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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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*Police Department,
Commissioner's Office, Hobart, 30th July, 1892.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for the year 1891.

I visited the several Districts for the purpose of inspection and the transaction of official business as follows:—The Selby District six times, the Mersey and Latrobe Districts three times, the Emu Bay District twice, the Macquarie District (West Coast) once, the George Town District once, the Portland District once, the Franklin District once, and the Ringarooma District once. Since the close of the year I have visited Selby four times, Mersey and Latrobe, Emu Bay, Macquarie, Franklin, George Town, and Ringarooma each once. I regret my visits during the year were not as frequent as I should have wished. I was unable for various reasons to leave town, and frequently found myself compelled to defer or abandon contemplated inspections.

The Superintendents are to be generally commended for their efficient and careful performance of duty, and for the good order in which the head stations and such of the out-stations as I was enabled to visit were found. The want of a more liberal provision for maintenance and repair is still very perceptible in some places. The books and records, which are somewhat elaborate, were carefully and accurately kept.

The following new stations were established during the year, some of which were referred to in my last Report:—In the District of New Town at Mount Stuart, a suburb of Hobart and an established Town Board, a cottage has been rented and a Constable placed there. At Glebe Town, also a suburb of Hobart, and having a Town Board, a cottage has been rented and a Senior Constable placed in charge, but not necessitating a new appointment or increase of the staff. One room at this station is used as an office by the Constables in this division of the District. Macquarie District.—The residence and office for a Sub-Inspector at Zeehan, and also the cottage and watch-house there, referred to in my last Report, have been built on the reserve near the Railway Station. The latter is occupied for the purpose for which it was built, but the former has been handed over temporarily to the Mines and Magisterial Departments pending the erection of their buildings. A station has been established at Argenton, a new town at the junction of the two railways from some of the mines and the Strahan-Zeehan Railway. A temporary hut was erected for the Constable, which was occupied until recently, but a section in a more suitable position has now been secured, and a cottage standing upon it, held under residence licence, purchased from the owner for the permanent station. A station has also been erected at Dundas, with cells and other requisite accommodation, and two Constables stationed there. Since the close of the year a new watch-house, consisting of a four-room cottage, commodious day-room, cells, and yard, has been erected at West Strahan, in close proximity to the Court House. An office for the Superintendent is being built at the same place. Mersey District.—An additional Constable was stationed at Ulverstone, and a convenient cottage rented for his use, the increased population of the town, and its growing importance rendered one Constable insufficient for its protection. Emu Bay.—A new station has been erected at Heazlewood, ten miles from Waratah, on the road to the West Coast. The increase of population, and the extension of the mining industry at this place, made it imperative to establish a police station. The building erected is a comfortable four-room cottage, with cells and other requisites, and the appointment of the Constable did not necessitate additional expense, a Constable previously at another station, now closed, having been transferred there. Selby District.—Another Constable has recently been stationed at Invermay, the growing importance of that suburb of Launceston making one Constable no longer sufficient for its protection.

The stations at the Lisle Gold Field and Lebrina were closed during the year, and the Constables withdrawn and transferred to other places. The stations are both in the Selby District, and it will probably be necessary to establish another station between the two, at one of the most convenient points on the Launceston-Scottsdale Railway Line, near the Denison and Golconda Gold Fields. The opening of the Railway from Strahan to Zeehan had the effect of stopping traffic and the landing of goods at Remin , and the station there was closed and the Constable withdrawn and transferred to another place in February last.

The District of Macquarie assumed such importance during the year that it was found necessary to appoint more Constables. Reference was made to this in my last Report. The total strength of the District now is—one Superintendent, one Sergeant, and ten Constables. The appointment of the Officer who had charge of the District, and who was Acting Superintendent in 1891, to the position of Superintendent, was confirmed on the 1st January last; and the senior Constable in charge at Zeehan was at the same time promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Provision was made in the Estimates for this year for a Sub-Inspector, but the appointment has not yet been made. I visited the District in February last. I rode through from Waratah to Strahan, and visited the several mining centres. The number of Police in the District is now, I think, sufficient for present requirements; and the opening of the Railways from Strahan to Zeehan and Zeehan to Dundas has greatly facilitated the performance of their duty. The partial collapse of mining speculation and dealing in shares, aiding largely in the present disorganisation of business, and leading to the exodus of many from the Silver Fields, has had the effect of increasing the work of the Police to a considerable extent. General good order, however, prevails. The prospect which is now opening of a more genuine attention to practical mining operations, with the use of machinery and with facilities for transit, and less devotion to the allurements of the scrip market, is encouraging, and will soon give impetus to extended mining settlement throughout the District. There appear to be fresh discoveries of mineral deposit through the whole extent of country between Dundas and Waratah, and other police stations, will, it is very likely, be soon required as the centres of population become defined.

The principal increase in the population of the Colony, exclusive of the two cities, has, during the last ten or eleven years, been in the Territorial Police Districts, owing to the fact that they have not been so long settled, and are not so fully developed as others, and further almost the whole of the mineral lands and unalienated agricultural lands are within them. This increase and the extension of mining and agricultural settlement naturally led to the necessity for the establishment of new police stations, and since the close of 1885 eighteen have been opened, with 25 men, one of whom is a Superintendent and one a Sub-Inspector. In some parts of the Colony it has been found practicable to reduce the number of Officers and Constables and to transfer the men to the new stations, so that there has been an actual increase in the numbers of nine only, the number in the Department in 1885 being 115, and at the present moment 124.

Thirteen persons selected from the register of applicants were appointed Constables during the year to fill vacancies and new stations, as follows:—

Resignations	5
Discharges	3
Dismissals	1
Deaths	2
New stations	2

Three of these men had served in the Permanent Artillery of the Colony, others had had some Police experience, and some were young men, natives of the Colony, who had had no previous training. The selection of young men of the class who would naturally be expected to look upon the Police Force as a source of permanent employment is seriously impeded by the difficulty experienced in giving them any systematic instruction and training, to which I have more fully referred in previous Reports.

The increase in the pay of the officers and men for "length of good service" has had a most beneficial effect, and acts as a strong encouragement to all in the service. It has removed the dissatisfaction which so naturally existed when men only just appointed received the same pay as those who had been in the service for very many years.

It appears unnecessary to refer to subjects fully dealt with in my Report for 1890, and which is printed as Parliamentary Paper, No. 58, Session 1891, beyond drawing attention to them in that Report. They are—The Licensing Act, the recent Act to amend the Law of Evidence, the opposition to the Laws for the protection of Fish, the increased work of the Department, and the failure of some officers of the Municipal Police to furnish reports of crimes and offences.

The offices of the Commissioner and Clerical Staff, and the head-quarters of the Superintendent of New Town and Queenborough were removed on 30th July, 1891, from the premises occupied for several years at Lower Macquarie street, to premises in Barrack Square.

The Territorial Police Provident Fund stood as follows on 31st December, 1891 :—

Superannuation Branch	£5392 9 5
Reward Branch	1012 11 11

The amount paid to members of the Force who retired during the year was £77 3s. 11d., and the amount of rewards given was £17.

I append the usual Return showing the strength and distribution of the Police during the year, together with some particulars of other offices held and duties performed by them. The Return of Offences attached shows a slight increase over the two preceding years, which is to be clearly traced to the increase of population, and is not out of proportion to it. This is particularly noticeable in the Macquarie District, where the excitement connected with the mines attracted, as it usually does, many objectionable characters.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Commissioner of Police.*

The Hon. the Attorney-General.



RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Territorial Police Force during the Year 1891.

District.	Station.	Superintendent.	Sub-Inspector.	Sergeant.	Constable.	Special Constable.	Remarks.
NEW TOWN AND QUEENBOROUGH.	Head Station.....	1	1	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector under Fisheries Act, Secretary Sandy Bay Local Board of Health, Town Surveyor, Crown Lands Bailiff, Sanitary Inspector of Health Glebe Town, New Town, and Queenborough, 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. The Constable is Summoning Officer, Supreme Court.
	New Town.....	..	..	1	3	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and Sub-Collector of Real Estate Duty.
	Mount Stuart Road..	..	..	..	1	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests and Inspector of Stock.
	Sandy Bay.....	..	..	1	2	..	
	Glebe Town & Domain ..	..	..	..	4	..	
	Cascade Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	
Fern Tree .....	..	..	..	1	..		
KINGBOROUGH.	Kingston	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff Court of Requests, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Collector of Hospital Fees, Collector of Stock and Crop, Compiler of Valuation Roll and Jury List, and Inspector Local Boards of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Bench Clerk, Registrar of Court of Requests, and Clerk to Board of Advice.
	Gordon .....	..	1	..	..	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Margate .....	..	..	..	..	1	The Constable has forage for one horse, and is Bailiff Court of Requests. The Constable has forage for one horse.
	Leslie .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Woodbridge .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Bruny Island (North) ..	..	..	..	1	..	
Bruny Island (South) ..	..	..	..	..	1		
FRANKLIN.	Franklin	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Collector of Hospital Fees, Inspector under Fisheries Act, Inspector Board of Health, Collector of Stock and Crop, Compiler of Jury List and Valuation Rolls, and has forage allowance for one horse. A Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Port Cygnet .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Inspector Board of Health, and has forage for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Port Esperance.....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Southport .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Inspector Board of Health. A Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Honeywood .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Huonville.....	..	..	..	2	..	
Recherche .....	..	..	..	1	..		
CARNARVON.	Carnarvon .....	..	1	..	..	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bench Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Bailiff and Registrar Court of General Sessions, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Impression Bay.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
MACQUARIE.	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 Tidewater.
	Argenton .....	..	..	..	1	..	A Constable is Inspector Local Board of Health, Bailiff Court of Requests, and Crown Lands Bailiff.
	Dundas .....	..	..	..	2	..	
	Reminé .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Zeehan.....	..	..	..	5	..	
SOUTH LONGFORD.	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 Bailiff Court of Requests, Collector of Stock and Crops, 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	..	..	..
	Patersonia .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Lilydale .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Inspector Local Board of Health, and Registrar Court of Requests.
	Turner's Marsh .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Dilston .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto.
	Rosevears .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Assistant Harbour Master and Inspector Board of Health.
	Trevallyn .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Inspector Board of Health.
	Hadspen .....	..	..	..	1	..	
Young Town .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.	

<i>District.</i>	<i>Station.</i>	<i>Superintendent.</i>	<i>Sub-Inspector.</i>	<i>Sergeant.</i>	<i>Constable.</i>	<i>Special Constable.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
RINGAROOMA.	Scottsdale	1	..	..	3	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of Requests, of Crown Lands, and Inspector Local Boards of Health, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and has forage allowance for one horse. A Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Moorina.....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Ringarooma, Upper..	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Branxholm .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Bridport.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Gladstone .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Derby .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Boobyalla .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
PORTLAND.	St. Helen's.....	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Nuisances, Compiler of Valuation Roll and Statistics, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests. One Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Gould's Country .....	..	1	..	..	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Weldborough .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
GEORGE TOWN.	George Town.....	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of General Sessions, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Registrar Court of General Sessions, and Bench Clerk.
	Beaconsfield .....	..	1	..	2	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Local 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.
	Piper's River.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
MERSEY AND LATROBE.	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.
	West Devonport.....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Assistant Inspector Board of Health.
	Ulverstone.....	..	1	..	2	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Latrobe .....	..	1	..	2	..	The Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Stock, Bailiff Court of General Sessions, and Assistant Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Penguin.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, Harbour Master, and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Forth .....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant has forage allowance for one horse.
	Don .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Sheffield.....	..	..	..	2	..	One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health. One Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Railton .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Sasafras .....	..	..	..	1	..	
Moriarty Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse.	
Castra .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.	
EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.	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, Bailiff of Crown Lands, 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.
	Stanley .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Tidewater, and Bailiff of Crown Lands and Inspector of Stock, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Cam .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater and Harbour Master, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Duck River.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater and Harbour Master, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Heazlewood .....	..	..	..	1	..	
ISLANDS, BASS STRAITS.	Cape Barren Island..	..	..	..	1	..	
	TOTAL.....	11	15	5	90	3	

RETURN of Offences reported to the Territorial Police in the several Districts during the Year 1891, compared with similar Returns for preceding years.

	Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
		Cases reported.	Apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
					Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
New Town and Queenborough.....	1889...	72	22	25	15	11	175	27
	1890...	38	17	22	20	3	104	12
	1891...	45	21	13	16	8	89	8
Kingborough.....	1889...	34	6	5	—	—	7	1
	1890...	22	3	1	1	—	7	—
	1891...	23	3	6	2	—	8	—
Franklin.....	1889...	18	16	16	11	2	52	2
	1890...	16	9	9	6	3	32	3
	1891...	18	13	11	8	3	52	7
Carnarvon.....	1889...	6	1	1	—	—	12	—
	1890...	5	3	4	1	1	12	1
	1891...	6	4	3	—	—	7	—
Selby.....	1889...	39	25	24	3	2	44	9
	1890...	39	28	27	5	3	132	9
	1891...	39	17	15	—	1	149	6
Ringarooma.....	1889...	31	26	23	45	8	38	—
	1890...	15	9	8	3	2	47	7
	1891...	9	4	4	18	1	37	1
Portland.....	1889...	5	3	5	—	—	11	—
	1890...	35	2	2	—	—	33	—
	1891...	20	3	3	3	—	46	2
George Town.....	1889...	22	12	9	4	1	61	6
	1890...	15	4	5	1	2	40	3
	1891...	28	8	8	4	—	57	3
Mersey and Latrobe.....	1889...	64	41	42	142	46	141	22
	1890...	81	65	62	128	20	141	9
	1891...	57	50	44	162	29	149	7
Emu Bay and Russell.....	1889...	21	19	19	33	2	91	1
	1890...	30	18	12	39	3	53	1
	1891...	50	21	21	51	5	71	2
Macquarie.....	1889...	15	2	7	—	—	22	2
	1890...	38	16	12	46	—	109	—
	1891...	104	41	28	71	—	239	—

TOTALS.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1889.....	327	173	176	253	72	654	70
1890.....	334	174	164	250	37	710	45
1891.....	399	185	156	335	47	904	36