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TERRITORIAL POLICE:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT TO JUNE 30, 1877.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 30th June, 1877.

Office of Inspector of Police, 26th October, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my annual Report upon the state of the Territorial Police for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

The general conduct of the Force during the year ending 30th June last has been highly satisfactory, almost the only exceptions are confined to a few instances of misconduct of Constables when on escort duty.

An unusual number of resignations has taken place, in consequence of the ability of the men to obtain higher remuneration in other employment.

A petition has been presented to the Executive Government asking for an increase of pay, and I have respectfully urged that at least the uniform might be supplied to the Force free of charge. I beg to express the opinion that since the value of labour has increased so materially, it appears to be a reasonable request on the part of the Police that they should receive some proportionate advantage. It may be of interest to state that the Territorial Police Force has been maintained at an almost uniform strength for the last ten years, although the population of the Colony has increased, tin mining and other industries have arisen, and new centres of population have been created.

In June, 1867, the total strength of the Force was 92; in June, 1877, it was 84. Average for the period 85.

Some additions, however, will be required when the arrangements for the protection of the North-eastern Mining Districts can be completed.

Very serious complaints of sheep-stealing have reached me from some of the Municipalities. At present I am powerless to deal with them, and can only regret that my recommendations for the establishment of a Detective Force have not been complied with. The question of supplying some Police service for the Islands in the Straits is yet under consideration.

Inconvenience is still caused from the necessity of supplying vacancies occurring at out-lying stations with newly joined and inexperienced men.

I have found great difficulty in getting new police buildings erected,—indeed none have been built during the year. The most pressing present necessity occurs at Mount Bischoff, where efficient action is almost paralysed by the absence of a lock-up with suitable Constables' quarters.

Improvements in the organisation of the service at Ringarooma and Gould's Country are contemplated. These will be carried out when the difficulties that have occurred in reference to George's Bay are adjusted.

The tabulated statement of crime shows that the number of indictable offences has been practically the same during the past three years. Drunkenness and offences against the Police Act have decreased since last year, as shown by the following table:—

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.
1874 and 5	208	124	82	166	49	92	17
1875 and 6	202	121	97	215	62	162	32
1876 and 7	201	124	103	170	67	132	32

The total strength of the Force is 84 officers and men, of the average age of 38 years.

Chief District Constables.....	7
1st Class District Constables	1
2nd Class District Constables	13
Acting 2nd Class District Constables	5
Sergeants	2
Petty Constables	54
Special Constables	2

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

There has been no change in the numerical strength or organisation of this Force since my last Report. There were no resignations nor dismissals.

Indictable offences were about the same as last year; there was a slight decrease in the number of persons charged with drunkenness; and offences under the Police Act had decreased.

During the year ending the 30th June, 28 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 24 persons were apprehended, all of whom were convicted. 16 males and 18 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 14 males and 9 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Three publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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 and 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 an Inspector of Stock. A Constable acts as Coroner's Clerk.

DISTRICT OF KINGBOROUGH.

Strength of Force 9

The numerical strength and organisation of this Force remains unaltered.

There were no resignations during the year.

Indictable offences were the same as last year, but there was a decrease in the number of persons proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly, as well as in the number of persons charged with offences under the Police Act.

During the year ending the 30th June, 22 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 2 persons were summarily convicted. 1 male and 2 females were proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly, and 8 males and 4 females were charged with breaches of the Police Act.

Five publicans were charged with breaches of the Licensing Act and fined.

The 1st Class District Constable who has charge of the whole District is a Collector of Rural Police Rates, Collector of Timber Licences, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, and Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

The 2nd Class District Constable is a Collector of Rural Police Rates for the Gordon portion of the District, Collector of Timber Licences, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs.

An Acting District Constable acts as Bench Clerk, and is Registrar of the Court of Requests, and Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

HUON.

Strength of Force 12

There has been no change in the strength or organisation of this Force.

One Constable was dismissed.

There was a considerable decrease in all but indictable offences, which were about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 25 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 19 persons were apprehended, of whom 15 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 17 males and 6 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 12 males and 5 females with breaches of the Police Act.

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

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 Land, and the latter is a Collector of Rural Police Rates.

The Sergeant at Franklin is Registrar Court of Requests, Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and a Collector of Rural Police Rates, and performs the duties of Police Clerk. The District Constable at Southport is a Clearing Officer of Customs.

SELBY.

Strength of Force 10

This Force has been strengthened by the appointment of a petty Constable at Ringarooma.

A portion of the Municipal District of Fingal has been cut off and added temporarily to Selby. I have adopted the arrangements I found in operation, retaining the services of the Constables who were employed at the several stations by the Municipality.

Increased Police protection will be afforded as soon as the projected District of Portland shall be established.

Three Constables resigned and one was dismissed.

There was a reduction in all offences as compared with last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 16 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 14 persons were apprehended, 9 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 5 males and 1 female were proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly, and 6 males and 1 female were charged with breaches of the Police Act.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

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

There has been no change in the numerical strength or organisation of this Force since last Report.

Four Constables resigned during the year.

There was a reduction in the number of offences reported, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but there was an increase in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act.

Four publicans were convicted under the provisions of the Licensing Act and fined.

During the year ending the 30th June, 45 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 23 persons were apprehended, of whom 16 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 70 males and 18 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 36 males and 8 females with breaches of the Police Act.

The Chief District Constable is Bailiff Court General Sessions, 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 Don, are Tide-waiters of Customs. The Chief District Constable and three Constables are Poundkeepers at their respective stations.

EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

Strength of Force 10

The strength of this Force remains unaltered.

Three Constables resigned during the year.

There was a very considerable increase in all offences, which is to be accounted for by the large number of men working on the Tramway and at the Mines at Mount Bischoff.

During the year ending the 30th June, 54 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 37 persons were apprehended, of whom 32 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 58 males and 21 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 43 males and 5 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Three publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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

The Chief District Constable, two District Constables, and an Acting District Constable are Customs Officers. The District Constable at Bischoff is a Bailiff of Crown Land. The District Constable at Wynyard is a Collector of Rural Police Rates and Poundkeeper. The District Constable at Stanley is Registrar of the Court of Requests, an Acting District Constable is Poundkeeper, and a Petty Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests at Stanley.

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 8

There has been no change in the numerical strength of this Force since my last Report.

One Constable was dismissed.

Indictable and other offences were about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June, 11 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 7 persons were apprehended, of whom 5 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 3 males and 1 female were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 13 males with breaches of the Police Act.

The Chief District Constable is Police Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Registrar Court of General Sessions, Bailiff of Crown Land, Mining Registrar, Harbour Master, and Inspector of Stock.

The Watch-house Keeper at George Town is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

SOUTH LONGFORD. OR GREAT LAKE.

Strength of Force 2



TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

1877.

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 ^a	19*	1	—	4	—	—	1	13	—	686,690	36,141	£ 175	—	£ 105	—	£ 5	s. —	d. —	£ 5	5
Kingborough ^b	9	—	1	1	2	—	—	4	1	463,000	51,444	—	£ 165	£ 130	£ 25	£ 5	—	—	—	5
Huon ^c	12	1	—	2	—	1	—	7	1	2,507,000	208,916	£ 190	—	£ 130	£ 50	—	£ 5	9	—	5
Selby ^d	10	1	—	1	1	1	—	6	—	—	—	£ 200	—	£ 105	—	£ 5	£ 5	9	—	5
George Town ^e	8	1	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	792,320	99,040	£ 180	—	£ 108	—	—	—	—	—	5
Port Sorell ^f	14	1	—	2	—	—	1	10	—	561,920	40,137	£ 180	—	£ 130	—	—	—	—	£ 5	5
Horton ^g (Emu Bay and Russell)	10	1	—	2	2	—	—	5	—	2,574,000	257,400	£ 200	—	{ 158 } { 120 }	—	£ 5	—	—	—	5
Great Lake ^h	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	£ 175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

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

^b 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 four Constables, have quarters.

^c 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.

^d 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.

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

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

^g 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.

^h With quarters, and forage allowance £25, allowed to both.

* Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables.

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

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