

SESSION II.
1921.
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT:
PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1920.

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

MEMBERS OF BOARD :

Hon. Sir ROBERT STOUT, K.C.M.G. (President); Sir GEORGE FENWICK, Kt.; EDWIN HALL, Esq.; FRANK HAY, Esq., M.B.; C. B. JORDAN, Esq.; CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Esq.; WILLIAM REECE, Esq.

SIR,—

Wellington, 11th August, 1921.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1920.

The President of the Board was granted leave to proceed to England. He presided at the meetings included in this report, but left before the report was completed. As the senior member I was asked to preside in Sir Robert Stout's absence, and have presided at meetings since April, 1921.

I have, &c.,

GEORGE FENWICK,
For President.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice, Wellington.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1920.

The Board has to report that during the year 1920 it dealt with a total of 648 cases, at meetings held at Wellington, Point Halswell, Waikeria, Auckland, New Plymouth, Addington, Paparua, and Invercargill. The following table sets out, under their respective statutory headings, the number of cases considered at each quarterly meeting, together with the decisions reached :—

Table A.

Quarterly Meeting.	Place of Meeting.	Cases considered of				Totals.	Decisions reached.				Totals.
		Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Persons undergoing Reformatory Detention.	Hard-labour Prisoners.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation.		Recommended for Release on Probation.	Deferred.	Declined.	Recommended for Discharge from Prison or Probation.	
February ..	Paparua ..	4	26	4	..	34	16	16	2	..	34
	Addington ..	1	19	1	..	21	5	9	6	1	21
	Invercargill ..	4	145	7	9	165	38	94	18	15	165
May ..	Wellington ..	1	39	8	12	60	8	32	7	13	60
August ..	Wellington ..	2	26	5	11	44	8	25	1	10	44
November and December	Point Halswell ..	..	8	2	..	10	4	5	1	..	10
	Wellington ..	3	58	7	..	68	14	45	6	3	68
	New Plymouth ..	2	8	13	..	23	7	13	..	3	23
	Auckland ..	57	56	18	..	131	45	83	..	3	131
	Waikeria ..	..	82	9	..	91	23	66	..	2	91
	Wellington ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
		74	467	75	32	648	168	388	41	51	648