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PRISONS DEPARTMENT:
PRISONS BOARD
(ANNUAL REPORT OF) FOR 1936.

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

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SIR,—

September, 1937.

I have the honour to forward herewith the report of the Prisons Board for the year 1936.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Justice.

J. R. REED, President.

REPORT OF THE PRISONS BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936.

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 1,322 cases at fifteen meetings held in Wellington and at the various institutions.

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

<i>Cases dealt with.</i>		<i>Board's Decisions.</i>	
Persons undergoing Borstal detention ..	367	Recommended for release on probation ..	595
Persons sentenced to reformatory detention	474	Deferred for further consideration ..	653
Persons sentenced to hard labour ..	367	Petitions declined	30
Habitual criminals	82	Recommended for discharge	30
Habitual offenders	1	Discharged from probation	8
Habitual criminals for remission of head sentence	6	Recommended remission of head sentence	6
Probationers under Crimes Amendment Act	14	Modification of terms of probation	..
Probationers under Offenders Probation Act	11		
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