

THE Board has to report that during the year ended 31st December, 1929, it dealt with a total of 1,372 cases at meetings held at Wellington and the various institutions of the Dominion. The following table sets out under their respective statutory headings the number of cases considered at each meeting, together with the decisions reached :—

TABLE A.

Month of Meeting.	Cases considered of								Totals.	Decisions showing how Cases were disposed of.								Totals.
	Borstal Inmates.	Habitual Criminals.	Persons undergoing Reformative Detention.	Hard-labour Prisoners.	Habitual Offenders.	Habitual Criminals for Remission of Hard-labour Sentence.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation or Variation Terms of Release.			Recommended for Release on Probation.	Petitions deferred.	Petitions declined.	Recommended for Discharge from Institution or from Probation.	Offender Probationers ordered Discharge.	Habitual Criminals Remission of Hard Labour.	Recommended Variation Terms of Probation.		
							Crimes Amendment Act.	Offender Probationers.										
March ..	9	9	4	1	..	..	..	..	23	3	18	1	1	..	..	..	23	
" "	3	..	20	23	..	..	..	..	46	15	24	..	7	..	..	..	46	
" "	27	8	77	43	..	1	..	..	156	43	82	20	10	..	1	..	156	
" "	4	2	36	27	..	..	..	6	75	18	28	3	20	6	..	..	75	
April ..	..	1	5	3	..	..	..	..	9	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	9	
" "	37	12	56	40	..	..	1	1	147	45	94	7	1	..	..	..	147	
" "	209	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	214	66	146	1	1	..	..	..	214	
May ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
July ..	42	5	48	48	..	..	4	2	149	42	79	22	6	..	..	..	149	
" "	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	9	10	2	..	..	..	..	21	
" "	..	2	19	10	..	..	..	..	31	9	14	1	7	..	..	..	31	
" "	..	..	26	12	..	..	..	..	38	18	16	1	3	..	..	..	38	
October	70	3	71	53	..	..	..	3	200	58	86	35	18	2	..	1	200	
November	52	45	74	83	..	3	1	4	262	82	141	25	9	2	3	..	262	
Total ..	466	87	446	346	1	4	6	16	1,372	413	743	118	83	10	4	1	1,372	

TABLE B.—SHOWING RELEASES AND DISCHARGES, ETC., EFFECTED EACH MONTH FOR 1929.

1929.			Released on Probation.				Discharged from Prison.				Discharged from Probation.					Totals.
			Hard-labour Cases.	Habitual-criminal Cases.	Reformative-detention Cases.	Borstal-detention Cases.	Hard-labour Cases.	Habitual-criminal Cases.	Reformative-detention Cases.	Borstal-detention Cases.	Hard-labour Cases.	Habitual-criminal Cases.	Reformative-detention Cases.	Borstal-detention Cases.	Offender-probationer Cases.	
January	..	..	6	2	10	22	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	46
February	..	..	5	..	6	10	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	26
March	..	..	12	1	17	21	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	6	1	65
April	..	..	5	1	12	6	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	31
May	..	..	13	2	19	56	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	99
June	..	..	10	..	15	7	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
July	..	..	9	3	9	13	6	..	6	..	1	..	..	1	..	48
August	..	..	12	..	8	7	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
September	..	..	7	1	9	9	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
October	..	..	1	1	11	24	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	51
November	..	..	8	1	13	4	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
December	..	..	2	2	13	8	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	34
Total	..	..	90	14	142	187	46	..	30	3	..	1	..	10	6	529

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

During the year sixteen applications for discharge from probation were considered by the Board, and of this number ten were granted.

TABLE C.—REFORMATIVE-DETENTION CASES DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY, 1911, TO DECEMBER, 1929.

Total number sentenced to reformative detention ..	..	..	..	..	3,534
Released and discharged on recommendation of Board ..	..	..	..	2,608	
Discharged from reformatories on completion of full sentence ..	..	..	..	568	
Total number released ..	..	..	..	—	3,176
Of whom there were—					
Returned to reformatories for non-compliance with conditions of release ..	..	..	..	89	
Committed to reformatories for further offences whilst on probation ..	..	..	..	184	
Sentenced for offences committed after discharge or expiry of period of probation ..	..	..	..	494	
Total number returned and recommitted ..	..	..	..	—	767
Absconded and not traced ..	..	..	..	26	
Died ..	..	..	..	8	
Left Dominion to return to former domiciles ..	..	..	..	59	
Known to have been killed in action whilst on active service ..	..	..	..	3	
Returned to Weraroa ..	..	..	..	1	
Transferred to Rotorua Inebriates Institution ..	..	..	..	1	
Transferred to mental hospitals ..	..	..	..	3	
Transferred to Mount Magdala Home ..	..	..	..	1	
Transferred to Salvation Army Home ..	..	..	..	1	
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1929 ..	..	..	..	81	
Number who have not offended since their discharge or expiration of period of probation, and presumably doing well ..	..	..	..	2,225	
				—	2,409
					3,176