

1924.  
NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT.  
**PRISONS BOARD**  
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1923.

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

MEMBERS OF BOARD.

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT STOUT, P.C., 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,—  
I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1923.  
I have, &c.,  
ROBERT STOUT, President.  
The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1923.

The Board has to report that during the year 1923 it dealt with a total of 1,093 cases at meetings held at Wellington, Invercargill, Paparua, Addington, Christchurch, Wi Tako, Point Halswell, Waikune, Hautu, Auckland, and Waikeria. The following table sets out under their respective statutory headings the number of cases considered at each meeting, together with the decisions reached :—

| Month of Meeting. | Place of Meeting. | Cases considered of |                                           |                        |                     |                                                           |                                            |                        | Totals. | Decisions showing how Cases were disposed of. |                     |                     |                                                          |                                          |                                           |                                                    |            |       |  | Totals. |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|--|---------|
|                   |                   | Habitual Criminals. | Persons undergoing Reformative Detention. | Hard-labour Prisoners. | Habitual Offenders. | Habitual Criminals for remission of Hard-labour Sentence. | Probationers for Discharge from Probation. |                        |         | Recommended for Release on Probation.         | Petitions deferred. | Petitions declined. | Recommended for Discharge from Prison or from Probation. | Offender Probationers ordered discharge. | Recommended Variation Terms of Probation. | Recommended for Remission of Hard-labour Sentence. | No action. |       |  |         |
|                   |                   |                     |                                           |                        |                     |                                                           | Crimes Amend-ment Act.                     | Offender Probationers. |         |                                               |                     |                     |                                                          |                                          |                                           |                                                    |            |       |  |         |
| Jan.              | Paparua ..        | 1                   | 54                                        | 21                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 76      | 28                                            | 36                  | 5                   | 7                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 76    |  |         |
| "                 | Addington         | 1                   | 4                                         | 4                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 9       | 2                                             | 5                   | 2                   | ..                                                       | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 9     |  |         |
| "                 | Christchurch      | 3                   | 13                                        | 27                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | 3                                          | 5                      | 51      | 16                                            | 15                  | 10                  | 6                                                        | 3                                        | ..                                        | ..                                                 | 1          | 51    |  |         |
| "                 | Invercargill      | 2                   | 165                                       | 9                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 176     | 34                                            | 126                 | 4                   | 12                                                       | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 176   |  |         |
| April             | Wellington        | 9                   | 99                                        | 56                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | 5                                          | 7                      | 176     | 44                                            | 89                  | 14                  | 24                                                       | 4                                        | ..                                        | ..                                                 | 1          | 176   |  |         |
| May               | Pt. Halswell      | ..                  | 16                                        | ..                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 16      | 3                                             | 11                  | ..                  | 2                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 16    |  |         |
| "                 | Wellington        | 1                   | 13                                        | 8                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | 1                                          | ..                     | 23      | 5                                             | 12                  | ..                  | 6                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 23    |  |         |
| "                 | Wi Tako           | ..                  | 18                                        | 7                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 25      | 13                                            | 10                  | 1                   | 1                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 25    |  |         |
| July              | Wellington        | 3                   | 35                                        | 34                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | 1                                          | 1                      | 74      | 20                                            | 31                  | 2                   | 20                                                       | 1                                        | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 74    |  |         |
| Sept.             | "                 | 6                   | 70                                        | 54                     | ..                  | 3                                                         | 4                                          | 7                      | 144     | 42                                            | 64                  | 1                   | 28                                                       | 6                                        | ..                                        | 3                                                  | ..         | 144   |  |         |
| Nov.              | Waikune ..        | 3                   | 27                                        | 14                     | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 44      | 9                                             | 30                  | ..                  | 5                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 44    |  |         |
| "                 | Hautu ..          | ..                  | 13                                        | 6                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 19      | 5                                             | 12                  | 2                   | ..                                                       | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 19    |  |         |
| "                 | Auckland          | 40                  | 52                                        | 35                     | ..                  | 1                                                         | ..                                         | ..                     | 128     | 34                                            | 83                  | 4                   | 6                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | 1                                                  | ..         | 128   |  |         |
| "                 | "                 | 4                   | 33                                        | 22                     | 1                   | ..                                                        | 2                                          | 4                      | 66      | 16                                            | 40                  | ..                  | 6                                                        | 4                                        | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 66    |  |         |
| "                 | Waikeria ..       | ..                  | 59                                        | 7                      | ..                  | ..                                                        | ..                                         | ..                     | 66      | 21                                            | 42                  | ..                  | 3                                                        | ..                                       | ..                                        | ..                                                 | ..         | 66    |  |         |
|                   |                   | 73                  | 671                                       | 304                    | 1                   | 4                                                         | 16                                         | 24                     | 1,093   | 292                                           | 606                 | 45                  | 126                                                      | 18                                       | ..                                        | 4                                                  | 2          | 1,093 |  |         |