

The conduct of probationers has been most satisfactory, and I believe that the leniency extended has been appreciated.

It is very pleasant to receive promises to go straight in the future and to know that, on the whole, these promises are well kept.

I have appreciated the assistance rendered by the Child-welfare Officers, the Court staff, and the police.

Mr. H. ROBINSON, Probation Officer, Wanganui.

I respectfully submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

Offenders Probation Act.—At the commencement of the year the number on the register was 20. New admissions 28, transferred from other districts 3, making a total of 51. Completed probation 9, transferred to other districts 5, leaving a total on the register at the end of the year of 37.

Moneys recovered.—Restitution-money, £79 13s. 7d. ; costs, £46 9s. 9d. : total, £126 3s. 4d.

The conduct of the probationers was good with the exception of 1, who absconded and was subsequently arrested and dealt with.

Crimes Amendment Act.—There were 13 on the register at the beginning of the year, received during the year 16 : total, 29. Transferred 4, discharged 16, leaving on register at the end of the year 9.

I am very pleased to state that all probationers are in employment and a great deal of credit is due to the Placement Officer of this district.

STATISTICS.

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR 1936.

Age, in Years.	Under Twelve Months.	One Year.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.	Five Years.	Total.
Under 20 years of age ..	5	60	..	37	15	..	..	117
20 to 24	9	91	6	83	8	..	..	197
25 to 29	7	42	2	32	7	..	..	90
30 to 39	9	43	2	45	5	..	..	104
40 to 49	2	16	..	18	1	1	..	38
50 to 59	1	9	..	17	2	..	..	29
60 and over	2	4	..	4	..	..	..	10
Totals	35	265	10	236	38	1	..	585

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1936.

	Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting on 1st January, 1936	1,092	174	1,266
Admitted to probation during 1936	585	228	813
Resumed probation (previously struck off)	3	..	3
Totals	1,680	402	2,082

Completed probation during 1936	584	228	812
Deceased	2	2	4
Discharged by Prisons Board	7	1	8
Left Dominion	3	1	4
Absconded and not traced (term expired)	13	2	15
Resentenced on original charge	23	7	30
Committed further offences	24	4	28
Totals	656	245	901

Number reporting at 31st December, 1936	1,024	157	1,181
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BREACHES OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE COMMITTED DURING 1936.

Failed to report	52
Further offences	56
Absconded (still untraced)	15