

Mr. W. DINEEN, Probation Officer, New Plymouth.

Offenders Probation Act: Total dealt with, 55; total costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected, £38 19s. 6d.

Crimes Amendment Act: Number dealt with, 38.

It is gratifying to be able to report that those admitted to probation during the year have all done exceptionally well.

Mr. E. CHING, Probation Officer, Wanganui.

Offenders Probation Act: Total dealt with, 54; total costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected, £58 17s. 4d.

The present period of unemployment necessitates many of the probationers going into the country in search of work, and makes it difficult to keep them under one's eye, but on the whole the conduct has been very good. One probationer, who made no attempt to do right, was rearrested and sentenced on the original charge.

Mr. H. N. RICHARDSON, Probation Officer, Gisborne.

Offenders Probation Act: Total dealt with, 64; total costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected, £63 18s. 6d.

The past year has not been an easy one, but the results have been gratifying. I have tried where possible to get young probationers into the country, and have to thank various social organizations for their help in this.

Mr. T. STOCKER, Probation Officer, Napier.

Offenders Probation Act: Total dealt with, 57; total costs of prosecution and restitution-moneys collected, £98 6s. 4d.

It was found necessary to bring two probationers before the Court for failing to observe the conditions of their licenses, but in other cases a warning was all that was necessary to make them realize their obligations.

The past year has been a particularly difficult one on account of the prevailing unemployment, but notwithstanding that fact the amount collected by way of restitution and costs of prosecutions is very gratifying. The majority of the probationers are employed on relief works.

Crimes Amendment Act: At the end of the year there were 4 probationers under this heading on the register, all of whom were doing well.

STATISTICS.

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR 1931.

Age, in Years.	Six Months or under.	One Year.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.	Five Years.	Total.
Under 20 years of age ..	7	76	5	99	22	2	..	211
20 and under 25 ..	13	87	2	103	21	1	..	227
25 " 30 ..	8	49	2	44	8	..	1	112
30 " 40 ..	7	45	2	47	8	..	..	109
40 " 50 ..	5	28	1	22	3	2	..	61
50 " 60 ..	4	12	..	10	..	..	..	26
60 " 70 ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
70 and over ..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
Totals ..	44	298	12	328	62	5	1	750

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR, 1931.

				Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting 1st January, 1931 ..	..	..	..	994	155	1,149
Admitted to probation during 1931 ..	..	..	..	750	146	896
Totals ..	..	..	..	1,744	301	2,045
Completed probation during 1931 ..	..	..	..	471	148	619
Discharged by Prisons Board ..	..	..	..	11	1	12
Deceased ..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Left the Dominion ..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Absconded and not traced (term expired) ..	..	..	..	22	4	26
Resentenced on original charge ..	..	..	..	29	6	35
Committed further offences ..	..	..	..	32	6	38
Totals ..	..	..	..	571	165	736
Number reporting 31st December, 1931 ..	..	..	..	1,173	136	1,309