

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, ETC., DURING THE YEAR 1928—*continued*.

| Offences.                                                               | 1927.              | 1928.              |                              |                   |                                  | Increase. | Decrease. |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                         | Offences reported. | Offences reported. | Number arrested or summoned. | Number convicted. | Offences dismissed or withdrawn. |           |           |
| By-law breaches—                                                        |                    |                    |                              |                   |                                  |           |           |
| Driving car unlicensed .. .. .                                          | 23                 | 56                 | 56                           | 55                | 1                                | 33        | ..        |
| Driving without lights .. .. .                                          | 1                  | 25                 | 25                           | 23                | 2                                | 24        | ..        |
| Furious riding and driving .. .. .                                      | ..                 | 2                  | 2                            | 2                 | ..                               | 2         | ..        |
| Unlicensed vehicles .. .. .                                             | 5                  | 40                 | 40                           | 35                | 5                                | 35        | ..        |
| Negligent driving .. .. .                                               | 11                 | 10                 | 10                           | 9                 | 1                                | ..        | 1         |
| Negligent riding .. .. .                                                | 3                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 3         |
| Riding without reins .. .. .                                            | 2                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 2         |
| Riding bicycle without lights .. .. .                                   | 2                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 2         |
| Refusing to carry passengers .. .. .                                    | ..                 | 1                  | 1                            | 1                 | ..                               | 1         | ..        |
| Driving without number-plates .. .. .                                   | ..                 | 16                 | 16                           | 14                | 2                                | 16        | ..        |
| Driving at excessive speed .. .. .                                      | ..                 | 10                 | 10                           | 10                | ..                               | 10        | ..        |
| Carrying intoxicated passengers .. .. .                                 | ..                 | 1                  | 1                            | 1                 | ..                               | 1         | ..        |
| Failing to carry out hire of car .. .. .                                | ..                 | 2                  | 2                            | 2                 | ..                               | 2         | ..        |
| Unnecessary blowing of horn .. .. .                                     | ..                 | 1                  | 1                            | 1                 | ..                               | 1         | ..        |
| Miscellaneous (Road Traffic Ordinance) .. .. .                          | 3                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 3         |
| Miscellaneous—                                                          |                    |                    |                              |                   |                                  |           |           |
| Breach of Dog Registration Ordinance .. .. .                            | ..                 | 1                  | 1                            | 1                 | ..                               | 1         | ..        |
| Breach of Samoan Offenders Ordinance .. .. .                            | 3                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 3         |
| Breach of Immigration Ordinance .. .. .                                 | 4                  | 3                  | 3                            | 3                 | ..                               | ..        | 1         |
| Breach of Harbour Regulations .. .. .                                   | ..                 | 1                  | 1                            | 1                 | ..                               | 1         | ..        |
| Breach of Hours for Shops Ordinance .. .. .                             | ..                 | 4                  | 4                            | 4                 | ..                               | 4         | ..        |
| Breach of Surveyors Ordinance .. .. .                                   | 7                  | ..                 | ..                           | ..                | ..                               | ..        | 7         |
| Breach of Maintenance of Authority for Native Affairs Ordinance .. .. . | 2                  | 400                | 400                          | 400               | ..                               | 398       | ..        |
| Breach of Intimidation Ordinance .. .. .                                | ..                 | 402                | 402                          | 402               | ..                               | 402       | ..        |
| Breach of Horse-racing Ordinance .. .. .                                | ..                 | 9                  | 9                            | 9                 | ..                               | 9         | ..        |
| Breach of Native Market Ordinance .. .. .                               | ..                 | 16                 | 16                           | 15                | 1                                | 16        | ..        |
| Totals .. .. .                                                          | 361                | 1,325              | 1,296                        | 1,252             | 44                               | 1,070     | 106       |

Total fines inflicted during the calendar year 1928 amounted to £915 7s. 2d., to which is to be added costs amounting to £144 7s., making a total of £1,059 14s. 2d.

## POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

## SAVINGS-BANK.

Although the withdrawals for the year exceeded the deposits by over £5,000, the total number of accounts open was not reduced, but increased by twenty-three. During the year 279 accounts were opened and 256 were closed, making a total of 1,461 live accounts. The amount deposited for the year was £36,622 1s. 10d., while withdrawals amounted to £42,042 17s. 4d. The interest allowed was £1,911 18s., thus making the total amount at credit of depositors (including dormant account) £48,827 16s. 8d.

## MONEY-ORDERS.

This system of remitting money to all parts of the world is still very much favoured by the public. The number of money-orders issued for the year was 2,194, representing £21,665 6s. 6d., and the commission derived therefrom was £109 6s. 6d. The number of orders paid was 352, which accounts for £2,721 18s. 11d.

## POSTAL NOTES AND BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

In this branch the postal notes and British postal orders issued amounted to £1,117 0s. 6d., an increase of nearly £200 over last year's figures. The amount paid was £96 1s. 11d.

## STAMPS.

The sale of stamps at the Post-office during the year realized £1,702 5s. 5d., and the amount sold at the Treasury increases the total sales to £1,902 5s. 5d.

## TELEPHONES.

The revenue from this item amounted to £1,240 10s. 9d. for the year, and when compared with the previous year discloses a slight decrease: this, of course, is only to be expected, owing to the number of line circuits that have been put out of action from time to time by the Natives. It was finally found necessary to abandon the Mulifanua line owing to the constant cutting of the circuit, and dismantle the line from Malie westward. The cost of maintenance of the system for the year has been exceptionally heavy.