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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 Hon. the MINISTER IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 20th July, 1922.

I HAVE the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force for the year ended 31st March last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of permanent members of the Force of all ranks was 974, being an increase of 92 during the year. The total is made up as follows :—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	791
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

There were also 35 temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919: 15 of these were recruits undergoing a period of probationary service with a view to permanent appointment; the remaining 20 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 Waiotira, Panmure, Kerepehi, Waiuta, and Tuatapere; and the stations at Ranfurly Road (Auckland), Karangahake, and Blackwater have been closed.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 14; retired as medically unfit, 3; died, 2; resigned voluntarily, 21; called upon to resign, 7; dismissed, 2; total, 49. This is 9 less than in the preceding year.