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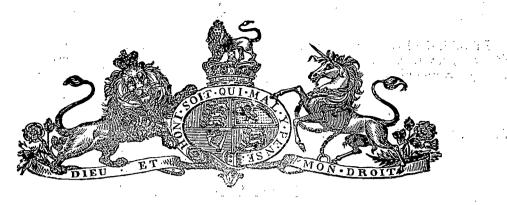
TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

INSPECTOR OF POLICE, MUNICIPAL.

REPORT TO JUNE 30, 1875.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 27, 1875.



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Constabulary Forces of Municipalities for the Year ending 30 June, 1875.

Office of Inspector of Police, 23rd August, 1875.

SIR,

I BEG to submit my Report upon the state of the Municipal Police for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

The authorised effective strength of Police in the entire Municipal area of the Colony is as follows:—

Superintendents	21
Sub-Inspectors	21
Sergeants	24
Constables	98
Special Constables	18
Special Constantes	10

In regard to crime, the following Table will show its state throughout the Municipalities, and that of minor offences, as compared with similar classes during the last two years:—

	INDIC	CTABLE OFFI	ENCES.	OFFENCES DETERMINED SUMMARILY.							
YEARS.	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.		nness and y Conduct.	Offences against Police Act. and Bye-laws.					
1872	1123	658	491	Male. 745	Female.	Male. 1531	Female.				
1873	920	592	354	830	492	1662	575				
1874	850	521	384	772	376	1243	482				

In my inspection of the Rural Municipalities I had the advantage of the companionship of my experienced predecessor. I found that no important changes had recently occurred, and that last year's numerical strength had been maintained.

I entered upon the duties of my office with decided opinions as to the superiority of a central over a municipal form of Police government. This, however, will be no check upon my exertions to make the best of the system I find sanctioned by law, and now in operation, even though a more prolonged official experience should strengthen my convictions.

It would be an improvement in the Municipal system if means were devised for removing Constables from one District to another. Promotion would be made easier and more certain, while the men would be less liable to the danger of becoming identified with local parties or interests.

A tendency to retrench below the standard of efficiency has been previously reported; and the objectionable practice of entrusting the duties of Council Clerk and Superintendent of Police to one individual still prevails in some instances.

The high remuneration available for labour has lessened the temptation to crime against property. Offences against the person have been unusually serious during the year. The severe punishment inflicted upon some criminals convicted of these offences will no doubt have the desired deterrent effect.

I furnish the Returns of the various Municipal Forces, with my Report in detail; and beg to acknowledge, with great satisfaction, the courtesy I have experienced in my relations with the Municipal Authorities.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.

MUNICIPALITIES.

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

Population	20,000
Area in acres	1270
Population to one Constable	526
Acres to each Constable	33
Strength of Force	38

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unaltered.

There were no resignations nor dismissals.

Indictable, as well as minor offences, had decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 220 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 108 persons had been apprehended, of whom 72 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 111 males and 74 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 351 males and 188 females were proceeded against for breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Eight publicans were proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act, six of whom were convicted and fined.

The station-house and the wards and cells are in good repair and cleanly, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept.

An Acting Sub-Inspector is Coroner's Clerk and Inspector of Common Lodging-houses. A Medical Officer attends the Watch-house.

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

Population	11,000
Area in acres	3340
Population to one Constable	<i>5</i> 79 °
Acres to one Constable	176
Strength of Force	19

The Force retains its usual standard of efficiency.

Permanency of service is a remarkable feature in this Force, as no resignations nor dismissals have taken place during the last four years.

There was a decrease in indictable, as well as offences under the Police Act and Bye-laws, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness.

During the year ending 30th June, 153 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 75 persons were apprehended, of whom 49 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 79 males and 72 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 75 males and 42 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Seven publicans were proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act, and six of them fined.

The station-house and cells were in good repair, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, and the Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Common Lodging-houses.

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

Strength of Force—Effectives, 3; Specials, 7................. 10

This Force I consider below the usual standard of efficiency. The offices of Superintendent of Police and Council Clerk, which were amalgamated, have within the last few months been separated.

The Sub-Inspector, who ranks as a Special, receives a salary of £50 a year, and 5s. a day when on active duty, and is allowed to follow his trade, that of a shoemaker. This I consider a most objectionable appointment.

There are seven Special Constables scattered through this District; one receiving £25 a year, and 5s. a day when on active duty; two others £5 per annum, and 5s. a day when specially employed; and four others 10s. a day when on duty.

The Superintendent had resigned.

During the year ending 30th June, 6 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 8 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 1 male and 2 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 35 males and 2 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The wards and cells at the several stations were cleanly, and the books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Special Constable at Swansea is Watch-house keeper as well as Pound-keeper.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Court of General Sessions, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock.

SPRING BAY.

Strength of Force—Effectives, 4; Specials, 2...... 6

This Force has been increased by the appointment of a Special Constable.

The pay of the effective members of this Force, which had been reduced, was raised 20 per cent. from the 1st January last, and that of the Special Constable in charge of the Watch-house from £10 to £20 per annum.

The Special Constable at Swanston receives £10 per annum, and both Special Constables are allowed 6s, a day when on duty. There had been no resignations.

There had been a decrease in indictable offences and offences under the Police Act and Bye-laws, but the number of persons charged with drunkenness was the same as during last year.

During the year ending 30th June, 1 indictable offence had been reported to the Police, but no person was apprehended. 2 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 7 males and 3 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The stations at Spring Bay and Swanston require repairing.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff of Court of General Sessions, and Customs Officer.

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

This Force remains unaltered in organisation and numerical strength.

Two Sergeants had resigned during the year.

The number of indictable as well as other offences was about the same as last year.

During the year ending 30th June, 6 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 7 persons were apprehended, of whom 5 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 2 males and 1 female were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 22 males and 2 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No publicans had been proceeded against for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent performs the duties of Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Bailiff Court of General Sessions.

RICHMOND.

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unaltered.

The chief station was in good repair, and the wards and cells cleanly.

A Sub-Inspector had resigned.

Indictable and other offences had decreased considerably.

During the year ending 30th June, 31 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 25 persons were apprehended, all of whom were convicted summarily or committed for trial. 51 males and 22 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 39 males and 10 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

OATLANDS .- (Established 9th January, 1862.)

This Force remains unaltered in organisation and numerical strength. There were no resignations nor dismissals during the year.

Indictable as well as minor offences had decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 42 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 39 persons were apprehended, of whom 24 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 54 males and 28 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 55 males and 25 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. 9 publicans were proceeded against or breaches of the Licensing Act, 5 of whom were convicted and fined.

The station-houses were in good repair, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Town Surveyor, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

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

The organisation of this Force remains unaltered.

The Superintendent's salary, £125 per annum, is far too small for an officer in his position, and for the amount of work that devolves upon him in so populous a Municipality as Longford. There had been no resignations nor dismissals from the Force during the year.

Indictable offences had slightly increased, while minor offences were about the same as last year. During the year ending 30th June, 47 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 47 persons were apprehended, of whom 28 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 117 males and 44 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 79 males and 23 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The chief station-house was in good order, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept. The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

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

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unaltered.

One Constable had resigned during the year.

There was a decrease in indictable offences, but an increase in minor ones.

During the year ending 30th June, 36 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 25 persons were apprehended, of whom 21 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 20 males and 6 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 62 males and 24 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent performs the duties of Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Town Surveyor, Gaoler, Poundkeeper, and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions.

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

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

The head station requires some repairs.

There had been no resignations nor dismissals.

During the year ending 30th June, 23 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 18 persons were apprehended, of whom 10 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 14 males and 1 female were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 82 males and 6 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Two convictions had been obtained against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent of Police is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

BOTHWELL.

Strength of Force 4

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

The station-houses were in good repair, and the books, records, and returns correctly kept.

Two Constables had resigned.

There was a slight increase in the number of indictable offences, and in the number of persons proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending 30th June, 10 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, 4 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 20 males and 11 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 28 males and 12 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No proceedings were taken against publicans.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

The Constables are all stationed at head quarters. A horse is kept for the general use of the Police.

ROSS.

One Constable resigned during the year. The organisation of the Force remains unaltered.

There has been a decrease in the number of offences. A notorious criminal was permitted to escape from the gaol under circumstances disclosing great negligence on the part of the Police.

During the year ending 30th June, 13 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons had been apprehended, of whom 8 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 13 males and 9 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 22 males and 18 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Two publicans had been fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The station was in good repair.

The books and records correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

FINGAL.

Strength of Force—Effectives, 8; Special, 1......

The effective strength of this Force has been reduced to so low a standard, that with any accession of mining population extra constables must be appointed. There has been one dismissal during the year.

Indictable offences had increased, but minor offences had decreased.

27 indictable offences were reported during the year, with 15 apprehensions and 13 convictions; 14 males and 5 females charged with drunk and disorderly conduct; and 23 males and 15 females had been proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

There were no proceedings against publicans.

The station buildings at Fingal are far too extensive for present requirements, and the watch-house at Avoca quite unfit for its purposes.

The books and records are very methodically and correctly kept. Uniform, arms, &c. in good order. The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions, and Bailiff of Crown Lands.

NEW NORFOLK.

1. Indictable offences had increased and minor offences decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 36 indictable offences were reported, 23 persons were apprehended, and all convicted or committed for trial; 39 males and 26 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 51 males and 19 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Bye-laws.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of Licensing Act. The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

HAMILTON.

One Constable had resigned.

The Superintendent performs an unusual amount of visiting duty, and is very attentive to all the details of his office.

Indictable offences had considerably decreased from last year; minor offences had slightly increased in number.

During the year ending 30th June, 9 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 1 person was apprehended and summarily convicted; 26 males and 5 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 20 males and 5 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Three publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act and were fined.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions,

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

This Force has been weakened by the substitution of a Special for a Petty Constable.

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

During the year ending 30th June, 22 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 16 persons were apprehended, of whom 13 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 27 males and 15 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 26 males and 15 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No informations had been laid aganst publicans.

The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

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

There had been no resignations nor dismissals from the Force.

The number of indictable offences, and the number of persons charged with drunkenness, had decreased, but offences under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws had increased.

During the year ending 30th June, 29 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, of whom 9 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 63 males and 17 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 169 males and 42 females with offences under the Police Act and Bye-laws. Three publicans had been convicted for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The station at Westbury is not in a creditable condition. The books, records, &c. are correctly kept. The Superintendent is Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff Court of General Sessions, and Poundkeeper.

DELORAINE.

Strength of Force 5

The organisation and numerical strength of this Force remain unchanged. There had been no resignations nor dismissals during the year. Offences of all kinds had decreased.

During the year ending 30th June, 27 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 19 persons had been apprehended, of whom 18 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 30 males and 9 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 17 males and 6 females proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions.

GLENORCHY .- (Established 30th June, 1864.)

This Force has been reduced by the death of one Constable, who was accidentally killed.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences.

During the year ending 30th June, 28 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 18 persons were apprehended, of whom 13 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 13 males and 8 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 24 males and 3 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

Five publicans were proceeded against under the Licensing Act, four of whom were convicted and fined. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Superintendent is Council Clerk, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions.

EVAN DALE.—(Established 29th December, 1865.)

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation.

CHARLEN COLLEGEN STREET CO.

One Constable had been dismissed and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for larceny.

There was an increase in indictable offences, as well as in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but there was a decrease in the number of offences under the Police Act and Bye-laws.

During the year ending 30th June, 20 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 16 persons were apprehended, of whom 11 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 35 males and 3 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 33 males and 4 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. The books, records, and returns were correctly kept. The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions.

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

Strength of Force—Effectives, 6; Specials, 2...... 8

This Force has undergone no change in numerical strength and organisation. It is composed of six effectives and two specials. The latter receive a small stipend, and 5s. a day when on active duty. There were no resignations nor dismissals.

During the year ending 30th June, 42 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 29 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 41 males and 18 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 23 males and 15 females were proceeded against under the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

One publican had been convicted of a breach of the Licensing Act, and fined.

The books, records, and returns were correctly kept.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, and Registrar of the Court of General Sessions.

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TASMANIA ON THE 30 JUNE, 1875.

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MUNICI- PALITIES.	Establishment— Effectives, 1875.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Detective Con- stables.	Special Constables.	Estimate of Population.	Area in Acres.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Special Constables.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables, 1st	Constables, 2nd Class	Detective Con- stables.	Special Constables when on Duty.	REMARKS.
Hobart Town	38	1	2	1	6	26	2	-	20,000	1270	£ 300	£ s. 155 6	£	s. d.	s. d.	s. d	s. d.	5 9	s. d. 5 6 5 3	6 6	s. d.	With uniform.
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Oatlands Longford	· 6 8	1	2	=	<u>_</u>	3 6		=	_	355,000 212,300		<u> </u>	-	_	5 0 4 9 —	_	5 a	4 6	3 _ 9	=	_	deducted. With uniform. The Superintendent, one Sub-Inspector, and one Costable have forage and allowances. All the Porce have quarters. With uniform. Superintendent has 251. a year forage. Two Out-stati Petry Constables have 201. a year forage. The Superintendent, as w
Green Ponds Sorell Bothwell Ross	7 5 4 3	1 1 1 1	1 - 1		1. 1 -	4 3 3 1	=======================================			136,000 316,000	185 190 180 110		_ _ _ _	_ 	5 9 — 5 0		6 6		3 3 3 9		1111	as the other members of the Force, has quarters. With uniform. With the exception of two Constables the Force I quarters. Two Mounted-troopers. With uniform. Without uniform. Constables have quarters. Superintendent has 2 per annum forage allowance. The Superintendent has quarters, and 251. a year forage allowance.
Fingal	9	1	2	2	1	2	-	1	-	2,007,000	150	-	20	_	5 9	5 C		5 (-	_		Constables receive 2l. a year in lieu of uniform. Two Sub-Inspectors and two Constables have 8l. 6s. 3d. forage alloance. With the exception of the Special Constable the Force It quarters, with uniform.
New Norfolk	7	1	1	-	1	4	-	-	-	125,440	155 160	-	_	-	5 9	-	5 6	5 (5 (- -		With uniform. The Superintendent has quarters, and forage allowan 251 a year, and the Sub-Inspector 251 a year forage allowance. T Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and one Constable has
Hamilton	6	1	2	2		2		1	_	2,959,500 133,760	160	-	10		5 0 5 3			4 9	4 4		_	quarters. Without uniform. The Sub-Inspectors have 101. a year forage allowan All the Force have quarters.
Brighton Westbury	10	1	<u> </u>	2	_	6	_	1	-		200	_	10	_ '		5 8	3 —	5 ()	_	_	Cost of uniform deducted. Constables have quarters. With uniform. Four Constables receive each 101. forage allowance. To Good who is a Petty Constable receive 751, a year.
Deloraine Glenorchy	5 5	1	1 1	 -	<u> </u>	3 2	-	=	_	376,000 24,000	150 150	 105 0	_	_	6 0	-	_	5 8 5 0	5 0 —	-	_	Gaoler, who is a Petty Constable, receives 751. a year. Cost of uniform deducted. Superintendent has quarters and fore allowance, 1s. 6d. per diem, for two horses. Cost of uniform deducted. Sperintendent has 26l. forage allowance the Sub-Inspector has quarters.
Evandale	7	1	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	255,000	100	100 0	—	-	. —	5 (- l	5 () —	_	~-	Without uniform. Two Sub-Inspectors have 51. forage allowance, a quarters; and Superintendent has 151. forage allowance.
Campbell Town	6	1	2	-	-	3	-	2	_	314,800	20	_	10	6 6	{6 0 {5 6	_	-	5 6	3 -	_	5 0	Without uniform. Superintendent has 251, per annum forage allowand and quarters: and one Sub-Inspector 81. Special Constables get 101, year.