

For the year ending 31st December, 1925, the total number of offences reported was 4,709, being an increase of 223 over the previous year. There has been no serious crime worth mentioning.

The conduct of the Force has been satisfactory; eighteen constables were dealt with for breaches of regulations during the year.

INSPECTOR FRASER, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

On the 31st March the authorized strength of the district was forty-four.

During the year the Rimu Station was closed, and new station opened at Kanieri.

Two constables and one detective resigned from the service during the year.

The offences return for the year ending 31st December, 1925, shows the total number of all offences reported to be 1,274, as compared with 1,230 during the previous year, an increase of 44.

The conduct of members of the Force in this district has been good, and their duties satisfactorily performed. One constable was fined for breach of Police Regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT EALES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

The actual strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1926, was 126. One Senior Sergeant retired on superannuation, two constables resigned voluntarily, and one constable was dismissed.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1925, shows 3,460 offences, as against 3,176 in 1924, an increase of 284.

Five constables were dealt with for breach of regulations.

INSPECTOR KEMP, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was forty-one, being an increase of one over the previous year. During the year two constables resigned from the service voluntarily.

The number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December last was 927 as against 772 for the previous year, being an increase of 155.

Two murders were reported during the year, one being the murder of a girl of seventeen years of age by her father, who was acquitted on the grounds of insanity, and committed to a mental hospital; the other was the murder of a young girl by her lover, who committed suicide immediately afterwards.

The conduct of the police during the year has been good. In only one case was it found necessary to punish for a breach of the regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT MATHIESON, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The authorized strength of the Force in the district on the 31st March, 1926, was 105.

The total number of offences reported was 1,493, as against 1,326 for the previous year, an increase of 167.

With the exception of a triple charge of murder against a female in which the accused was ordered to be detained in a mental hospital during the pleasure of the Hon. the Minister of Justice, there have been no crimes of so serious a nature as to call for special mention.

The conduct of the police in the Dunedin District has been satisfactory during the year, only a few minor breaches of the regulations have been dealt with.

INSPECTOR BIRD, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

The strength of the Force in this district on the 31st March last was forty-seven.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1925, was 1,035, as against 940 for the year 1924, being an increase of 95. There was no serious crime during the year.

The conduct of all ranks has been satisfactory. Two constables were dismissed, and two constables fined for breaches of the Police Regulations.

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