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NEW ZEALAND.

THE POLICE FORCE OF THE DOMINION

(ANNUAL REPORT ON).

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

The COMMISSIONER OF POLICE to the Hon. the MINISTER IN CHARGE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department, Wellington, 15th August, 1932.

I HAVE the honour to present the annual report on the Police Force for the year ended 31st March last.

STRENGTH OF FORCE.

On the 31st March last the number of permanent members of the Force of all ranks was 1,134, being a decrease of twenty-six during the year. The total is made up as follows:—

Superintendents	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	15
Sub-Inspectors	..	..	..	..	..	6
Senior Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	27
Sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	96
Constables	..	..	..	..	..	921
Senior Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	4
Detective-sergeants	..	..	..	..	..	17
Detectives	..	..	..	..	..	44

In addition to the above there were—

Police surgeons	..	..	..	..	..	12
Matrons	..	..	..	..	..	8
District constables	..	..	..	..	..	4
Native constables	..	..	..	..	..	2

There were also twenty-three temporary constables appointed under section 2 of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919: nine of these were appointed during the war period, and are over age or otherwise unsuitable for permanent appointment; the other fourteen were appointed on probation with a view to filling vacancies in the permanent staff if found suitable.

STATIONS.

New stations were established during the year at Arapuni and Makaraka, and the stations at Kopua Railway Camp, Whataupoko, Tiroroa, Parnassus, and Wharanui were closed.

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last: Retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 9; retired as medically unfit, 2; died, 3; resigned voluntarily, 6; called upon to resign, 3; dismissed, 2: total, 25. This is 2 more than in the preceding year.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and show an aggregate net decrease of 534 on the figures of 1930. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·4 per cent., as against 2·46 the previous year.

There were increases during the year under the following headings, viz.:—

Theft (petty)	..	..	..	559	False pretences	..	..	..	49
Theft by clerks, &c.	..	..	..	32	Assaulting or resisting police	..	..	..	76
Theft of postal packets	..	..	..	40	Selling liquor after hours	..	..	..	192
Burglary, housebreaking, &c.	..	..	..	345	Breaches of Arms Act	..	..	..	131
Forgery and uttering	..	..	..	33	Breaches of Motor-vehicles Act	..	..	..	562

The principal decreases were—

Indecent assault	25	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	87
Arson	38	Failing to maintain wives or families ..	288
Breaches of the peace	82	Breaches of prohibition orders	259
Drunkenness	1,439	Being on licensed premises after closing hours	321
Indecent exposure and grossly indecent acts	96	Suicide, attempted	22

The increase in cases of theft and burglary can be attributed largely to economic stress with consequent unemployment.

The increases in 1930 were: thefts, 1,168; burglary, &c., 171; and in 1931, thefts, 559; burglary, &c., 345.

The most noteworthy decrease is in drunkenness. In 1930 there was a decrease from 6,810 to 6,125 and in 1931 from 6,125 to 4,687—that is, in two years a decrease of 2,123 prosecutions, or 31 per cent.

This increase in sobriety is probably affected by decreased purchasing-power in conjunction with changing habits of the people.

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed:—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	1,164	1,052	112
Auckland	8,449	7,384	1,065
Hamilton	2,036	1,868	168
Gisborne	1,196	1,124	72
Napier	1,963	1,824	139
New Plymouth	1,354	1,283	71
Wanganui	1,257	1,189	68
Palmerston North	1,478	1,411	67
Wellington	6,345	5,646	699
Nelson	972	848	124
Greymouth	1,462	1,380	82
Christchurch	4,705	3,746	959
Timaru	973	903	70
Dunedin	1,881	1,718	163
Invercargill	1,445	1,283	162
Totals	36,680	32,659	4,021

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1931 was 89·03, the figures of the preceding year being 90·53.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year:—

Crimes.	1930.		1931.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	68	64	30	28
Robbery and aggravated robbery	31	23	21	15
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	1,263	804	1,608	886
Forgery and uttering	208	196	241	231
Murder	7	7	13	9
Murder, attempted	3	2	5	5
Rape	10	10	7	7
Receiving stolen property	142	142	158	158
Wounding with intent	1	1	1	1
Totals	1,733	1,249	2,084	1,340

The increase in cases of murder from seven in 1930 to thirteen in 1931, although to be noticed with serious regret, should not be regarded as abnormal. There were thirteen cases of murder in the years 1920, 1926, 1927, and over the past thirteen years the average number has been 9·5.

The circumstances in which these crimes are committed indicate that they are not preventable by any police measures.

Of the thirteen murders in 1931 prosecutions resulted in nine cases, and in one case the offender committed suicide immediately after committing the crime, leaving but three so far undetected. In two instances abandoned infants were found in circumstances indicating that they had been murdered.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1930.	1931.
Unnatural offence	6	5
Unnatural offence, attempted	2	3
Indecently assaulting a male	40	54
Incest	3	2
Indecent acts	21	6
Concealment of birth	3	7
Assault, indecent	127	102
Rape	10	7
Rape, attempted	7	7
Carnally knowing girls	68	69
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	8	7
Abortion, procuring, &c.	5	11
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	305	209
Totals	605	489

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 1,438 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1931 was 4,687 (4,480 males and 207 females), whereas in 1930 the number was 6,125 (5,862 males and 263 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 38 per cent. of the males and 58 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 4·8 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1931, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	2,777	87	2,864
One previous conviction	515	33	548
Two previous convictions	296	10	306
Three previous convictions	201	6	207
Four previous convictions	136	7	143
Five previous convictions	114	7	121
Over five previous convictions	441	57	498
Totals	4,480	207	4,687

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 216.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1926 to 1930 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Commonwealth	99·5	101·3	94·27	89·5	73·0
New Zealand	53·0	44·6	43·20	46·3	42·4

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of forty-four as compared with the preceding year. There were 605 prosecutions, resulting in 355 convictions, during 1931, as against 561 prosecutions and 339 convictions in 1930.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 64 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 54 convictions, and there were also forty-seven prosecutions, resulting in thirty-four convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1931 amounted to £1,445 10s.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 354 prosecutions, resulting in 324 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 398 prosecutions and 314 convictions in 1930.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1932 :—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
Carrying on business of bookmaker	36	34	£ 1,696 10 0
Keeping common gaming-house	58	49	2,091 10 0
Found in common gaming-house	12	8	10 0 0
Laying totalizator odds	21	18	204 0 0
Publishing betting-charts	10	6	49 10 0
Betting with bookmaker	1	1	40 0 0
Loitering for betting purposes	4	4	180 0 0
Totals	142	120	4,271 10 0

POLICE PROSECUTIONS.

The following is a return of the number of convictions for which fines were imposed and the total amount of such fines in respect of prosecutions instituted by the police during the year ended 31st March, 1932 :—

Fines payable to	Number of Convictions.	Total Amount of Fines imposed.
Consolidated Fund	10,481	£ 23,003
Main Highways Revenue Fund (section 24, Motor-vehicles Act, 1924)	3,986	7,773
Local authorities (by-law offences)	335	256
Total	14,802	31,032

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BRANCH.

At headquarters the finger-impressions of 3,154 persons were received, classified, searched, indexed, and filed during the year ; 215 persons were identified as previous offenders who, had it not been for the finger-print system, would have passed as first offenders ; 2,105 photographs were taken by the photographers attached to the Branch ; the photographs of 2,499 prisoners (5,355 photographs) were dealt with, and 624 photographs were reproduced in the *Police Gazette*.

In sixteen cases of breaking and entering finger-prints left by the offenders when committing the crimes were identified, and the offenders brought to justice. In four of these cases enlarged photographs were prepared and the necessary evidence tendered, resulting in a conviction in each case. The twelve other offenders pleaded guilty in the Lower Court.

During the year the finger-print system was responsible for the identification of fifteen persons wanted by the police, and also three deceased persons.

The Branch supplied over six hundred photographs (microscopic enlargements, &c.) in connection with a noted murder case in Palmerston North, and also prepared numerous enlarged photographs for the Coats murder trial in Wellington last November.

The following table shows the increase in the finger-print collection since the introduction of the finger-print system of identification in March, 1903 :—

Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.	Year.	Number of Prints in Collection.	Increase on Previous Year.	Prisoners traced as Previous Offenders.
1904 ..	3,500	3,500	117	1919 ..	22,332	1,350	153
1905 ..	4,200	700	72	1920 ..	23,686	1,354	176
1906 ..	5,000	800	88	1921 ..	26,650	2,964	232
1907 ..	6,151	1,151	104	1922 ..	28,408	1,758	255
1908 ..	7,622	1,471	123	1923 ..	30,284	1,876	292
1909 ..	8,718	1,096	138	1924 ..	31,929	1,645	289
1910 ..	9,919	1,201	140	1925 ..	33,802	1,873	267
1911 ..	10,905	986	148	1926 ..	35,844	2,042	292
1912 ..	12,097	1,192	178	1927 ..	37,808	1,964	255
1913 ..	13,552	1,455	183	1928 ..	39,409	1,601	276
1914 ..	15,302	1,750	230	1929 ..	40,852	1,443	208
1915 ..	16,682	1,380	270	1930 ..	42,371	1,519	239
1916 ..	18,134	1,452	218	1931 ..	43,973	1,602	257
1917 ..	19,508	1,374	166	1932 ..	45,692	1,719	215
1918 ..	20,982	1,474	132				

GROWTH OF DEPARTMENT.

The following returns shows the growth of the Department, the continued increase of the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, each year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force, and reliable data are not available :—

Year.	Officers.	Non-commis- sioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabit- ant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	Not obtain- able	432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1879	25	84	16	364	489	1 to 948		463,572	16,374	14,696	6,794
1880	25	86	21	379	511	1 to 949		484,939	17,837	16,723	6,484
1881	13	73	18	337	441	1 to 1,136		500,976	16,635	15,212	5,587
1882	13	72	19	343	447	1 to 1,158		517,626	18,613	17,470	6,860
1883	13	72	20	356	461	1 to 1,173		540,753	18,775	17,727	7,572
1884	13	70	17	365	465	1 to 1,263		587,295	18,263	17,322	7,151
1885	20	65	17	372	474	1 to 1,293		613,212	18,955	17,723	7,034
1886	20	66	18	390	494	1 to 1,266		625,849	18,135	17,000	6,260
1887	20	69	18	395	502	1 to 1,265		635,215	17,752	16,500	5,226
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1889	13	65	17	389	484	1 to 1,347	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	652,125	12,945	11,885	5,444
1890	12	66	13	403	494	1 to 1,346	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	664,855	13,115	12,177	5,866
1891	7	61	14	404	486	1 to 1,375	2/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	668,353	12,674	11,748	5,416
1892	7	60	14	401	482	1 to 1,401	2/9	675,775	13,153	12,187	5,360
1893	7	53	14	407	481	1 to 1,439	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	692,426	13,165	12,100	5,251
1894	7	55	13	410	485	1 to 1,472	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$	714,258	13,530	12,500	4,594
1895	7	51	13	416	487	1 to 1,495	2/6 $\frac{3}{4}$	728,121	14,010	12,435	4,636
1896	6	51	13	414	484	1 to 1,530	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	740,699	14,673	13,171	5,005
1897	7	45	12	453	517	1 to 1,461	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	754,016	15,219	14,042	5,204
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2/8	768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1899	11	53	15	475	554	1 to 1,414	2/9 $\frac{1}{4}$	783,317	16,865	15,561	6,289
1900	11	56	20	499	586	1 to 1,359	2/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	796,359	18,358	17,131	7,299
1901	11	56	20	504	591	1 to 1,381	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	816,290	19,909	18,742	8,057
1902	12	58	20	514	604	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	830,800	19,771	18,802	8,269
1903	12	59	20	522	613	1 to 1,388	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	851,068	20,736	19,867	8,815
1904	12	59	21	534	626	1 to 1,398	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	875,648	21,066	20,118	9,615
1905	12	65	25	553	655	1 to 1,375	2/10 $\frac{1}{4}$	900,682	20,249	19,251	8,707
1906	14	71	25	557	667	1 to 1,387	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	925,605	21,160	20,241	9,210
1907	14	78	30	577	699	1 to 1,375	3/0	961,604	23,204	22,244	10,203
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3/2 $\frac{1}{4}$	977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1909	16	87	35	633	771	1 to 1,308	3/4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,008,373	23,930	22,880	10,657
1910	16	86	34	639	775	1 to 1,330	3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,030,657	25,106	23,949	11,718
1911	15	87	38	648	788	1 to 1,333	3/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,050,410	24,999	23,492	11,699
1912	15	89	39	692	835	1 to 1,287	3/5	1,075,250	25,981	24,837	11,884
1913	17	93	41	695	846	1 to 1,303	3/8	1,102,389	25,415	24,364	11,707
1914	17	94	40	719	870	1 to 1,304	3/9	1,134,506	27,563	26,494	13,189
1915	19	100	37	755	911	1 to 1,257	4/1	1,145,840	28,412	27,096	13,268
1916	19	104	36	757	916	1 to 1,258	4/2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,152,669	24,920	23,848	10,833
1917	20	108	36	734	898	1 to 1,280	4/3	1,150,002	21,724	20,701	8,800
1918	20	111	38	732*	901	1 to 1,274	4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1919	20	112	41	705*	878	1 to 1,319	5/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,158,156	24,278	23,312	8,216
1920	21	114	38	743*	916	1 to 1,325	4/11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,214,184	26,106	24,718	8,979
1921	23	112	47	768*	950	1 to 1,310	6/4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,244,620	26,551	25,054	8,671
1922	22	118	43	826*	1,009	1 to 1,289	6/3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,300,967	24,699	22,843	6,409
1923	23	118	44	818*	1,003	1 to 1,321	5/8 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,325,301	26,119	24,356	7,035
1924	23	120	47	837*	1,027	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,347,853	27,025	25,048	7,470
1925	23	121	51	831*	1,026	1 to 1,344	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,379,487	30,470	28,668	8,277
1926	24	121	52	888*	1,085	1 to 1,299	5/9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,409,692	31,615	29,199	7,854
1927	22	123	56	895*	1,096	1 to 1,312	5/8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,437,980	32,144	29,799	6,884
1928	23	127	54	913*	1,117	1 to 1,301	5/9	1,453,517	33,138	30,622	6,601
1929	23	128	56	948*	1,155	1 to 1,273	6/1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,470,649	34,250	31,575	6,810
1930	22	127	54	943*	1,146	1 to 1,298	6/1	1,488,612	37,214	33,690	6,125
1931	25	120	65	959*	1,169	1 to 1,292	6/0 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,510,940	36,680	32,659	4,687
1932	25	123	65	944*	1,157	1 to 1,317	5/5	1,524,633	...	...	...

* Includes temporary constables.

POLICE BUILDINGS, ETC.

The following works in connection with police-stations have been carried out during the year by the Public Works Department :—

The erection of a new police-station at Te Araroa was completed ; new offices and lock-up were erected at Opotiki ; and a lock-up at Tolaga Bay. Office accommodation was provided at Anderson's Bay and Whangamomona.

Repairs, renovations, and alterations were carried out at Coromandel, Wellsford, Warkworth, Whitianga, Mount Albert, Riccarton, Woolston, Leeston, Rangiora, Rakaia, Fendalton, Riverton, Tuatapere, Ravensbourne, North Dunedin, Gisborne, Tokomaru Bay, Denniston, Takapau, Port Ahuriri, Mohaka, Wairoa, Ohakune, Inglewood, Te Puke, Whangarei, Island Bay, and Petone.

GENERAL.

Recruits.—The necessities of the general financial situation have prevented the reopening of the Police Training Depot, which was closed in July, 1930.

Shortages in strength have been filled by the appointment of temporary constables under the provisions of the Police Force Amendment Act, 1919.

Buildings.—The urgent necessity for economy has this year, as in the last, delayed the renovation of a number of police buildings, only the most urgent requirements receiving attention.

Conduct.—I am pleased to be able to report the continued good conduct of members of the Service, their devotion to duty under most trying conditions, and their sense of discipline. Several instances of meritorious conduct and courage in the face of danger reflect credit not only on the individual members, but on the whole Service. During the year the Detective Branch has done exceptionally well in the detection of crime.

Motor-vehicles.—The regrettable increase in crime against property compels me to repeat my observations of last year on the urgency of increased provision for motor transport for police in the principal cities, so that police motor patrol can be maintained particularly at night.

Social Disorder.—The effect of the world-wide economic depression felt severely by all classes during the year produced serious lack of employment and much distress. Seeking relief, many unemployed, particularly in the larger cities, gathered together in large numbers. Incited by a relatively small but active group of malcontents, riotous conduct was precipitated, resulting in damage to property and loss of trade to the business community. The police were required to use force to disperse the riotous element, many of whom were arrested and duly punished. This exhibition of lawlessness and challenge to the forces of law and order by an ill-advised section produced an immediate answer prompt and unmistakable from the mass of the citizens, who evinced their determination to check any attempt at mob law by furnishing such reserves of power behind the civil police as circumstances required. This prompt and highly valued help quickly changed the situation which very soon returned to normal conditions.

Extracts from reports of officers in charge of districts are appended.

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Commissioner of Police.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF DISTRICTS.

INSPECTOR O'HARA, WHANGAREI DISTRICT.

There has been an increase of offences reported during the year—viz., 1,164 against 1,028 for the previous year, resulting in 1,052 prosecutions.

There has been an increase in petty thefts, thefts from dwellings, house and shop breaking, forgery, and mischief. Most of these offences have been committed by young Maoris, in some cases owing to being unemployed, and juveniles. There was no serious crime committed during the year.

The conduct of the members of the Force during the year has been good, only two members being fined for breach of regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT TILL, AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I consider the strength of the Force in Auckland should be augmented by the addition of twenty men. Increased patrols could be carried out, especially at night, to endeavour to check the increasing number of burglaries. If these offences could be checked in this way it would relieve the strain on the detective staff in the detection of the offenders. With the surplus of men we would be able to meet almost any emergency that might arise.

The detective staff needs also to be kept up to full strength. The unrest in the ranks of the unemployed and the communistic element greatly increases their work and responsibilities.

I therefore earnestly submit application for an increase in the staffs here for favourable consideration. Probably on few occasions in the past has the Police Force so needed to be sufficiently and efficiently staffed and equipped as at present.

During the year 1931 the number of offences reported decreased by 158. Whereas petty thefts have decreased, burglary and house and shop breaking have increased. The great majority of these latter cases occurred in the outer suburbs. It was found that when a motor patrol was maintained during the night these offences diminished.

Apart from the offences committed by the two constables who were dismissed from the Force, the conduct of the men throughout this district has been very satisfactory.

Last year I submitted a suggestion that section 278 of the Crimes Act, 1908, be amended so as to include all buildings.

Motor-vehicles for use at District Headquarters are most essential, and in the past have been found of great assistance in checking and detecting crime when used on regular patrol.

Formerly there were two old motor-bicycles, a Hupmobile motor-car, and a Ford motor-car. We are now reduced to the Ford car only.

As recommended last year, a small type motor-car, such as a Standard "9" and a high-powered motor-cycle, would be the most suitable for the work here.

INSPECTOR FRASER, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1931, shows the total number of all offences committed to be 2,036, compared with 2,060 for the previous twelve months, being a decrease of 24.

Of the offences reported 1,868 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 168 undetected. Eighty-eight males and 8 females were committed for trial or sentence, and of these 84 males and 8 females were convicted.

Three serious crimes were committed during the year. A man was charged with murdering another at Kaipaki and was found guilty and sentenced to death, which was later commuted to imprisonment for life. A man charged with murdering his wife was brought in "Not guilty" on the grounds of insanity, and ordered to be kept in strict custody until the pleasure of the Minister of Justice is known. Another man charged with attempting to murder a woman, was found guilty, and sentenced to seven years hard labour.

The general conduct of the members of the Force has been good and their duties have been performed satisfactorily.

INSPECTOR O'HALLORAN, GISBORNE DISTRICT.

During the year the police-station at Kopua Railway construction works was closed owing to the closing-down of the works there. Also the Whataupoko Police-station was closed, and a new station opened at Makaraka, this change being brought about owing to the main highway being at Makaraka and the need of a constable there, and by the move of the population towards Makaraka and Te Hapara. Whataupoko can be easily worked from the Kaiti Police-station, and that area has been included in the Kaiti Police District.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1931, showed a total of 1,196 offences reported, as compared with 1,755 in the previous year, a decrease of 559. Arrests or summonses resulted in 1,124 cases, leaving 72 cases undetected. Of the cases dealt with, 63 were committed for trial or sentence, of which 54 were convicted.

The district has been free from crime of a very serious nature during the year.

The conduct of the police has been good during the year, and there were no defaulters.

INSPECTOR CUMMINGS, NAPIER DISTRICT.

For the year ending 31st December last the total number of offences reported was 1,963, an increase on the previous year of 108. Of the 1,963 cases reported 1,824 were detected. There was a large increase in the number of cases reported concerning dishonesty, particularly theft, house and shop breaking, burglary, false pretences, and fraud, while a decrease was shown in drunkenness, assaults, mischief, profane and indecent language, vagrancy, breach of prohibition orders, and all classes of offences arising out of liquor.

Both branches of the Service did excellent work during the year, and, as a result, the detection of wrongdoers has been very satisfactory.

The conduct of the members of the Force has been excellent, only one offender being convicted of a breach of the regulations.

A new dwelling and office is required at Taradale to replace the premises destroyed by the earthquake on the 3rd February, 1931. This should be done as soon as funds are available. New offices are also required at Wairoa.

With the increase in crime generally in the district and a large number of inquiries from other districts in respect to persons wanted having gone to Hawke's Bay in quest of work in the rebuilding area, as well as numerous inquiries for people who it was thought were injured or killed in the earthquake, made the past year a very strenuous one. We also had a great number of inquiries from the Earthquake Relief Committee in respect to matters arising out of the earthquake. I gave the committee every assistance in that direction.

INSPECTOR RAWLE, NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1931, show the total number of all offences committed to be 1,354 compared with 1,309 for the previous 12 months, being an increase of 45. Of the number reported 1,283 were accounted for by arrest or summons, equal to slightly over 94 per cent.

A serious crime, the murder of an Indian fruiterer, was committed on 31st January, 1931, at Hawera. On the 12th May, 1931, a man was arrested for the crime, and committed for trial, but at the Supreme Court the grand jury found "No bill," and he was discharged. Apart from that there was no serious crime for the year.

The conduct of the police during the past twelve months has been good, and the duties satisfactorily performed. Three members received "Notes in favour" for work well performed. Two were fined for breaches of regulations.

INSPECTOR MCILVENEY, WANGANUI DISTRICT.

There were 1,257 offences reported during the year, compared with 1,516 in 1930. Arrests or summonses resulted in 1,189 cases. The principal increases in offences reported appear in respect of theft by clerks or servants, false accounting by officials or clerks, vagrancy, unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c., stealing money from postal packets, and failure to pay maintenance money.

There were decreases in respect of assault, theft, false pretences, house or shop breaking, mischief, and drunkenness.

On the 6th January, 1931, a man murdered a woman at National Park. He had been living with a sister of deceased under sordid conditions. A large quantity of wine was consumed by the party during the previous night, and excessive drinking continued on the morning of the murder. Deceased threatened to call in the police on account of offender's behaviour and he then shot her. He was convicted at the Supreme Court, and sentenced to death (later commuted to imprisonment for life).

In December last a woman killed her husband at Wanganui. She was charged with murder and acquitted. The injury causing death was inflicted during the course of a domestic quarrel.

The conduct of the police generally has been good, a few only having to be dealt with under the police regulations.

INSPECTOR HARVEY, PALMERSTON NORTH.

The offences return for the year ending the 31st December, 1931, shows that the total number of all offences reported was 1,478, an increase of 31 over the previous year. Of the offences reported, 1,411 were dealt with by arrest or summons. The figures show an increase of 143 in thefts, and a decrease of 96 in drunkenness offences.

On the morning of the 24th August, 1931, a young man was found shot on the side of the road at Karere, near Palmerston North. After inquiries had been made into the matter for several weeks by the local Force, assisted by a number of detectives from other districts, a youth was arrested and charged with murder. He was convicted at the Supreme Court and sentenced to death. The death sentence was subsequently commuted by the Executive Council to imprisonment for life.

SUPERINTENDENT EMERSON, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

A sub-district was constituted at Masterton on the 28th July, 1931, comprising the Wairarapa stations, under the immediate control of the Senior Sergeant at Masterton, and a sub-district was similarly constituted at Petone on the 13th June, 1931, comprising the Hutt Valley and Eastbourne Stations, under the control of the Senior Sergeant at Petone.

A detective and constable were appointed to Petone Station as an addition to the strength, while an additional constable was appointed to Lower Hutt and Wellington South Stations respectively.

For the year ending 31st December, 1931, the total number of offences reported was 6,345, being an increase of 288 over last year.

The principal increases were as follows: Carnal knowledge, theft (petty), thefts by clerks or servants, false pretences, house or shop breaking, &c., uttering forged documents, vagrancy, assaulting, obstructing constables, &c., breaches of Arms Act, and breaches of Motor-vehicles Act.

The principal decreases were: Assault, indecent exposure, unlawfully using motor-cars, &c., and failing to maintain.

A girl was brutally murdered at Hataitai, for which a man was found guilty and sentenced to death, the death sentence being duly carried out.

The general conduct of the Force has been good. Thirteen defaulters only were dealt with during the year for breaches of regulations.

INSPECTOR LEWIN, NELSON DISTRICT.

On account of the work being suspended on the East Coast Railway construction works, the temporary station at Wharanui has been closed.

For the year ending 31st December, 1931, the total number of offences reported was 972, compared with 1,182 for the previous twelve months, being a decrease of 210. Of all offences reported, 848 were accounted for by arrest or summons, leaving 124 undetected.

There were increases in indecent assaults on males, carnal knowledge, theft, false pretences, burglary, and mischief. The main decreases were in assaults, taking part in riot, house or shop breaking, forgery, drunkenness, and vagrancy.

The most serious crime which occurred during the year was the murder on or about the 3rd November, 1931, of a single man, aged seventy-six, a retired farmer, residing alone in Picton. The murder was a most brutal one. The deceased received a fractured skull, and, in addition, two severe wounds in the neck practically severing the head from the body. No weapon was found near the body. The motive was apparently robbery, for when deceased's clothing was examined it was found that a wallet, said to have contained about £200 in money, was missing from his coat-pocket. The matter is still under investigation.

The conduct of the police in the district during the past year has been very satisfactory, there being no defaulters.

INSPECTOR FITZPATRICK, GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

The Tiroroa Station was closed during the year, owing to the closing-down of the railway-construction works and the Public Works employees having been transferred elsewhere.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1931, show the total number of all offences to be 1,462, as compared with 1,840 for the previous year, being a decrease of 378. The principal decrease has been in respect to charges of drunkenness, using profane, indecent, or obscene language, vagrancy, keeping or managing common gaming-houses, failing to maintain wife and children, breaches of prohibition orders, and being found on licensed premises after closing hours. The

principal increase has been in respect to charges of theft, breaches of the peace, intimidation to restrict lawful acts, and selling or supplying liquor at unauthorized times. The other offences do not call for any special comment.

The completion of road, and stoppage of railway-construction works, had the effect of causing a cessation of the floating population in the district, hence the decrease of crime during the year.

The increase in reference to breaches of the peace and intimidation to restrict lawful acts was due to the industrial trouble which had taken place on coalfields during the past year.

Two serious crimes were committed in the district during the year; the first being that of a married woman who attempted to murder her infant daughter by cutting her throat with a razor. The woman was undoubtedly insane when she committed the crime, her mental condition grew worse, and when the charge was called on in the Supreme Court, the Crown entered a "*nolle prosequi*," the woman having been committed to a mental hospital. The second serious crime was that of a married woman who murdered her husband by shooting him with a rifle. The husband was of drunken habits, neglected his wife and children, and also had been in the habit of brutally assaulting his wife. The children were so neglected that they were removed from the custody of the parents by the Child Welfare Department. The loss of the children and the treatment meted out to her by the husband preyed on her mind, with the result that she committed the crime in question. A jury in the Supreme Court found the woman not guilty in respect to her alleged crime, on the grounds of insanity, and she was committed to a mental hospital.

The general conduct of the members of the Force in the district has been good, and the duties satisfactorily performed. There was only one defaulter.

SUPERINTENDENT EALES, CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT.

Consequent on the cessation of work at the railway-works at Parnassus, the police-station there was closed on the 30th November, 1931.

The total number of offences reported during the year ended 31st December, 1931, was 4,705, as against 4,217 in 1930. Proceedings were taken against 3,746 persons, convictions being recorded against 3,470, and 276 cases being dismissed. One charge of attempted murder was preferred in the case of a demented woman, who tried to drown her child. Increases are shown in thefts, house-breaking, and unlawfully using motor-cars. Drunkenness shows a decrease. The increase in cases of dishonesty was probably due to the large number of unemployed, who are undoubtedly in very poor circumstances, and the decrease in drunkenness may be attributed to the same cause.

The conduct of members of the Force of all ranks has been exceptionally good. Very few cases of indiscipline were reported, and every man has given his mind to his work, which has at times been very trying.

INSPECTOR BIRD, TIMARU DISTRICT.

The total number of offences during the year was 973, being a decrease of 124. The principal increases being false accounting by officials or public officers, mischief, breaches of the peace, obscene language, and breaches of Arms Act. Decreases: Shopbreaking, drunkenness, and negligent driving of motor-vehicles.

The only serious crime during the year was the murder of a young woman at Arundel, by a man who committed suicide shortly after the murder, jealousy being the motive.

The conduct of the members of the Force in this district has been good, only two constables being dealt with for breaches of police regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT ECCLES, DUNEDIN DISTRICT.

The total number of offences reported for the year ending 31st December, 1931, was 1,881, as compared with 1,723 reported for the previous year, showing an increase for the year of 158½ offences. Of the offences reported there were 1,718 prosecutions, resulting in 1,669 convictions. The principal increases were assault, theft, false pretences, house and shop breaking, unlawfully using motor-vehicles, and found on licensed premises during prohibited hours. The decreases consisted of mischief, drunkenness, and vagrancy. I consider that the increase in the number of offences reported is due to the large number of unemployed and the financial depression during the year.

Two men were sentenced in the Supreme Court, Dunedin, on the 18th June, 1931, the principal offender to five years hard labour and one year reformatory detention, and the other offender to three years hard labour, for assault with intent to rob an old resident of Dunedin, on the 11th May, 1931. The principal offender was also sentenced to the same term (concurrent) for doing actual bodily harm to the victim's wife. In the offences referred to all the stolen jewellery was recovered. The principal offender referred to in the previous case was also associated with another criminal and they were sentenced to four years hard labour and three and a half years hard labour respectively for breaking and entering and theft of jewellery valued at £3,000 on the 24th January, 1931, in daylight. It was a very daring robbery, and only £150 worth of jewellery has been recovered. The principal offender mentioned was also sentenced to four years hard labour (concurrent) for three other serious charges of breaking and entering and theft. These are the only cases of serious crime committed in this district during the year.

One sergeant and seven constables were fined for breaches of the police regulations, and one constable resigned compulsorily for misconduct during the year; but the conduct of the members of the Force on the whole has been good, and both branches of the service have been working in the greatest of harmony.

It is quite apparent that a large number of persons who are employed as barmen in licensed hotels in New Zealand are bookmakers or agents for bookmakers, and I consider that the time has arrived when the Licensing Act, 1908, and amendments should be amended to provide for the licensing of all barmen who are employed in hotels, on the same principle as persons who are licensed to sell liquor. If this is done provision should be made for cancelling of the license for at least three years—which should be a bar to further employment in any licensed hotel for that period—should a barman be convicted for any crime, serious breaches of the Licensing Act, 1908, and amendments (specified), or breaches of the Gaming Act, 1908, and amendments (specified). Section 43 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, should be amended, making it an offence for any Native (defined) to be found in possession of any intoxicating liquor for consumption off licensed premises.

INSPECTOR MCCARTHY, INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

I am of the opinion that the police-station at Orepuki could now be closed. There is a railway running through the district, and the work could be done from Tuatapere or Riverton.

The offences return for the year ended 31st December, 1931, shows an increase in petty thefts. A portion of this increase is due to a better system of recording crime reported during the year, and, no doubt, a large portion is due to the depression at present existing. Housebreaking and attempted housebreaking also show an increase, which was due to the actions of a gang, the members of which were subsequently arrested and sentenced to substantial terms of imprisonment.

On the 3rd July, 1931, the sum of £847 (the pay-roll of the Ocean Beach Freezing-works) was stolen from the motor-car of an employee of the Freezing Company, in Maitland Street, Invercargill. Two brothers were arrested for this offence on the 15th February, 1932, and were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. The stolen money was not recovered. Between September, 1931, and January of this year, a number of shops and offices were broken into and safes blown open with explosives. Early in January this year two men were arrested and charged with these offences and convicted. On the night of the 13th January, 1932, the premises of the Bank of New South Wales, at Edendale, were entered by two masked men armed with a .22 calibre rifle. They demanded the keys of the bank, but, resistance being offered, they ran away, leaving the rifle in the garden. Two days later the men were arrested on this charge, and were convicted and sentenced to substantial terms of imprisonment. One of the men convicted of the burglary of the bank premises was also convicted for the theft of the Ocean Beach pay-roll. On the 24th July, 1931, the dead body of a new-born male child was found on the foreshore of the estuary at Invercargill. There were no marks of violence on the body. Inquiry has failed to find the parents, or any explanation of how the body came to be in the water.

The conduct of the members of the Force in this district during the past year has been very satisfactory, the work of the detective staff being especially effective in breaking up a gang of dangerous criminals.

APPENDIX A.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1930, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1931.

Offences.	1930. Number of all Offences reported.	1931.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
		Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Increase.	Decrease.
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACTS, ETC.													
Taking part in a riot	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
<i>Misleading Justice.</i>													
Perjury and false oaths	13	7	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	6
False statements and declarations ..	21	18	18	4	1	8	..	3	2	2	1	..	3
Conspiring to bring false charges ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<i>Escapes and Rescues.</i>													
Breaking prison	1	7	6	1	..	2	..	3	..	1	..	6	..
Escaping from prison or lawful custody	15	13	11	5	..	5	1	..	..	5	..	..	2
Escaping from prison or lawful custody, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assisting or aiding escape from prison or lawful custody	..	9	9	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	..
<i>Offences against Religion.</i>													
Disturbing public worship	5	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
<i>Offences against Morality.</i>													
Unnatural offence	6	5	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1
Unnatural offence, attempted ..	2	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Indecently assaulting a male	40	54	54	47	..	4	..	3	..	39	..	14	..
Incest	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Indecent acts	21	6	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Publishing obscene matter	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Offences against the Person, &c.</i>													
Neglecting duties tending to the preservation of life or health	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
Murder	7	13	9	7	2	..	..	..	..	4	1	6	..
Murder, attempted	3	5	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Manslaughter	11	7	7	5	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	4
Suicide, attempted	98	76	76	1	1	54	8	7	5	..	..	..	22
Concealment of birth	3	7	4	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	4	..
Disabling or stupefying with intent to commit a crime	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Endangering safety of persons on railways or tramways	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Administering poison or other noxious things with intent to injure or annoy	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Assault causing actual bodily harm ..	9	16	16	11	..	1	1	3	..	8	..	7	..
Causing actual bodily harm under circumstances that, if death had been caused, would be manslaughter	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault, indecent	127	102	93	59	..	26	..	8	..	40	..	..	25
Assault with intent to commit a crime	12	5	5	2	..	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	7
Assault	624	627	611	2	..	544	12	50	3	2	..	3	..
Rape	10	7	7	5	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	3
Rape, attempted	7	7	5	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
Carnally knowing girls under sixteen years	68	69	68	46	..	11	..	11	..	32	..	1	..
Carnally know girls under sixteen years, attempts to	8	7	6	4	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	1
Carnally knowing inmates of child-welfare institution	..	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Carnally know inmates of child-welfare institution, attempts to	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abortion, procuring	4	5	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Abortion, supplying means of procuring	1	6	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	..
Bigamy	8	8	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..
Abduction	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Aiding and abetting or counselling the commission of an offence	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
<i>Offences against Rights of Property.</i>													
Theft (undescribed)	6,285	6,844	4,711	197	18	3,975	274	225	22	151	13	559	..
Theft, attempted	57	34	29	..	..	18	1	10	..	..	..	..	23

APPENDIX A—*continued.*

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1930, AND YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1931—*continued.*

Offences.	1930.	1931.										Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.)						Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.		Increase.	Decrease.
				Committed for Trial.		Summarily convicted.		Dismissed.					
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
CRIMES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT, ETC.— <i>continued.</i>													
<i>Offences against Rights of Property—ctd.</i>													
Theft from the person ..	35	22	11	3	..	5	..	3	..	1	..	..	13
Theft from the person, attempted ..	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
Theft from dwellings ..	328	297	95	26	..	66	1	2	..	25	..	..	31
Theft from dwellings, attempted ..	10	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
Theft by clerks or servants ..	103	135	131	49	1	76	1	3	1	42	1	32	..
Theft of animals (specified) ..	72	46	40	5	..	24	..	11	..	4	..	..	26
Theft of animals, attempted ..	1	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
False pretences ..	831	855	792	56	9	642	49	35	1	47	8	24	..
False pretences, attempted ..	20	45	43	5	..	31	2	5	..	3	..	25	..
Obtaining credit by fraud ..	183	167	154	1	..	136	7	10	..	1	..	..	16
False accounting by officials or clerks	22	15	15	10	..	4	1	..	..	10	..	..	7
Conspiracy to defraud ..	..	12	12	10	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	12	..
Fortune-telling or practising witchcraft	4	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery and aggravated robbery ..	31	21	15	7	3	..	..	5	..	4	3	..	10
Assault with intent to rob ..	5	10	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..
Demanding with intent to steal ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Burglary ..	26	97	60	51	1	6	..	1	1	50	1	71	..
Burglary, attempted ..	3	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
House or shop breaking, &c. ..	1,141	1,398	791	522	..	231	19	14	5	494	..	257	..
House or shop breaking, &c., attempted	93	105	34	28	..	6	..	..	..	27	..	12	..
Being found in dwellinghouse by night	15	6	6	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	9
Being disguised or in possession of housebreaking implements	8	9	9	4	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
Receiving property dishonestly obtained	142	158	158	13	..	102	15	28	..	9	..	16	..
Forgery ..	170	173	164	142	6	13	1	1	1	136	5	3	..
Uttering forged documents or false certificates	38	68	67	61	..	2	..	4	..	60	..	30	..
Uttering forged documents or false certificates, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sending false telegram ..	4	4	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Procuring execution of document by false pretences	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Possessing forged bank notes ..	..	12	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	12	..
Using or possessing machinery, &c., for making revenue or bank-note paper	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falsifying registers or extracts therefrom	..	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..
Personation ..	2	7	7	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Coin, offences relating to ..	7	9	7	4	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Arson ..	68	30	28	17	2	3	1	1	4	10	2	..	38
Arson, attempted ..	10	9	6	3	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1
Wilfully placing obstruction on railways	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Mischief ..	787	771	744	3	..	684	18	39	..	3	..	..	16
Mischief on railways and tramways ..	8	4	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Sending threatening letters ..	4	5	4	2	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..
Threatening acts with intent to intimidate	4	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Aiding and abetting or counselling the commission of an offence	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48
POLICE OFFENCES ACT.													
Breach of the peace or behaviour with intent	718	636	636	..	..	550	13	71	2	..	..	..	82
Cruelty to animals. . .	115	115	114	..	..	93	..	21	..	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness ..	5,618	4,387	4,387	..	..	4,188	193	5	1	..	..	..	1231
Drunk while in charge of horses, &c., or loaded firearms	183	57	57	..	..	56	..	1	..	..	..	..	126
Drunk and disorderly ..	325	243	243	..	..	227	13	3	..	..	..	..	82
Soliciting prostitution ..	6	7	7	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	1	..
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	305	209	174	3	..	165	3	3	..	1	..	..	96
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	615	528	528	1	..	477	25	22	3	..	..	..	87
Vagrancy (idle and disorderly persons, rogues and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues)	779	769	768	3	..	576	116	65	8	2	..	..	10
Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	117	193	192	..	..	171	13	7	1	..	..	76	..

APPENDIX B.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1932.

Stations.	Superin- tendents.	Inspectors.	Sub- Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective- sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Whangarei District—													
Whangarei ..	1			1	1	7		1		11			
Dargaville ..				1		2				3			
Hikurangi ..					1					1			
Houhora ..					1					1			
Kaikohe ..					1					1			
Kaitaia ..					2					2			
Kawakawa ..					1					1			
Mangonui ..					1					1			
Maungaturoto ..					1					1			
Ohaeawai ..											1		
Rawene ..					2					2			
Ruawai ..					1					1			
Russell ..					1					1			
Waipu ..					1					1			
Whangaroa ..					1					1			1
Totals ..	1			1	2	23		1		28		1	1
Auckland District—													
Auckland ..	1	1	2	2	7	75	1	7	12	108	1		
Avondale ..						1				1			
Awaroa Bay ..											1		
Balmoral ..						1				1			
Birkenhead ..						1				1			
Coromandel ..						1				1			
Devonport ..					1	3				4			
Ellerslie ..						1				1			
Epsom ..						1				1			
Freeman's Bay ..					1	5				6			
Grey Lynn ..						1				1			
Helensville ..						1				1			
Henderson ..						1				1			
Howick ..						1				1			
Huntly ..						2				2			
Kerepehi ..						1				1			
Kingsland ..						1				1			
Kohimarama ..						1				1			
Mercer ..						1				1			
Mount Albert ..						2				2			
Mount Eden ..					1	9				10			
Mount Eden(South) ..						1				1			
New Lynn ..										1			
Newmarket ..					1	11				12			
Newton ..					1	4				21	2		
Northcote ..						1				1			
Onehunga ..					1	5				6			
Otahuhu ..					1	3				4	1		
Paeroa ..						2				2			
Panmure ..						1				1			
Papakura ..						1				1			
Papatoetoe ..						1				1			
Parnell ..					1	3				4			
Point Chevalier ..						1				1			
Ponsonby ..					1	4				5			
Port Fitzroy (Great Barrier) ..											1		
Pukekohe ..					1	2				3			
Queen St. Wharf (A) ..					1	10				11			
Remuera ..						1				1			
Takapuna ..						2				2			
Thames ..					1	4				5			
Thames South ..						1				1			
Tuakau ..						1				1			
Waihi ..					1	4				5			
Waiuku ..						1				1			
Warkworth ..						1				1			
Wellsford ..						1				1			
Whitianga ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1	1	2	3	23	190	1	7	12	240	4	2	
Hamilton District—													
Hamilton ..	1			1	1	17		1	1	22			
Arapuni ..						1				1			
Cambridge ..						2				2			
Frankton Junction ..				1	3					4			
Hamilton East ..					1					1			
Katikati ..						1				1			
Kawhia ..						1				1			
Kihikihi ..						1				1			
Matamata ..						1				1			
Morrinsville ..						2				2			
Hamilton District— continued.													
Ngaruawahia ..													
Otorohanga ..						2					2		
Putaruru ..						2				2			
Raglan ..					1					1			
Rotorua ..				1	3					4	1		
Taupo ..					1					1			
Tauranga ..					3					3			
Te Aroha ..					2					2			
Te Awamutu ..					2					2			
Te Kuiti ..				1	3					4			
Te Puke ..					1					1			
Te Whaiti ..											1		
Tokaanu ..					1					1			
Totals ..	1			2	3	52		1	1	60	1	1	
Gisborne District—													
Gisborne ..	1			1	1	11			1	15	1		
Kaiti ..						1				1			
Makaraka ..						1				1			
Motu ..						1				1			
Opotiki ..					1					2		1	
Patutahi ..						1				1			
Port Awanui ..						1				1			
Ruatorea ..						1				1			
Taneatua ..						1				1			
Te Araroa ..						1				1			
Te Karaka ..						1				1			
Tokomaru Bay ..					1	1				2			
Tolaga Bay ..						1				1			
Waipiro Bay ..						1				1			
Whakatane ..						2				2			
Totals ..	1			1	3	26			1	32	1		1
Napier District—													
Napier ..	1			1	1	16		1		20			
Bay View ..						1				1			
Carlyle Street ..						1				1			
Clive ..						1				1			
Dannevirke ..					1	3				4			
Hastings ..					1	9			1	12			
Havelock North ..						1				1			
Mohaka ..						1				1			
Nuhaka ..						1				1			
Ongaonga ..						1				1			
Ormondville ..						1				1			
Porangahau ..						1				1			
Port Ahuriri ..					1	3				4			
Takapau ..						1				1			
Taradale ..						1				1			
Waipawa ..						1				1			
Waipukurau ..						1				1			
Wairoa ..					1	3				4			
Totals ..	1			3	4	47		1	1	57			
New Plymouth Dis- trict—													
New Plymouth ..	1			1	2	10			2	16	1		
Eltham ..						1				1			
Fitzroy ..						1				1			
Hawera ..					1	4				5			
Inglewood ..						1				1			
Kaponga ..						1				1			
Manaia ..						1				1			
Mokau ..						1				1			
Moturoa ..						1				1			
Normanby ..						1				1			
Opunake ..						1				1			
Rahotu ..						1				1			
Stratford ..					1	4				5			
Tangarakau ..						1				1			
Waitara ..						1				1			
Whangamomona ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	31			2	39	1		

APPENDIX B—continued.

RETURN SHOWING THE STRENGTH, ETC., OF THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE—continued.

Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Wanganui District—													
Wanganui ..	1			1	1	16			2	21			
Aramoho ..						1				1			
Castlecliff ..						1				1			
Gonville ..						1				1			
Hunterville ..						1				1			
Mangaweka ..						1				1			
Manunui ..						1				1			
Ohakune ..						1				1			
Ohura ..						1				1			
Ongarue ..						1				1			
Patea ..						1				1			
Raetihi ..						1				1			
Raurimu ..						1				1			
St. John's (Wanganui)						1				1			
Taihape ..					1	3				4			
Taumarunui ..					1	3				4			
Waitotara ..						1				1			
Wanganui East ..						1				1			
Waverley ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	3	38			2	45			
Palmerston North District—													
Palmerston North ..	1			1	1	15	1		2	21	1		
Ashhurst ..						1				1			
Bulls ..						1				1			
Cuba Street (Palmerston N.)						1				1			
Eketahuna ..						1				1			
Feilding ..					1	4				5			
Foxton ..						2				2			
Kimbolton ..						1				1			
Levin ..						2				2			
Marton ..						2				2			
Marton Junction ..						1				1			
Otaki ..						1				1			
Pahiatua ..						2				2			
Pongaroa ..						1				1			
Rongotea ..						1				1			
Shannon ..						1				1			
Terrace End (Palmerston N.)						1				1			
Woodville ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	2	39	1		2	46	1		
Wellington District—													
Wellington ..	1	1	2	1	5	48			2	7	67	4	
Brooklyn ..						1				1			
Carterton ..						2				2			
Eastbourne ..						1				1			
Featherston ..						2				2			
Greytown North ..						1				1			
Island Bay ..						1				1			
Johnsonville ..						1				1			
Karori ..						1				1			
Kelburn ..						1				1			
Kilbirnie ..					1	2				3			
Lower Hutt ..					1	6				7			
Lyall Bay ..						1				1			
Martinborough ..						1				1			
Masterton ..					1	5				6			
Miramar ..						1				1			
Mount Cook ..				1	4	19				24	2		
Moera ..						1				1			
Paekakariki ..						1				1			
Petone ..				1		6				8			
Seatoun ..						1				1			
Taranaki Street ..				1	3	27				31	1		
Thorndon Quay ..						1				1			
Tinui ..						1				1			
Tinakori Road ..						1				1			
Upper Hutt ..						2				2			
Wadestown ..						1				1			
Wellington South ..						6				6			
Wharf (Wellington)					1	6				7			
Totals ..	1	1	2	4	16	148			2	8	182	7	
Nelson District—													
Nelson ..	1			1		9				1			
Blenheim ..					1	5				6			
Collingwood ..						1				1			
Havelock ..						1				1			
Motueka ..						1				1			
Murchison ..						1				1			
Picton ..						2				2			
Port Nelson ..						1				1			
Richmond ..						1				1			
Seddon ..						1				1			
Takaka ..						1				1			
Wakefield ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1			1	1	25				1	29		
Greymouth District—													
Greymouth ..	1			1	1	10			1	1	15		
Ahaura ..						1				1			
Blackball ..						1				1			
Brunnerton ..						1				1			
Charleston ..						1				1			
Cobden ..						1				1			
Denniston ..						1				1			
Dunollie ..						1				1			
Granity ..						1				1			
Hokitika ..					1	3				4			
Kanieri ..						1				1			
Karamea ..						1				1			
Kumara ..						1				1			
Matainui ..						1				1			
Millerton ..						1				1			
Otira ..						1				1			
Reefton ..					1	2				3			
Ross ..						1				1			
Seddonville ..						1				1			
Waitutu ..						1				1			
Westport ..					1	5				6			
Totals ..	1			1	4	37			1	1	45		
Christchurch District—													
Christchurch ..	1	1	1	2	5	52	1	2	7	72	3		
Addington ..					1	1				2	1		
Akaroa ..						1				1			
Amberley ..						1				1			
Ashburton ..					1	5				6			
Beckenham ..						1				1			
Belfast ..						1				1			
Bingsland ..						1				1			
Chatham Islands ..						1				1			
Cheviot ..						1				1			
Coalgate ..						1				1			
Culverden ..						1				1			
Darfield ..						1				1			
Fendalton ..						1				1			
Islington ..						1				1			
Kaipoi ..						2				2			
Kaikoura ..						1				1			
Leeston ..						1				1			
Lincoln ..						1				1			
Linwood ..						1				1			
Little River ..						1				1			
Lower Riccarton ..						1				1			
Lyttelton ..					1	6				7	1		
Methven ..						1				1			
New Brighton ..						2				2			
North New Brighton ..						1				1			
Oxford ..						1				1			
Papanui ..						1				1			
Phillipstown ..						1				1			
Rakaia ..						1				1			
Rangiora ..					1	1				2			
Riccarton (Upper) ..						1				1			
St. Albans ..					1	2				3			
Southbridge ..						1				1			
Sumner ..						1				1			
Sydenham ..					1	4				5			
Waikari ..						1				1			
Woolston ..						1				1			
Totals ..	1	1	1	2	11	104	1	2	7	130	5		

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Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.	Stations.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Senior Detectives.	Detective-sergeants.	Detectives.	Total.	Temporary Constables.	District Constables.	Native Constables.
Timaru District—														Dunedin District—													
Timaru ..	1			1	1	12			1	16	1			<i>continued.</i>													
Duntroon ..						1				1				St. Kilda ..						1				1			
Fairlie ..						1				1				South Dunedin ..					1	6				7			
Geraldine ..						1				1				Waikouaiti ..					1					1			
Glenavy ..						1				1				Waitahuna ..					1					1			
Hampden ..						1				1				Waitati ..					1					1			
Kurow ..						1				1				Woodhaugh ..					1					1			
Oamaru ..				1		7				8				Totals ..	1		1	1	9	83		1	4	100	1		
Pleasant Point ..						1				1																	
St. Andrew's ..						1				1				Invercargill District—													
Temuka ..				1		2				3				Invercargill ..	1			1	2	14		1	1	20	1		
Waimataitai ..						1				1				Arrowtown ..					1					1			
Waimate ..				1		3				4				Bluff ..					1	2				3			
Waitaki Hydro Works ..						1				1				Clinton ..					1					1			
Totals ..	1			1	4	34			1	41	1			Gore ..					1	4				5			
Dunedin District—														Half-moon Bay ..					1					1			
Dunedin ..	1		1	1	5	36		1	4	50	1			Lumsden ..					1					1			
Alexandra ..						1				1				Mataura ..					1					1			
Anderson's Bay ..						1				1				Nightcaps ..					1					1			
Balcutha ..				1		1				2				North Invercargill ..					1					1			
Caversham ..						1				1				Orepuki ..					1					1			
Clyde ..						1				1				Otautau ..					1					1			
Cromwell ..						1				1				Pembroke ..					1					1			
Green Island ..						1				1				Queenstown ..					1					1			
Kaitangata ..						1				1				Riverton ..					1					1			
Lawrence ..						1				1				South Invercargill ..					1					1			
Middlemarch ..						1				1				Tapanui ..					1					1			
Milton ..						1				1				Tokanui ..					1					1			
Mornington ..						1				1				Tuatapere ..					1					1			
Mosgiel ..						1				1				Waikaka ..					1					1			
Naseby ..						1				1				Waikiwi ..					1					1			
North Dunedin ..				1		5				6				Winton ..					1					1			
North-east Valley ..						1				1				Wyndham ..					1					1			
Ophir ..						1				1				Totals ..	1			1	4	40		1	1	48	1		
Outram ..						1				1				Attached to head-quarters staff ..		1			3	2	3			9			
Owaka ..						1				1				Lent to Cook Islands Administration ..						1				1			
Palmerston South ..						1				1				On leave prior to retirement ..					1					2			
Port Chalmers ..				1		4				5				Grand totals ..	4	15	6	27	96	921	4	17	44	1134	23	4	2
Portobello ..						1				1																	
Ranfurly ..						1				1																	
Ravensbourne ..						1				1																	
Roslyn ..						2				2																	
Roxburgh ..						1				1																	
St. Bathans ..						1				1																	
St. Clair ..						1				1																	

APPENDIX C.

RETURN SHOWING THE PROPORTION OF POLICE TO POPULATION AND COST OF POLICE PER INHABITANT IN EACH OF THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES.

Place.	Number of Police.	Estimated Population.	Proportion of Police to Population.	Cost of Police per Inhabitant.
New Zealand ..	1,157	1,524,633	1 to 1,317	s. d. 5 5
Victoria ..	2,085	1,801,294	1 to 864	6 7
New South Wales ..	3,626	2,517,758	1 to 694	9 6½
Queensland ..	1,267	963,711	1 to 760	9 8½
South Australia ..	749	584,968	1 to 781	10 0½
Western Australia ..	576	421,609	1 to 732	9 11
Tasmania ..	246	223,390	1 to 908	7 3

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