, and is giving every satisfaction.

It should be made an offence for brewers or their employees to supply liquor to youths under twenty-one years of age, and youths should be made liable if, for the purpose of obtaining liquor, they represent their age to be twenty-one years or over while they are minors.

It would assist materially the enforcement of the no-license laws if, instead of furnishing notices to the Clerk of the Court of liquor sold to be sent or taken into a no-licensed district, the vendor were required to send the notice to the police-station nearest to the residence of the purchaser or consignee.

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CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
Unlawful assembly	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Seditious offences	24	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Misleading Justice.													
Perjury and false oaths	2	6	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..
False statements and declarations ..	8	32	31	18	6	3	..	2	2	15	5	24	..
Corrupting juries or witnesses ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Escapes and Rescues.													
Breaking prison	1	7	5	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	6	..
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	21	49	49	3	..	18	26	2	..	3	..	28	..
Escaping from prison, attempted ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Offences against Religion.													
Assaulting ministers of religion ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Disturbing public worship	12	9	9	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	3
Offences against Morality.													
Unnatural offence	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	2	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Unnatural offence, assault with intent to commit	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Indecently assaulting a male ..	8	14	14	11	..	1	..	2	..	6	..	6	..
Incest	4	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1
Indecent acts	23	28	28	3	..	19	..	6	..	2	..	5	..
Offences against the Person, &c.													
Neglecting duties tending to the preservation of life or health	..	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	..
Murder	4	9	9	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Murder, attempted	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
Murder, counselling or attempting to procure	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Manslaughter	21	12	12	8	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	9
Suicide, attempted	54	52	52	..	..	40	8	4	..	..	..	..	2
Concealment of birth	3	5	4	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..
Disabling or stupefying with intent to commit a crime	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	5	3	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Putting explosive substances in places with intent to do bodily harm	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	60	48	47	24	1	15	..	7	..	17	..	..	12
Causing actual bodily harm under circumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter	4	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..
Assault, indecent	83	72	66	50	..	4	..	12	..	32	..	..	11
Assault with intent to commit a crime	3	11	11	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
Assault	697	870	855	3	..	684	39	122	7	3	..	173	..
Rape	1	8	7	3	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	7	..
Rape, attempted	6	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	23	24	24	19	..	..	..	5	..	11	..	1	..
Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	9	8	8	5	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	1
Abortion, procuring	1	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	1	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..
Abortion, conspiring to procure ..	2	5	5	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..
Bigamy	14	12	12	7	5	..	..	..	..	5	4	..	2
Abduction	2	3	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..
Stealing children under fourteen years	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abandoning children under two years	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Offences against Rights of Property.													
Theft (undescribed)	2,597	3,248	2,775	142	11	2,153	194	256	19	87	8	651	..
Theft, attempted	6	27	22	2	..	20	..	..	..	2	..	21	..
Theft from the person	14	31	27	13	2	6	..	6	..	8	1	17	..
Theft from the person, attempted ..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..

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CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.—continued.													
Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.													
Theft from dwellings	182	216	166	36	2	109	14	5	..	32	2	34	..
Theft from dwellings, attempted	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Theft by clerks or servants	63	91	91	33	..	40	6	11	1	30	..	28	..
Theft of animals (specified)	66	46	41	20	1	14	..	6	..	9	..	..	20
Theft of animals, attempted	..	6	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	6	..
Bringing stolen property into New Zealand	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
False pretences	268	263	254	110	1	111	15	16	1	79	1	..	5
False pretences, attempted	2	12	11	6	1	4	..	..	..	3	1	10	..
Obtaining credit by fraud	1	20	20	15	..	2	..	3	..	13	..	19	..
False accounting by officials or clerks	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Conspiracy to defraud	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery and aggravated robbery	6	5	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Assault with intent to rob	4	8	7	6	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	4	..
Burglary	136	34	23	20	..	1	..	2	..	14	..	..	102
Burglary, attempted	..	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..
House or shop breaking, &c.	266	427	352	85	..	239	1	27	..	73	..	161	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	4	56	48	15	1	28	3	1	..	15	1	52	..
Being found in dwellinghouse by night	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Being armed with intent to break or enter	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements	1	3	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	97	63	63	6	..	35	1	19	2	5	..	..	34
Forgery	72	90	83	68	11	..	1	3	..	64	11	18	..
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	10	22	21	21	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	12	..
Sending false telegram	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Procuring execution of document by false pretences	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..
Personation	6	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Coin, offences relating to	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Arson	13	22	19	15	..	3	..	1	..	12	..	9	..
Arson, attempted	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Setting fire to crops, attempted	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	9	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Mischief	526	682	678	4	..	585	21	65	3	2	..	156	..
Mischief on railways and tramways	14	23	23	..	..	21	..	2	..	..	..	9	..
Possessing or making explosive substance, &c., with intent thereby to commit a crime	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Sending threatening letters	..	3	3	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..
Threatening acts with intent to intimidate	3	6	6	1	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	446	563	558	..	..	487	10	57	4	..	..	117	..
Cruelty to animals	169	172	172	..	..	145	..	27	..	..	..	3	..
Drunkenness	7,003	7,765	7,765	..	..	7,297	448	19	1	..	..	762	..
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	42	147	147	..	..	139	2	6	..	..	..	105	..
Drunk and disorderly	183	304	304	..	..	292	7	5	..	..	..	121	..
Prostitutes behaving in a riotous or indecent manner	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Soliciting prostitution	31	17	17	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	14
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	200	208	203	2	..	180	7	14	..	2	..	8	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	697	950	948	2	..	877	27	40	2	2	..	253	..
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	310	506	502	3	..	334	104	49	12	1	..	196	..
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	321	322	322	..	..	310	2	9	1	..	..	1	..
Intimidation to restrict lawful acts	..	4	4	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	..
Inciting violence, disorder, or lawlessness	..	4	4	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	4	..
Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c.	..	31	31	..	..	23	1	7	..	..	..	31	..

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GAMING ACT.													
Common gaming-house, keeping or managing, &c.	21	18	18	..	..	15	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Found in a common gaming-house ..	96	84	84	..	..	44	..	40	..	..	..	..	12
Gaming with instruments ..	67	155	155	..	..	117	..	38	..	..	..	88	..
Publishing advertisements relating to betting on horse-races	4	23	23	..	..	13	..	10	..	..	..	19	..
Lotteries, unlawfully establishing or conducting, &c.	7	4	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Betting, unlawful ..	30	39	39	..	..	31	..	8	..	..	..	9	..
Publishing betting-card ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
POST AND TELEGRAPH ACT.													
Posting packet containing explosive, &c.	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Illegally opening or delaying postal packets	3	5	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..
Stealing postal packets, mail-bags, &c.	19	35	35	23	1	7	..	4	..	23	1	16	..
Stealing money, &c., from postal packets	2	8	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	6	..
Unlawfully opening mail-bags ..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Fraudulently secreting or detaining misdelivered mail-bags, &c.	2	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..
Injuring post-office pillars or boxes ..	..	8	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
DESTITUTE PERSONS ACT.													
Failing to maintain wife or children ..	933	1,205	1,109	..	..	847	20	235	7	..	..	272	..
Failing for fourteen days to pay maintenance-moneys	893	1,017	911	..	..	651	11	244	5	..	..	124	..
Offences by husbands while separation orders are in force	1	24	24	..	..	20	..	4	..	..	..	23	..
Offences prescribed in sections 52 to 58 of Destitute Persons Act	17	12	12	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	5
SHIPPING AND SEAMEN ACT.													
Ship-desertion ..	60	56	45	..	..	44	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Absent without leave ..	54	120	116	..	..	108	..	8	..	..	..	66	..
Offences against discipline ..	8	10	10	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Wilfully damaging ship, stores, or cargo	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Embezzling cargo ..	12	21	21	1	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Harbouring deserters ..	3	7	7	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	4	..
Stowing away ..	3	14	14	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	11	..
LICENSING ACT.													
Permitting drunkenness or violent conduct	29	24	24	..	..	14	2	7	1	..	..	..	5
Selling or supplying liquor to intoxicated persons	24	32	32	..	..	20	..	9	3	..	..	8	..
Permitting gaming, gambling, &c. ..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selling or supplying liquor, or exposing for sale, or opening or keeping open premises at unauthorized times	313	369	369	..	..	168	34	134	33	..	..	56	..
Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years	81	66	66	..	..	36	12	11	7	..	..	..	15
Selling or supplying liquor to prohibited persons	56	60	60	..	..	49	4	7	..	..	..	4	..
Permitting prohibited persons to be on premises	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Unlawfully employing females in or about a bar	4	4	4	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Employing minors in bars ..	1	5	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	..
Illegally supplying liquor to Natives ..	55	82	82	..	..	68	2	12	..	..	..	27	..
Selling adulterated liquor ..	1	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Obstructing Inspectors or refusing entrance to Inspectors or constables	12	15	15	..	..	7	2	3	3	..	..	3	..
Having or purchasing labels for bottling contrary to Act	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Using bottles with labels more than once	..	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Breaches of prohibition orders ..	1,012	1,384	1,379	..	..	1,200	149	25	5	..	..	372	..
Found on licensed premises after closing-hours	844	830	830	..	..	687	4	137	2	..	..	..	14
Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	46	57	57	..	..	52	3	2	..	..	..	11	..
Selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license	91	50	50	..	..	37	4	7	2	..	..	..	41
Found on premises where liquor was seized under a warrant	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2

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				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
LICENSING ACT—continued.													
Offences against provisions in force in no-license districts	66	64	64	..	..	44	1	19	..	..	..	..	2
Selling, supplying, or giving liquor to Maoris in Native licensing districts	15	20	20	..	..	16	3	1	..	..	..	5	..
Offences against provisions of no-license in Native proclaimed areas	48	123	123	..	..	81	4	38	..	..	..	75	..
Supplying liquor to Natives in proclaimed districts	101	94	87	..	..	79	..	8	..	..	..	..	7
Illegally storing liquor in no-license district	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Refusing to provide accommodation for traveller	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
MISCELLANEOUS.													
Absconding from industrial schools ..	145	109	106	..	..	99	4	3	..	..	..	..	36
Bankruptcy offences ..	7	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Brothels or houses of ill fame, keeping, &c.	34	17	17	..	..	5	6	3	3	..	..	..	17
Children, wilfully ill-treating, neglecting, abandoning, or exposing	69	71	71	..	1	43	24	2	1	..	..	2	..
Deserting or absenting from His Majesty's ships	4	7	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Drunk or behaving in a violent or offensive manner, &c., on a railway, &c.	13	79	78	..	..	70	1	7	..	..	..	66	..
Failing to comply with conditions of release under First Offenders' Probation Act	17	34	27	4	1	17	5	..	..	4	1	17	..
Indecent Publications Act, offences under	8	4	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Opium-smoking, &c. ..	5	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Smuggling ..	..	9	9	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	9	..
Trespassing on railway and refusing to leave, &c.	3	26	26	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	23	..
Totals	20,268	24,278	23,312	860	69	19,095	1,257	1,900	131	635	48	4,488	478
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APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31st MARCH, 1920.

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Auckland District—													
Auckland ..	1	1	1	1	7	54	1	3	4	73	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 ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Grey Lynn ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Helensville ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hikurangi ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hobsonville ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Houhora ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Howick ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaikohe ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaitiaki ..	..	..	..	..	..	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	8	..	1	..	13	2	..	..
Northcote ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ohaeawai ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Okupu (G. Barrier) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Onehunga ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Otahuhu ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Papakura ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Parnell ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Ponsonby ..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Pukekohe ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Queen St. Wharf ..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	1	9	..	..	..
Ranfurly Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
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	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Whangaroa ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Totals ..	1	2	1	3	21	132	1	3	6	170	17	4	4
Hamilton District—													
Hamilton ..	..	1	..	1	1	7	..	1	..	11	..	..	..
Cambridge ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Coromandel ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Frankton Junction ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Huntly ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Karangahake ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Katikati ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kawhia ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kihikihi ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kirikiri-roa ..	..	..	..	..	..	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	..	..	..
Taupo ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hamilton District—													
<i>continued.</i>													
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	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Whakatane ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1
Whitianga ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	..	..	3	5	56	..	1	..	66	2	1	1
Napier District—													
Napier ..	..	1	..	1	2	10	..	1	..	15	2	..	..
Carlyle Street ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Clive ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dannevirke ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Gisborne ..	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	1	10	..	..	..
Hastings ..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
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 ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Weber ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whataupoko ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	2	5	51	..	1	1	62	2	1	..
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	..	1	..	1	1	10	..	..	..	13	1	..	..
Aramoho ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eltham ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fitzroy ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Gonville ..	..	..	..	..	..	1							

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Palmerston North District—													
Palmerston North	..	1	..	1	1	11	..	1	..	15	3	..	..
Ashhurst	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bull's	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eketaahuna	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Feilding	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Foxton	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Kimbolton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Levin	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Marton	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Otaki	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pahiatua	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Pongaroa	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rongotea	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Shannon	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waldegrave St. (Palmerston N.)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Woodville	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals	..	1	..	1	2	32	..	1	..	37	3	..	..
Wellington District—													
Wellington	1	1	1	2	5	24	1	3	3	41	10	..	..
Blenheim	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Brooklyn	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Carterton	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Collingwood	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eastbourne	..	..	..	..	..	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	..	..	..
Lower Hutt	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Lyall Bay	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Martinborough	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Masterton	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Miramar	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Motueka	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mount Cook	..	..	..	1	3	16	..	..	..	20	8	..	..
Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	7	1	..	..
Petone	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Picton	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Richmond	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Seddon	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Takaka	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Taranaki Street	..	..	..	1	3	19	..	..	..	23	3	..	..
Tinui	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
The Port	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Thorndon Quay	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tinakori Road	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Upper Hutt	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wakfield	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wellington South Wharf (Wellington)	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Totals	1	1	1	8	13	115	1	3	3	146	22	..	..
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth	..	1	..	1	1	4	..	2	..	9	..	..	..
Ahauri	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Blackball	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Blackwater	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Brunnerton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Charleston	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cobden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Denniston	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dunollie	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Granity	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hokitika	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Karamea	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kumara	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Murchison	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Okarito	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Greymouth District—continued.													
Otira	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Reefton	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Rimu	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ross	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Seddonville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stafford	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Westport	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..
Totals	..	1	..	2	3	29	..	2	..	37	2	..	..
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch	1	..	1	2	5	35	1	4	3	52	13	..	..
Addington	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Akaroa	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Amberley	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ashburton	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Belfast	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bealey Flat	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bingsland	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Chatham Islands	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cheviot	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Coalgate	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Culverden	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Darfield	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fendalton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Islington	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Kaikoura	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Leeston	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lincoln	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Linwood	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Little River	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lower Riccarton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lyttelton	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	1	..	..
Methven	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
New Brighton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Oxford	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Papanui	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Phillipstown	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rakaia	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Rangiora	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Riccarton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Albans	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Southbridge	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Sumner	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Sydenham	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..
Waikari	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Woolston	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals	1	..	1	4	9	79	1	4	3	102	14	..	..
Timaru District—													
Timaru	..	1	..	1	2	9	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
Duntroon	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fairlie	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Geraldine	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Glenavy	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Hampden	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kurov	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Pleasant Point	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
St. Andrew's	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Temuka	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Waimataitai	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waimate	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..

APPENDIX B—continued.

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

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Dunedin District— continued.												
Cromwell ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Green Island ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Kaitangata ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lawrence ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Middlemarch ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Milton ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mornington ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Mosgiel ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Naseby ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
North Dunedin ..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
North-east Valley ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ophir ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Outram ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Owaka ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Palmerston South ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Port Chalmers ..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
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	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitahuna ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Waitati ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Woodhaugh ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	1	1	12	67	2	1	1	86	6	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—												
Invercargill ..	..	1	..	1	1	9	1	..	13	2	..	..
Arrowtown ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Invercargill Dis- trict—continued.												
Bluff ..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	..
Clinton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fortrose ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Gore ..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	..	..	..
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	..	..	..
Waikiwi ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Winton ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wyndham ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals ..	1	..	1	4	32	1	..	..	39	2	..	..
Attached to head- quarters staff ..	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	7	..	..	..
Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Lent to Samoan Ad- ministration ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
On leave prior to re- tirement ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Grand totals ..	4	11	6	31	83	671	7	16	15844	72	7	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., 1919).	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand ..	916	1,214,184	1 to 1,325	s. d. 4 11½
Victoria ..	1,719	1,495,938	1 to 870	5 6½
New South Wales ..	2,582	2,002,631	1 to 775	7 0½
Queensland ..	1,129	725,220	1 to 642	10 3½
South Australia ..	530	468,194	1 to 863	6 5
Western Australia ..	457	331,660	1 to 725	8 5½
Tasmania ..	236	216,751	1 to 918	6 0

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