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INSPECTOR OF POLICE, TERRITORIAL.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1876.

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*NINTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 30th June, 1876.*

*Office of Inspector of Police, 23rd August, 1876.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report upon the state of the Territorial Police for the year ending 30th June, 1876.

The total strength is now 83 officers and men, of the average age of 37 years.

Chief District Constables .....	7
1st Class District Constables .....	1
2nd Class District Constables.....	13
Acting 2nd Class District Constables.....	5
Sergeants .....	2
Acting Sergeants.....	3
Constables .....	50
Specials.....	2

I have reason to commend very highly the manner in which the duties of the Officers in charge of Districts have been performed, as well as the conduct of the men generally.

Changes have occurred through the retirement of three Chief District Constables; two have received pensions, and the third has been appointed Stipendiary Magistrate. The vacancies thus caused were filled by promotion.

It is difficult to make any just comparison between the number of the Territorial Police employed in Tasmania and in the other Colonies, basing the calculation upon population. A great amount of work is performed by our Force which is out of the range of ordinary Police duty.

The Force has been recruited during the year by the appointment of men younger than those usually selected. The majority of these are conducting themselves entirely to my satisfaction, and are likely to become very creditable additions to the Constabulary. A few, however, have either been unable to settle to the life, or have been induced to leave by the high wages now obtainable in other pursuits.

I am of opinion that it would be advantageous to establish a Reserve Force, unattached to any particular District, but available for general service. This body might be composed of two Detectives and a few Constables of recent appointment. The latter would be absorbed into the general Police as they acquired a knowledge of their duties. If these men could be associated in barracks at the commencement of their service, a feeling of interest in their work and of *esprit de corps* would be engendered.

The increasing population of the Islands in Bass's Straits has not hitherto been afforded Police protection. I have recommended the purchase of a boat, suitable for this service, to be stationed at George Town.

Indictable offences have slightly decreased during the year; but there has been a marked increase in the number of cases of drunkenness.

Sheep-stealing appears to have been systematically carried on. This offence can only be effectually checked by the employment of a Detective Force, some of the Members of which would not be generally known throughout the country.

The following table shows the state of Crime as compared with the two preceding years :—

YEAR.	INDICTABLE OFFENCES.			OFFENCES DETERMINED SUMMARILY.			
	<i>Number reported to Police.</i>	<i>Number apprehended.</i>	<i>Number Committed or summarily Convicted.</i>	<i>Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.</i>		<i>Offences against Police Act.</i>	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1873 and 4 .....	205	106	77	105	52	93	26
1874 and 5 .....	208	124	82	166	49	92	17
1875 and 6 .....	202	121	97	215	62	162	32

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

#### DISTRICT OF HOBART.

Strength of Force ..... 19

Two members of this Force are exclusively employed in guarding the Powder Magazine, and a similar number are stationed on the wharves. One is employed in the Domain, and another in the Domain and Chief District Constable's Office.

The necessity for a lock-up on the Cascade Road, as stated in my last Report, is very great, as offenders have to be brought either to the Hobart Town or Sandy Bay Police Stations.

There were no resignations nor dismissals from the Force.

An Acting 2nd Class District Constable was promoted to the office of Chief District Constable of the Kingborough District, and a Sergeant and an Acting 2nd Class District Constable were promoted to the rank of 2nd Class District Constable.

Indictable offences had decreased, but there was a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and with offences against the Police Act.

During the year ending the 30th June, 30 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 27 persons were apprehended, of whom 24 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 43 persons, 24 males and 19 females, were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 56 males and 11 females with offences under the Police Act.

Two publicans were proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act, and fined.

The Chief District Constable is Collector of Rural Police Rates, Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Town Surveyor at New Town, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Bailiff of Crown Lands.

A 2nd Class District Constable is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court in its Criminal jurisdiction, and another is Inspector of Stock.

#### KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force ..... 9

The numerical strength of this Force remains unaltered.

The Chief District Constables at Kingston and Three Hut Point were pensioned; the former having been succeeded by a 1st Class District Constable, who has charge of the whole District, and a 2nd Class District Constable has been stationed at Three Hut Point. One Constable had resigned.

There was a decrease in all offences, excepting those against the Police Act.

During the year ending the 30th June, 22 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 6 persons, all males, were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 22 males and 3 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Two publicans were proceeded against under the provisions of the Licensing Act, and fined.

The 1st Class District Constable is Collector of Rural Police Rates, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, and Bailiff of Crown Lands. The 2nd Class District Constable at Three Hut Point is also a Collector of Rural Police Rates, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and a Clearing Officer of Customs. The Acting 2nd Class District Constable at Kingston performs the duties of Police Clerk, and is Collector of Road Rates, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and Deputy Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; and the Special Constable at Bruni Island is a Bailiff of Crown Lands.

#### HUON.

Strength of Force ..... 12

The strength of this Force has been increased by the appointment of one Constable.

Two Constables had resigned.

Indictable offences had slightly decreased, and there had been a small increase in the number of cases under the Police Act; but drunkenness had considerably increased.

Three publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

During the year ending the 30th June, 26 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 22 persons were apprehended, of whom 15 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 47 males and 20 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 21 males and 6 females were proceeded against for breaches of the Police Act.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. The District Constables at Port Cygnet and Southport are Bailiffs of the Court of Requests and Bailiffs of Crown Lands; and the Sergeant at Franklin is Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and Collector of Rural Police Rates. The District Constable at Southport is a Clearing Officer of Customs.

#### SELBY.

Strength of Force ..... 9

No change had been made in the strength of this Force; but an additional Constable will shortly be appointed.

Two Constables had resigned during the year.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences reported, as well as in the number of cases under the Police Act, but drunkenness had decreased.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

During the year ending the 30th June, 21 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, all of whom were convicted. 4 males and 4 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 13 persons, all males, with breaches of the Police Act.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

#### PORT SORELL.

Strength of Force ..... 14

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength, but there has been an alteration in its organisation.

One Constable had resigned.

Indictable offences and offences under the Police Act had slightly increased, but drunkenness had decreased.

During the year ending the 30th June, 62 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 27 persons were apprehended, of whom 21 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 72 males and 15 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 29 males and 7 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Three publicans had been proceeded against under the Licensing Act, and fined.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Collector of Rural Police Rates, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

The 2nd Class District Constable at Ulverstone, and the Constables at Burgess and the Don, are Tidewaiters of Customs; and a 2nd Class District Constable and three Constables are Poundkeepers at their respective Stations.

#### EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

Strength of Force ..... 10

The strength of this Force has been increased by the appointment of two Constables.

The head quarters of the Police have been removed from Stanley to Emu Bay.

A station-house is in course of erection at Mount Bischoff, and a court-house and constables' quarters at Emu Bay.

The Officers at Stanley, Emu Bay, and the Cam are Customs Officers.

The Chief District Constable was promoted to the office of Stipendiary Magistrate at Stanley, and was succeeded by the Chief District Constable of the District of Kingborough; and the 2nd Class District Constable at Wynyard was promoted to the rank of 1st Class District Constable of the District of Kingborough.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

Indictable as well as all other offences had considerably increased, caused by the influx of population.

During the year ending the 30th June, 34 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 22 persons were apprehended, of whom 15 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 61 males and 3 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 10 males and 2 females with breaches of the Police Act.

No proceedings had been taken against publicans under the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable performs the duties of Police Clerk, and is a Tidewaiter of Customs, Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Collector of Rural Police Rates, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

Two 2nd Class District Constables and an Acting 2nd Class District Constable are Customs Officers.

#### GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force ..... 8

There has been no change in this Force since my last Report.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but an increase in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act.

During the year ending the 30th June, 7 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 4 persons were apprehended, of whom 3 were committed for trial or summarily convicted, 1 male and 1 female were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 11 males and 3 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Four publicans were charged with breaches of the Licensing Act, and three of them were fined.

The Chief District Constable is Police Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Registrar Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Mining Registrar, Harbour Master, and Inspector of Stock. The Watch-house Keeper at George Town is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

The District Constable at Nine Mile Springs acts as Postmaster and also as Letter Carrier.

The Nine Mile Springs Station is placed at an inconvenient distance from the spot where the population is now centered.

#### GREAT LAKE.

Strength of Force ..... 2



TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

1876.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.								Area in Acres.	Acres to each Constable.	ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING ALLOWANCES.				DAILY PAY.				
		Chief District Constables.	1st Class District Constables.	2nd Class District Constables.	Acting 2nd Class District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.			Chief District Constables.	1st Class District Constables.	2nd Class District Constables.	Special Constables.	Acting 2nd Class District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	
Hobart <sup>a</sup> .....	19	1	—	4	—	—	1	13	—	686,690	36,141	£ 175	£ —	£ 105	—	5	s. —	d. —	5	5
Kingborough <sup>b</sup> .....	9	—	1	1	2	—	—	4	1	463,000	51,444	—	165	130	25	5	—	—	—	5
Huon <sup>c</sup> .....	12	1	—	2	—	1	—	7	1	2,507,000	208,916	175	—	130	50	—	5	9	—	5
Selby <sup>d</sup> .....	9	1	—	1	1	1	—	5	—	—	—	200	—	105	—	5	5	9	—	5
George Town <sup>e</sup> .....	8	1	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	792,320	99,040	180	—	108	—	—	—	—	—	5
Port Sorell <sup>f</sup> .....	14	1	—	2	—	—	2	9	—	561,920	40,137	180	—	130	—	—	—	—	5	5
Horton <sup>g</sup> (Emu Bay and Russell) .....	10	1	—	2	2	—	—	5	—	2,574,000	257,400	200	—	{ 158 } { 120 }	—	5	—	—	—	5
Great Lake <sup>h</sup> .....	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

<sup>a</sup> The Chief District Constable has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, two District Constables, and seven Constables have quarters.

<sup>b</sup> The 1st Class and 2nd Class District Constables have £25 a year forage allowance. An Acting District Constable has £25 a year for performing the duties of Police Clerk; and the Chief District Constable and one Constable have £10 a year travelling allowance. The 2nd Class District Constable, two Acting District Constables, and three Constables, have quarters.

<sup>c</sup> The Chief District Constable and the two District Constables receive £25 a year forage allowance, and the Sergeant £35 a year for performing the duties of Police Clerk. The District Constables, the Sergeant, and five Constables, have quarters.

<sup>d</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £25 per annum for forage, and £25 travelling allowance. The

Acting District Constable and one Constable receive £10 per annum for forage, and one Constable £25. With the exception of the Chief District Constable, all the Force have quarters.

<sup>e</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £30, and two Constables £10 per annum forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.

<sup>f</sup> The Chief District Constable has £50 (for two horses), and the District Constables £25 per annum for forage allowance. With the exception of two Constables all the Force have quarters.

<sup>g</sup> The Chief District Constable receives £25 per annum forage allowance, and £25 travelling allowance. One District Constable receives £50, and the other £25, forage allowance. The District Constables, the Acting District Constables, and three Constables, have quarters.

<sup>h</sup> With quarters, and forage allowance £25, allowed to both.

The cost of uniform of the Force deducted from salaries and pay.

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