

1,734 sheep, fleeces averaging 11-14 lb. A total of 1,314 lambs were raised, the lambing percentage being 109.5. Two drafts of lambs have been disposed of to the local freezing-works at schedule rates. During the past year a series of inoculations were carried out by Veterinarians of the Department of Agriculture to combat the ravages of "pulpy kidney" disease, which was prevalent amongst flocks in Canterbury last season.

Cropping was carried out on an extensive scale and with excellent results. Produce of the farm over and above that required for our own needs met with a ready sale at satisfactory prices. An area of 55 acres was sown down in turnips for feeding off to stock during the winter months.

Good progress was made in the rearing of pigs, enabling sales for the year to reach the total of 277. Dairying was also carried on on a relatively small scale.

In conclusion, I am pleased to be able to report that all members of the staff performed their duties in a diligent and praiseworthy manner, thus enabling a good standard of discipline to be maintained and the work of the institution in its various branches to be carried out as expeditiously and as economically as possible.

RANGIPO PRISON.

(Officer in Charge, Mr. A. BANKS.)

At the commencement of the year there were 15 males in custody. During the year 33 were received, whilst 20 were discharged and 4 transferred, leaving in custody at the end of the year 24 prisoners.

The health of the prisoners has been good, most cases of illness being of a minor nature. One man was sent to hospital to be operated on for appendicitis. Examinations were regularly made by Dr. Feltham, Medical Officer, and dental treatment was given by Mr. Davies, practising dentist, of Raetihi.

The conduct generally of the prisoners has been good. Two men escaped, but were recaptured.

The spiritual welfare of the prisoners have been well cared for by the Rev. Father Van Beek, Rev. J. G. Laughton, Mr. J. Moffatt, Mr. H. L. Furlong, Mr. N. J. A. Carter, and Mr. H. Potatau.

Regular supplies of reading-matter, which is very much appreciated by the men, were received from the Mayoress's War Memorial Library League, Auckland, and the Church of Christ Scientist, Wellington.

Christmas letters were again received by the men from Miss Dimsdale, 62 West Hill, Sydenham, London.

We record our special thanks to the Christchurch Branch of the Howard League for Penal Reform and the Rev. J. G. Laughton, Taupo, for Christmas gifts to the prisoners.

Owing to the small muster, no new development work has been undertaken, and the work mainly has been further improving land that is already under cultivation and general farm-work.

During the year 200 tons of hay, 3 tons of oaten sheaves, 40 acres of swede turnips, and 12 tons of potatoes were harvested. The surplus potatoes were disposed of to other institutions.

A windmill and concrete tank which were erected at the camp are now supplying the camp with ample water. Three windmills, three concrete water-tanks, and six troughs were erected to supply the water to paddocks that had been cut off water on account of the new Waioura Road being formed through our paddocks. These are proving very satisfactory, giving a good supply of water to the cattle.

Seven hundred *Pinus radiata* pines were planted out during the winter for shelter-belts.

A plentiful supply of vegetables were obtained from the prison garden, and beef was killed on the place for rations here and at Waikune Prison.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the staff for their loyal co-operation through the year.

WAIKUNE PRISON (ROADMAKING CAMP), ERUA.

(Officer in Charge, Mr. J. G. QUILL.)

At the commencement of the year there were in custody 42 prisoners, and 59 were received during the year. The discharges were 17 on special remissions and 26 on probationary licenses. Altogether, 18 prisoners were transferred to other institutions, leaving 40 prisoners in custody at the end of the year.

The greatest number of prisoners in detention at any one time was 45, the least 31, the daily average being 38.62.

Four prisoners escaped during the year, but all were apprehended within twenty-four hours.

The Medical Officer and dentist were in regular attendance at the institution throughout the year.

During the year religious services were regularly conducted by the Brethren, Owango, the Rev. Noakes, Taumarunui, the Rev. Nummy, Ohakune, and the Rev. Father McGlone, Ohakune.

We have again to thank the Christchurch Branch of the Howard League for Penal Reform for their Christmas gifts to prisoners. We are also greatly indebted to Sister Alison, of the Child Welfare Department, Taumarunui, and Mr. Frank Findlay, of Hamilton, for their thought in providing books for our library.