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## TERRITORIAL POLICE.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1894.

*Police Department,  
Commissioner's Office, Hobart, 6th April, 1895.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for the year 1894.

Four Constables resigned during the year; one Sub-Inspector was disgraced; there were no dismissals, and no deaths.

The reductions during the year were the Sub-Inspector at Moorina and one Constable at Dundas. Since the close of the year, however, still further reductions have been effected to the extent of two Superintendents, one Sub-Inspector, and ten Constables, as follows:—The Superintendents of George Town and South Longford, the District of George Town being placed under the charge of the Superintendent of the Selby District; the Sub-Inspector at St. Leonard's, replaced by a Constable; one Constable at each of the stations at Sandy Bay, George Town, and Emu Bay; and the Constables at Mount Stuart, Leslie, Branxholm, Weldborough, Lower Piper River, Don, and Sassafra, which stations have been closed. The Sub-Inspector heretofore stationed at Beaconsfield is now resident at George Town in the same District.

The increased mining population at the Pieman River and at Mount Lyell in the Macquarie District rendered it necessary to establish stations at Corinna and Gormanston, at each of which places a Constable has been stationed. Since the close of the year a station with two Constables has been established at the King River, in the same District, where the Mount Lyell Railway is being constructed; and an additional Constable has been stationed at Lefroy, in the George Town District.

The establishment of a Town Board at Beltana, in the Rural Municipality of Clarence, in November last had the effect of adding that place for Police purposes and control to the District of New Town.

I was called upon on 19th July last to undertake the duties of Police Magistrate of Hobart, and was consequently unable to visit and complete the inspection of all the Districts. During the year I visited the Districts of Franklin, Emu Bay, Macquarie, and Selby.

The appointment of the Inspecting Superintendent was not made until 1st January of this year. He will in future perform the greater part of the duty of inspection, which heretofore devolved upon the Commissioner.

The Offices of the Commissioner and Clerical Branch, and the Head Quarters of the Superintendent of New Town and other Districts combined under his charge, were removed on 28th November last from the premises at the corner of Macquarie and Elizabeth streets to Liverpool-street, where accommodation is also provided for the Police Court and the Officers attached to the Magisterial Department now under my charge.

The efficient performance of duty by the Officers of the Clerical Branch at Head Quarters merits special commendation; and the Officers in charge of Districts and Sub-Districts, as well as the Constables generally throughout the Colony, during a period of increased responsibility arising out of the great depression which prevailed, also performed their duty in a most creditable manner.

The amount to the credit of "The Territorial Police Provident Fund" on the 31st December, 1894, was:—Superannuation Branch, £6621 14s. 8d.; Reward Branch, £1484 16s. 5d.

The amount paid to members of the Force who retired during the year was £167 15s. 7d., and the amount of rewards given was £146 12s. 3d.

I append the usual Return showing the strength and distribution of the Police during the year. I also attach the usual tabulated comparative statement of offences reported in the Territorial Police Districts. It will be noticed that the great decrease in drunkenness and offences against the Police Act which marked the year 1893 was maintained in 1894, whilst there was a slight increase in offences of a more serious nature.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

*The Honorable the Attorney-General.*

BERNARD SHAW, *Commissioner of Police.*

## RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Territorial Police Force during the Year 1894.

| District.  | Station.             | Superintendent. | Sub-Inspector. | Sergeant. | Constable. | Special Constable.                                | Remarks.  |   |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---|---|---|
| NEW TOWN,<br>QUEENBOROUGH,<br>KINGBOROUGH,<br>AND CARNARVON. | Head Station.....    | 1               | 1              | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Superintendent is Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector under Fisheries Act, Crown Lands Bailiff, Collector of Stock and Crop, Reviser of Jury List and Valuation Roll, and Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse. The Sub-Inspector is Coroner's Clerk. One Constable is Summoning Officer, Supreme Court.  |   |
|  | New Town.....        | ..              | ..             | 1         | 3          | ..  | The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and Inspector of Stock.  |   |
|  | Mount Stuart Road..  | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
|  | Sandy Bay.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 3          | ..  | The Senior Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests.  |   |
|  | Glebe Town & Domain  | ..              | ..             | 1         | 4          | ..  | The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests & Inspector of Stock.   |   |
|  | Cascade Road.....    | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests.   |   |
|  | Fern Tree.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto.  |   |
|  | Bellerive.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto.  |   |
|  | Kingston.....        | ..              | 1              | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  | The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Inspector of Stock, and Inspector Local Boards of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. |
|  | Gordon.....          | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  | The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|  | Leslie.....          | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  | The Constable has forage for one horse.   |
|  | Woodbridge.....      | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  | Ditto.  |
|  | Bruny Island (North) | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  |   |
|  | Bruny Island (South) | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   | ..  |   |
| Carnarvon.....   | ..                   | 1               | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..  | The Sub-Inspector is Bench Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Bailiff and Registrar Court of General Sessions, and Collector of Town Board, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |   |
| FRANKLIN.  | Impression Bay.....  | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.   |   |
|  | Franklin.....        | 1               | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Inspector under Fisheries Act, Inspector Board of Health, Collector of Stock and Crop and Statistics, Compiler of Jury List and Valuation Rolls, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Collector of Taxes. |   |
|  | Port Cygnet.....     | ..              | 1              | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Board of Health, and Collector of Taxes, and has forage for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.  |   |
|  | Port Esperance.....  | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands and Collector of Taxes, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |   |
|  | Southport.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Collector of Taxes.   |   |
|  | Honeywood.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, Collector of Taxes, and Tidewaiter.   |   |
|  | Huonville.....       | ..              | ..             | 1         | ..         | ..  | The Sergeant is Bailiff Court of Requests and Collector of Taxes, and has forage for one horse.   |   |
| MACQUARIE.   | Recherche.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | ..         | 1   |   |   |
|  | Strahan.....         | 1               | ..             | ..        | 2          | ..  | The Superintendent is Crown Lands Bailiff, Bailiff Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector Local Board of Health, Collector of Timber Licences, and Collector of Rates, and has forage for one horse.   |   |
|  | Corinna.....         | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
|  | Gormanston.....      | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
|  | Dundas.....          | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
| SOUTH LONGFORD.  | Zeehan.....          | ..              | 1              | ..        | 4          | ..  | The Sub-Inspector is Crown Lands Bailiff and Inspector Board of Health; and one Constable, Bailiff Court of Requests.   |   |
|  | The Steppes.....     | 1               | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..  | The Chief Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Inspector of Sheep, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |   |
|  | Great Lake.....      | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.   |   |
| SELBY.   | Invermay.....        | 1               | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Superintendent is Superintendent of Gaol and Bailiff Court of Requests, Collector of Stock and Crops and Statistics, Reviser of Jury List and Valuation Roll, Inspector Board of Health, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector under Fisheries Act, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |   |
|  | Hobart Road.....     | ..              | 1              | ..        | ..         | ..  | The Sub-Inspector has forage allowance for one horse, and is Inspector Local Board of Health.   |   |
|  | St. Leonard's.....   | ..              | 1              | ..        | ..         | ..  | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.   |   |
|  | Patersonia.....      | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto, and is Registrar Court of Requests.  |   |
|  | Lilydale.....        | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.   |   |
|  | Turner's Marsh.....  | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto.  |   |
|  | Dilston.....         | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto, and is Inspector Board of Health.  |   |
|  | Rosevears.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  | Ditto.  |   |
|  | Trevallyn.....       | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
|  | Hadspen.....         | ..              | ..             | ..        | 1          | ..  |   |   |
| Young Town.....  | ..                   | ..              | ..             | 1         | ..         | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse. |   |   |

| District.              | Station.                 | Superintendent. | Sub-Inspector. | Sergeant. | Constable. | Special Constable. | Remarks.   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|--|
| RINGAROOMA.            | Scottsdale .....         | 1               |                |           | 2          |                    | The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Local Boards of Health, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and has forage allowance for one horse. A Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is Bailiff Court of Requests.   |
|                        | Moorina .....            |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Ringarooma, Upper .....  |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.  |
|                        | Brankholm .....          |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Gladstone .....          |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | Ditto, and is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.   |
| PORTLAND.              | Derby .....              |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.  |
|                        | Boobyalla .....          |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | St. Helen's .....        |                 | 1              |           | 1          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.  |
| GEORGE TOWN.           | Gould's Country .....    |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |
|                        | Weldborough .....        |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is Bailiff of Crown Lands.   |
| MERSY AND LATROBE.     | George Town .....        | 1               |                |           | 2          |                    | The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests, and Bench Clerk.  |
|                        | Beaconsfield .....       |                 | 1              |           | 2          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Bench Clerk.  |
|                        | Lefroy .....             |                 |                | 1         |            |                    | The Sergeant is Bailiff Court of Requests and of Crown Lands.  |
|                        | Piper's River .....      |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | East Devonport .....     | 1               |                |           | 2          |                    | The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Poundkeeper, Collector of Charitable Grants, and Inspector Local Board of Health, and Fisheries, and has forage allowance for two horses. One Constable is caretaker of Court House. |
| EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.   | West Devonport .....     |                 |                |           | 1          |                    |  |
|                        | Ulverstone .....         |                 | 1              |           | 2          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests and Crown Lands, and Assistant Inspector Local Board of Health, and Inspector of Stock and Weights and Measures, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Latrobe .....            |                 | 1              |           | 2          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Stock, Bailiff Court of General Sessions and Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and of Weights and Measures, and Assistant Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is caretaker of Court House.  |
|                        | Penguin .....            |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Bailiff and Registrar Court of Requests, Harbour Master, and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |
|                        | Forth .....              |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Don .....                |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Tidewater of Customs.   |
|                        | Sheffield .....          |                 |                |           | 2          |                    | One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and caretaker of Court House. One Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Railton .....            |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.  |
|                        | Sassafras .....          |                 |                |           | 1          |                    |  |
|                        | Moriarty Road .....      |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Tidewater of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |
| ISLANDS, BASS STRAITS. | Castra .....             |                 |                | 1         |            |                    | The Sergeant has forage allowance for one horse, and is Assistant Inspector Board of Health.   |
|                        | Emu Bay .....            | 1               |                |           | 3          |                    | The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of General Sessions, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector Local Boards of Health and Inspector of Stock, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Bench Clerk and Registrar Court of General Sessions.                           |
|                        | Wynyard .....            |                 | 1              |           | 1          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, Bailiff of Crown Lands and Tidewater of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff of Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |
|                        | Waratah .....            |                 | 1              |           | 1          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests and of Mines, and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and of Court of Requests.   |
|                        | Stanley .....            |                 | 1              |           | 1          |                    | The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Weights and Measures, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.   |
|                        | Cam .....                |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Tidewater of Customs and Harbour Master, and has forage allowance for one horse.  |
| ISLANDS, BASS STRAITS. | Duck River .....         |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | The Constable is Tidewater of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.   |
|                        | Cape Barren Island ..... |                 |                |           | 1          |                    | Is Officer of Customs, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Fisheries, &c.   |
|                        | TOTAL .....              | 9               | 14             | 5         | 84         | 3                  |  |

*RETURN of Offences reported to the Territorial Police in the several Districts during the Year 1894, compared with similar Returns for preceding years.*

|                                | Year.   | Indictable Offences. |              |                                   | Offences determined Summarily. |         |                              |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|                                |         | Cases reported.      | Apprehended. | Committed or summarily Convicted. | Drunkeness.                    |         | Offences against Police Act. |         |
|                                |         |                      |              |                                   | Male.                          | Female. | Male.                        | Female. |
| New Town and Queenborough..... | 1892... | 84                   | 31           | 20                                | 21                             | 3       | 170                          | 12      |
|                                | 1893... | 97                   | 40           | 34                                | 11                             | 7       | 110                          | 5       |
|                                | 1894... | 65                   | 11           | 12                                | 22                             | 1       | 121                          | 10      |
| Kingborough.....               | 1892... | 22                   | 3            | 1                                 | 1                              | —       | 12                           | 2       |
|                                | 1893... | 33                   | 8            | 8                                 | —                              | —       | 6                            | —       |
|                                | 1894... | 26                   | 5            | 3                                 | —                              | —       | 7                            | 2       |
| Franklin.....                  | 1892... | 23                   | 19           | 19                                | 8                              | —       | 36                           | 1       |
|                                | 1893... | 6                    | 6            | 4                                 | 5                              | 1       | 37                           | 1       |
|                                | 1894... | 42                   | 36           | 33                                | 9                              | 3       | 50                           | 3       |
| Carnarvon.....                 | 1892... | 2                    | 2            | 2                                 | —                              | 1       | 3                            | 1       |
|                                | 1893... | 6                    | 2            | 4                                 | 1                              | —       | 3                            | —       |
|                                | 1894... | 3                    | —            | 1                                 | —                              | 1       | —                            | 1       |
| Selby.....                     | 1892... | 41                   | 22           | 20                                | 1                              | 2       | 134                          | 10      |
|                                | 1893... | 30                   | 21           | 16                                | 3                              | 2       | 78                           | 16      |
|                                | 1894... | 28                   | 15           | 14                                | 1                              | 1       | 53                           | 4       |
| Ringarooma.....                | 1892... | 9                    | 5            | 4                                 | 15                             | 4       | 55                           | 3       |
|                                | 1893... | 7                    | 3            | 3                                 | 4                              | —       | 44                           | 1       |
|                                | 1894... | 60                   | 7            | 8                                 | 1                              | —       | 32                           | —       |
| Portland.....                  | 1892... | 22                   | 7            | 7                                 | 1                              | —       | 10                           | 2       |
|                                | 1893... | 17                   | 3            | 3                                 | 1                              | —       | 12                           | —       |
|                                | 1894... | 23                   | 9            | 10                                | 2                              | —       | 10                           | 1       |
| George Town.....               | 1892... | 27                   | 8            | 8                                 | 1                              | —       | 32                           | —       |
|                                | 1893... | 53                   | 9            | 14                                | —                              | —       | 33                           | 2       |
|                                | 1894... | 42                   | 13           | 15                                | 3                              | —       | 32                           | 3       |
| Mersey and Latrobe.....        | 1892... | 69                   | 62           | 69                                | 95                             | 12      | 124                          | 12      |
|                                | 1893... | 75                   | 44           | 53                                | 50                             | 16      | 126                          | 6       |
|                                | 1894... | 79                   | 39           | 45                                | 64                             | 7       | 70                           | 11      |
| Emu Bay and Russell.....       | 1892... | 35                   | 13           | 13                                | 39                             | 3       | 78                           | 4       |
|                                | 1893... | 32                   | 15           | 15                                | 17                             | 1       | 71                           | 3       |
|                                | 1894... | 19                   | 12           | 12                                | 12                             | 1       | 64                           | —       |
| Macquarie .....                | 1892... | 67                   | 32           | 29                                | 67                             | 2       | 147                          | 2       |
|                                | 1893... | 64                   | 18           | 15                                | 32                             | 1       | 107                          | 1       |
|                                | 1894... | 76                   | 28           | 18                                | 11                             | —       | 158                          | 7       |

TOTALS.

| Year.     | Indictable Offences. |                     |                                   | Offences determined Summarily. |         |                              |         |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|           | Cases reported.      | Number apprehended. | Committed or summarily Convicted. | Drunkeness.                    |         | Offences against Police Act. |         |
|           |                      |                     |                                   | Male.                          | Female. | Male.                        | Female. |
| 1892..... | 401                  | 204                 | 192                               | 249                            | 27      | 801                          | 49      |
| 1893..... | 420                  | 169                 | 169                               | 124                            | 28      | 627                          | 35      |
| 1894..... | 463                  | 175                 | 171                               | 125                            | 14      | 597                          | 42      |