19**36**. NEW ZEALAND.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT:

PRISONS BOARD

(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1935.

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

Members of the Board.

Hon. Sir John Reed, C.B.E. (President); Sir Donald McGavin, Kt., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.S.; Hon. John Alexander, M.L.C., C.M.G.; B. L. Dallard, Esq.; Theo. G. Gray, Esq., M.B., M.P.C.; Mrs. A. I. Fraer, M.B.E.; and W. G. Riddell, Esq.

Sir,—

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1935.

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

I have, &c., J. R. Reed, President.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1935.

The Board has to report that during the year it visited each of the prisons, prison camps, and Borstal institutions in the Dominion. It dealt with a total of 1,359 cases at fourteen meetings held at the various institutions.

The following summary gives details of the cases considered and the decisions arrived at:—

Cases dealt with.		$Board's\ Decisions.$	
Persons undergoing Borstal detention	345	Recommended for release on probation	446
Persons sentenced to reformative de-		Deferred for further consideration	783
tention	488	Petitions declined	71
Persons sentenced to hard labour	407	Recommended for discharge	37
Habitual criminals	73	Discharged from probation	20
Habitual offenders	3	Recommended remission of head	
Habitual criminals for remission of		sentence	1
head sentence	3	Modification of terms of probation	1
Probationers under Crimes Amend-			
ment Λ ct	17		
Probationers under Offenders Pro-	0.0		
bation Act	23		
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