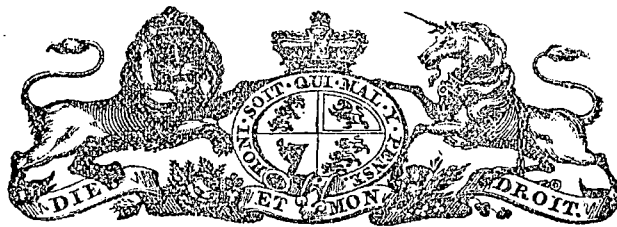


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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of the CONSTABULARY FORCES maintained by Municipalities in Tasmania for the Year ending the 30th June, 1869.— (Pursuant to 29th VICTORIA, No. 9.)

Office of Inspector of Police, 11th August, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor herewith to present my Twelfth Annual Report on the state of the Police Forces in the Municipal Districts of Tasmania.

The majority of these continue to be maintained on a satisfactory basis, and to be liberally paid. A few, however, scarcely attain a standard of sufficiency, and to others an inadequate rate of pay is authorised. When the services of a Policeman are unappreciated, and probably misunderstood, it is unreasonable to expect to secure honest intelligent men; and there is consequently an increasing difficulty, as well from a feeling of the uncertainty of tenure of office as of a continuance of an adequate wage, in securing the right class of men to fill vacancies in the Constabulary.

Crime of a serious character is, I am glad to say, of unfrequent occurrence, though there has been a very slight decrease in the number of minor offences reported to the Police. The commission of these is chiefly confined to vagrants, not honest destitute wayfarers, but men who prefer an erratic mode of life to work of any description. These are found to be principally old convicts, who from their unreformed habits form by far the largest proportion of the criminal class.

I would observe that in those Municipalities in which Railway Works are in operation efficient supervision seems to have been extended, and that very little disorder has occurred amongst the navvies employed thereon,—a class that generally gives the Police some trouble.

No extension of Municipal action has taken place throughout the Colony since my last Report.

I append the usual tabular return.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

MUNICIPALITIES.

CITY OF HOBART.—(Established February 1st, 1858.)

Population	19,500
Area in acres.....	1270
Population to one Constable.....	513
Acres to one Constable.....	33
Strength of Force.....	38

This Force has maintained its standard of efficiency satisfactorily, and remains unchanged in organisation, numerical strength, and pay since last inspection. There were no vacancies in it; but one Petty Constable was on leave, sick, whose place was temporarily filled by a special man. The men paraded in their last

year's clothing, as the issue for the current year had not been delivered. It was, however, together with their accoutrements and equipments, in excellent order. Two or three trivial cases of breaches of discipline only were recorded. Three Petty Constables had resigned during the year, and one had been promoted to the merit class, with corresponding increase of pay.

During the year ending 30th June, 315 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 192 persons had been apprehended, of whom 135 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 181 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 96 were males and 85 females, and 551 persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 262 males and 289 females. 13 informations had been laid against publicans, in 11 of which convictions were obtained. The station-house, and the wards and cells therein, were in good order and clean; and the books, records, and returns very correctly and intelligibly kept. A Medical Officer is attached to the Station, but the Force is not entitled to his professional services. The Acting Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Common Lodging-houses, Bailiff of the Small Debts Court, and Summoning Officer of the Police Court.

TOWN OF LAUNCESTON.—(Established January 1st, 1858.)

Population	10,360
Area in acres	3340
Population to one Constable	575
Acres to one Constable.....	185
Strength of Force	18

This Force remains unaltered in organisation, numerical strength, and pay, maintaining a good standard of efficiency. Permanency of service is a favorable feature in it. A Special Constable for extra service was doing duty temporarily at the time of my inspection. The men presented a smart appearance, and were well clothed and equipped with the ordinary appointments, and their arms and accoutrements were in excellent order. One Constable had resigned during the year.

During the year ending 30th June, 204 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 108 persons had been apprehended, of whom 70 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 239 persons had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 147 of whom were males and 92 females; and 241 persons proceeded against under the Police Government Act and Bye-Laws, of whom 150 were males and 91 females. One publican had been convicted under *The Licensing Act*. The books, records, and returns were carefully and correctly kept; and the station-house and cells in good repair and cleanly. The Superintendent is also Examiner of Weights and Measures, and the Sub-Inspector an Inspector of Nuisances. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

GLAMORGAN.—(Established 28th February, 1860.)

Population	1200
Population to one Constable	171
Strength of Force { Effectives 4 }	7
{ Specials.. 3 }	

The effective numerical strength of this Force remains unaltered, but there were several vacancies for Special Constables at the time of my inspection, which the Council find great difficulty in filling up,—its efficiency being weakened thereby to some small extent. One Petty Constable and two Specials had left by resignation. The uniform was good, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 16 persons were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, of whom 15 were males and 1 female; and 11 persons, 8 males and 3 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. 23 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 10 persons were apprehended, of whom 9 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. One publican has been proceeded against, and a penalty inflicted. The head station-house had been repaired. The wards and cells were cleanly; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. A Medical man is attached to this Force. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

SPRING BAY.—(Established October 19th, 1864.)

Population	750
Population to one Constable	107
Strength of Force { Effectives 5 }	7
{ Specials.. 2 }	

This Force remains unchanged in organisation, numerical strength, and pay,—one vacancy existing, however, at my inspection, for a Special Constable. The Escort station, suggested by me for several years past, on the boundaries of this Municipality and that of Richmond, is to be soon erected. The clothing, an undress uniform, was good of its kind; and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. No Medical man is attached to the Force. One Special Constable had resigned.

During the year ending 30th June, 6 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, of whom 5 were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 6 persons, all of whom were males, were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. No proceedings were taken under the Police Act or Bye-Laws, nor had any informations been laid against publicans.

The station-houses were in good repair, and the several wards and cells therein in good and cleanly order. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

CLARENCE.—(*Established November 13th, 1860.*)

Population	1600
Population to one Constable	266
Strength of Force { Effectives 4 Specials 2 }	6

A consolidation of the offices of Superintendent of Police and Council Clerk has taken place since my last inspection,—giving an increase of pay to the officer in charge of the Force, who was formerly the Council Clerk alone,—the services of the late Superintendent having been dispensed with. The organisation and numerical strength remain unaltered. The Force is not supplied with a uniform, which I consider very objectionable. One Petty Constable had resigned. The arms and accoutrements were in very good order.

During the year ending the 30th June, 14 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 14 persons were apprehended, of whom 7 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 8 persons, of whom 7 were males and 1 female, were charged with being drunk and disorderly; and 38 persons, 35 males and 3 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. 2 informations had been laid against publicans, one of whom was convicted and fined. The station-houses and the wards and cells therein were in good repair and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. No Medical man is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock and Roads.

RICHMOND.—(*Established 1st August, 1861.*)

Population	1885
Population to one Constable	269
Strength of Force	7

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remain the same. The Superintendent now resides at head quarters, as I suggested to the Council it was necessary for him to do to secure an efficient supervision; and the consolidation of his office with that of Council Clerk has not apparently affected its standard of efficiency. Steps are being taken for the erection of an Escort station at the White Marsh, which is very necessary to be maintained jointly by this Municipality and those of Spring Bay and Sorell. There had been no resignations nor dismissals from the Force since my last inspection. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 19 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 20 persons were apprehended, of whom 15 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 80 persons, of whom 61 were males and 19 females, had been charged with being drunk and disorderly; and 138 persons, 114 males and 24 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. Two publicans had been convicted under the Licensing Act. The Superintendent is Council Clerk and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions, the Bailiff of which is a Sergeant. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

OATLANDS.—(*Established 9th January, 1862.*)

Population	1879
Population to one Constable	235
Strength of Force	8

The organisation of this Force remains the same, but its numerical strength is reduced by one Petty Constable, by which, however, its standard of efficiency is not affected. A Shilling a day has been deducted from the pay of officers and men,—reducing their remuneration to an inadequate scale of wage, which is likely, by affecting permanency of service, to act detrimentally on its hitherto acknowledged efficiency. 1 Sub-Inspector and 2 Petty Constables were removed, being inefficient. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 52 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 32 persons were apprehended, of whom 25 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 61 persons, 45 males and 16 females, had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct; and 202 persons, of whom 171 were males and 31 females, with offences against the Police Act and Bye-Laws. 9 informations had been laid against publicans, and 8 convictions obtained. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force. The station-houses were in good repair; the several wards and cells therein clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

LONGFORD.—(*Established 28th February, 1862.*)

Population	5050
Population to one Constable	561
Strength of Force	9

The organization and numerical strength of this Force, which is well paid and appointed, remain unaltered, and its standard of efficiency is satisfactorily maintained, though its duties have been lately much increased by the railway works now in operation within the Municipality. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in very serviceable order. 1 Sub-Inspector and 2 Petty Constables had resigned, and 1 Petty Constable been dismissed since last inspection, involving changes more or less temporarily affecting its efficiency.

During the year ending 30th June, 59 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 36 persons were apprehended, of whom 32 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 111 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 79 were males and 32 females; and 80 persons proceeded against for offences against the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 51 males and 29 females. One publican had been convicted under the Licensing Act. The station-houses were in good repair; the wards and cells therein clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

GREEN PONDS.—(*Established 15th April, 1862.*)

Population	1206
Population to one Constable.....	172
Strength of Force	7

Since my last inspection the office of Superintendent has been consolidated with that of Council Clerk, and the duties seem to be efficiently performed by the officer holding these combined appointments. Its organisation, numerical strength, pay, and standard of efficiency remain unaltered. No resignations nor dismissals had occurred during the year.

During the year ending 30th June, 36 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 25 persons had been apprehended, of whom 17 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 34 persons had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, of whom 29 were males and 5 females. 97 persons had been proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 72 males and 25 females. No publicans had been proceeded against. The station-houses were in good repair, and the wards and cells thereof clean. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. No Medical man is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

SORELL.—(*Established 30th June, 1862.*)

Population	1928
Population to one Constable.....	385
Strength of Force { Effectives 4 }	5
{ Specials.. 1 }	

This Force has undergone a complete re-organisation, and its efficiency under its present constitution is very problematical. I cannot, however, form any decided opinion on this point until I have further results of its working before me. On the 30th April the whole existing Force was disbanded, and on the 1st May reconstituted. It now consists of a Superintendent, whose office is consolidated with that of Council Clerk; 2 mounted Constables; a Watch-house Keeper at Sorell; and a Special Constable in charge of the Station at East Bay Neck, as a guard against the escape of Convicts from Tasman's Peninsula, whose whole salary, £50 a year, is now paid by the Imperial Government. Its pay is very inadequate,—the Superintendent only receiving £150 a year, without forage allowance; the mounted Constables £110 a year, without forage allowance; the Watch-house Keeper £50 a year; and the Special Constable before alluded to £50 a year. To secure energetic honest men adequate pay must be awarded them for their services; and I cannot think that the scale fixed by this Municipality will effect this very essential object. The Force wears no uniform, which is very objectionable.

During the year ending 30th June, 45 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 18 persons had been apprehended, of whom 11 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 24 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 13 were males and 11 females; and 44 persons, 33 males and 11 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. One publican had been convicted and fined. The station-houses, wards, and cells were in good repair and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. No Medical man is attached to the Force.

BOTHWELL.—(*Established 19th November, 1863.*)

Population	1300
Population to one Constable.....	322
Strength of Force	4

A small portion of the area of this Municipality, to which Police protection was not extended, has been severed from it and annexed to the Police District of South Longford since my last inspection. The organisation, numerical strength, and pay remain unaltered. The out-station at the "Quoin," which was experimentally discontinued, is to be again established. No resignations nor dismissals from the Force had occurred. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 17 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 6 persons had been apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 33 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 23 were males and 10 females; and 102 persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 62 males and 40 females. No proceedings had been taken against publicans. The station-houses were in good repair, and the wards and cells therein clean. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

ROSS.—(*Established 17th February, 1863.*)

Population	950
Population to one Constable.....	160
Strength of Force { Effectives 3 } { Specials .. 3 }	6

Since my last inspection the proposed consolidation of the office of Superintendent with that of Council Clerk has been effected, and the Force strengthened by the re-appointment of a Special Constable alluded to in my last Report as having been reduced. Its organisation remains unchanged,—the Superintendent formerly in charge being succeeded by the Council Clerk. One Petty Constable and one Special had resigned during the year. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force. During the year ending 30th June, 39 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 27 persons had been apprehended, of whom 24 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 15 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 8 were males and 7 females; and 111 persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 82 males and 29 females. 3 informations had been laid against publicans, and one conviction obtained. The station-house had been, and the cells were, in course of repair, and were clean. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept, the uniform good, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

FINGAL.—(*Established 27th February, 1863.*)

Population	1956
Population to one Constable.....	178
Strength of Force	11

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force, which maintains its standard of efficiency, remain unaltered. An out-station at Fonthill, a locality requiring protection, has been built. The necessity for a new station at Avoca is annually becoming more apparent. A horse is now kept at the head station for Police purposes, enabling rapid communication to be held with the out-stations. The uniform was good in quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. Two Petty Constables had been dismissed and two had resigned since my last inspection,—greater changes in the Force than is desirable.

During the year ending 30th June, 33 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 34 persons had been apprehended, of whom 24 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 33 persons, of whom 25 were males and 8 females, had been charged with being drunk and disorderly; and 69 persons, 46 males and 23 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. The station-houses, and the wards and cells therein, were in good order and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. No Medical man is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Town Surveyor, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

NEW NORFOLK.—(*Established 17th March, 1863.*)

Population	2690
Population to one Constable.....	384
Strength of Force	7

This Force maintains its standard of efficiency, and has undergone no change in organisation, numerical strength, nor pay since my last inspection. Permanency of service is a favorable feature,—there having been no dismissals nor resignations.

During the year ending 30th June, 80 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 63 persons had been apprehended, of whom 47 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 27 persons, of whom 18 were males and 9 females, were charged with being drunk and disorderly; and 61 persons, 46 males and 15 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. One information had been laid against a publican, but dismissed. The station-houses, and the wards and cells therein, were in good repair and clean; the uniform of good quality; and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. No Medical man is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

HAMILTON.—(*Established 30th September, 1863.*)

Population	1497
Population to one Constable.....	249
Strength of Force	6

A portion of this Municipality has been severed from it and annexed to the District of South Longford since my last Report. Its Force is slightly changed in organisation and pay; its numerical strength, however, remaining unimpaired. The station at the Ouse had been rendered fit for the reception of prisoners; that at the Woolpack required repairing and fencing. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. The Superintendent in charge at my last inspection, a very energetic efficient officer, had unfortunately been accidentally killed, and another appointed in his place who has had some years' experience in the same capacity in another Municipality. One Sub-Inspector had died, and another had resigned.

During the year ending 30th June, 32 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 23 persons had been apprehended, of whom 15 were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 18 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 13 were males and 5 females; and 42 persons, 29 males and 13 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. No informations had been laid against publicans. The head station-house, and the wards and cells, were in good repair and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock. No Medical man is attached to the Force.

BRIGHTON.—(*Established 19th November, 1863.*)

Population	2808
Population to one Constable	561
Strength of Force { Effectives 4 { Specials .. 1 }	5

The standard of efficiency maintained by this Force will not be a satisfactory one until another Petty Constable is stationed at head quarters,—in which case the Special Constable, who is an ineffective, could be dispensed with. Its organisation, numerical strength, and pay remain unaltered. I still consider the Superintendent inadequately paid. There had been no resignations nor dismissals since my last inspection. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 29 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 18 persons had been apprehended, of whom 15 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 59 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 39 were males and 20 females; and 146 persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 106 males and 40 females. No informations had been laid against publicans. The station-houses, and the wards and cells therein, were in good order and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

WESTBURY.—(*Established 15th December, 1863.*)

Population	6500
Population to one Constable	542
Strength of Force	12

A considerable area, taken from the Police District of Selby, has been annexed to this Municipality, including the Township of Carrick, since my last inspection,—involving an increase to this Force of one Acting Sub-Inspector and two Petty Constables. Its organisation remains unaltered, but a reduction has been made in the pay of two of the Acting Sub-Inspectors, and the Superintendent has had an additional allowance for forage granted him. The out-station Constables still receive forage allowance, and each keeps a horse, securing increased efficiency. Permanency of service is a favourable feature in it, there having been no resignations nor dismissals during the year. The uniform was in excellent condition, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order. The Railway Works in progress in the Municipality throw additional duties on the Force. During the year ending 30th June, 84 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 50 persons were apprehended, of whom 37 were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 179 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 141 were males and 38 females; and 178 persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws, 140 males and 38 females. No publicans had been proceeded against. The station-houses, wards, and cells were in good repair and clean. A new building is in course of erection at Carrick, for which a Subsidy was granted by the Government; but I regret to say that it is being diverted from the purpose it was originally intended for; and the station, which was condemned by the late Director of Public Works and myself, is undergoing very inadequate repairs. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Medical man is attached to the Force.

DELORAIN.—(*Established 18th December, 1863.*)

Population	3600
Population to one Constable	600
Strength of Force	6

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remain unaltered since my last inspection, and its standard of efficiency is satisfactorily maintained. One Petty Constable had resigned. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 40 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 41 persons had been apprehended, of whom 30 were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 100 persons had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, of whom 75 were males and 25 females; and 184 persons, 135 males and 49 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. Two publicans had been convicted and fined for breaches of the Licensing Act. The station-houses were in good repair; the wards and cells clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. No Medical Officer is attached to this Force.

GLENORCHY.—(*Established 30th June, 1864.*)

Population	1265
Population to one Constable.....	181
Strength of Force	7

This Force has been increased by one Petty Constable, who is a Water Bailiff under the Salmon Preservation Act. Its organisation and pay remain unaltered, and its standard of efficiency is satisfactorily maintained. One resignation had taken effect since my last inspection. The uniform was of excellent quality, and the arms and accoutrements in very serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 6 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 5 persons had been apprehended, of whom 2 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 8 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 6 were males and 2 females; and 42 persons, 40 males and 2 females, proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. No publicans had been proceeded against. The station-house (an incommodious one, requiring additions), wards, and cells were in good repair and clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

EVANDALE.—(*Established 29th December, 1865.*)

Population	3260
Population to one Constable.....	465
Strength of Force	7

No change has been made in the organisation, numerical strength, nor pay of this Force, with the exception of the temporary employment of a mounted Constable for duty on the Railway Works in operation within the Municipality, whose services were to be dispensed with on 31st July. It maintains its standard of efficiency. A new out-station has been erected at Deddington. No dismissals nor resignations had occurred since my last inspection.

During the year ending 30th June, 25 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 17 persons had been apprehended, of whom 16 had been summarily convicted or committed for trial. 45 persons had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, of whom 42 were males and 3 females. 86 persons, 69 males and 17 females, had been proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. No informations had been laid against publicans. The necessity of erecting a new station-house at head quarters is forcing itself on the Authorities,—the present old building becoming annually more unfit for occupation either by Police or Prisoners. The wards and cells in it were in as clean and orderly a state as its character will allow. The out-stations were in good repair. The uniform was in good order; the arms and accoutrements serviceable; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. There is no Medical Officer attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

CAMPBELL TOWN.—(*Established 18th September, 1866.*)

Population	1600
Population to one Constable.....	178
Strength of Force	9

The organisation, numerical strength, and pay of this Force remain unaltered since my last inspection, and its standard of efficiency is satisfactorily maintained. There had been no resignations nor dismissals during the year. The uniform was of good quality, and the arms and accoutrements in serviceable order.

During the year ending 30th June, 48 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 38 persons had been apprehended, of whom 31 were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 55 persons had been charged with being drunk and disorderly, of whom 30 were males and 25 females; and 74 persons, 52 males and 22 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-Laws. 4 informations had been laid against publicans, and convictions had in two cases. The head station-house requires enlarging,—both ward and cell accommodation being required in consequence of the old gaol being untenable. The wards and cells in use were clean; and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. No Medical man is attached to the Force.

