

The following work was carried out during the year: Fourteen acres of freehold and 10 acres of leasehold were prepared and sown down in pasture and a further 60 acres of leasehold was cleared and is under preparation for sowing; 153 chains of new fences were erected, and all the existing fences were maintained in good repair, the necessary posts, battens, &c., being cut and carried out of the bush; 55 chains of new drains were dug, and five new bridges over drains were erected; a flood-gate was made and set up in the main drain and existing drains were kept cleared; the yard and runway at the slaughterhouse was remodelled; the water-supply was connected with the sheep-yards and the building of a sheep-dip was commenced; 111 chains of trenches were filled in on the ranges and several thousand gorse plants were put in alongside existing wire fences to provide shelter. The ranges were cleared and put in order for the National Rifle meeting.

The Public Account benefited to the extent of approximately £1,700 as a result of the year's farming operations, the various sections contributing as follows: Garden and crop sales, £812; supplies to other institutions approximately 10 tons; 109 pigs were sent to butchers, three were condemned, and 106 realized £173; nine weaners and two breeding-sows were sent to other institutions. Wool brought £95. This included part of the 1931 clip, but not seven bales of 1932 clip, which was carried over and sold at a later sale. Twenty-five fat sheep were sold for £12 13s. and 574 lambs brought £317, while skins and tallow realized £17. Four milking-cows were sent to Wellington Prison and 3,642 lb. beef were supplied to that institution. Hides (£33) and butter (£12) were sold. Produce supplied to staff not included in the above figures brought in £227. 1,740 lb. of bread were supplied to Defence camps. The institution also proved itself supporting in vegetables, meat, and firewood.

There has been no work done at the brickworks during the year.

Divine services were conducted throughout the year by the Rev. Mr. Hunt, Rev. Mr. Kendrick, Father Kelly, and the Salvation Army.

We have to thank the Salvation Army, Justices' Association, Y.M.C.A., Upper Hutt Band, Rev. Mr. Hunt, and the Rev. Mr. Harding for providing entertainments and the National Tobacco Co. and the Salvation Army for Christmas Cheer.

I wish to place on record my appreciation of the work and conduct of the Staff and to thank them for their loyalty and co-operation.

ADDINGTON REFORMATORY PRISON (WOMEN).

(Superintendent, Miss E. M. HUNT.)

At the beginning of the year there were 22 inmates in custody, 98 were admitted during the year, 73 were discharged on the expiration of their sentences, 10 were released on the recommendation of the Prisons Board, 8 were handed to the police, 3 released on bail, 1 released on remission of sentence, leaving a total of 25 inmates in residence at the 31st December, 1932.

The inmates' work consists of laundry-work for the different Government Departments, domestic duties, and general outdoor work, gardening, &c.

The Rev. Mr. Revell, Rev. Father Daly, Salvation Army Officers, and the Sisters of Charity have helped a great number of discharged inmates during the year with clothing, food, and rent. Every woman who leaves this institution is given help if she requires it no matter how often she has been helped before. This institution has been supplied with books, magazines, papers, clothing, gramophone records by many different people. Miss Heywood, Sisters of Charity, and concert parties have visited regularly during the year and provided entertainments. The Salvation Army has given an afternoon tea on each Prison holiday during the year and a splendid party on Christmas and New Year Days, which was much appreciated by the inmates and especially did they appreciate the pretty calendars and small gifts they received.

Religious services are conducted by the Rev. Mr. Revell, Rev. Father Daly, Officers of the Salvation Army, and the Sisters of the Mission.

INVERCARGILL BORSTAL INSTITUTION.

(Superintendent, Mr. C. G. L. POLLOCK.)

The institutional statistics for the year ended 31st December, 1932, are as follows:—

Number on roll at beginning of year	..	..	..	..	198	
Received during the year	..	..	..	..	132	
					—	330
Discharged—						
On recommendation of Parole Board	..	..	..	..	130	
On expiration of sentence	..	..	..	..	1	
Otherwise	..	..	..	..	5	
					—	136
Number on roll at end of year	..	..	..	..	..	194
Daily average on roll	..	..	..	..	..	199.47

The conduct and industry of the inmates have been very good. There were two escapes from custody; both inmates, however, were apprehended by the institution officers within a short time of their escape. The escapees were brought before the Court and received further terms of detention in the Borstal Institution.