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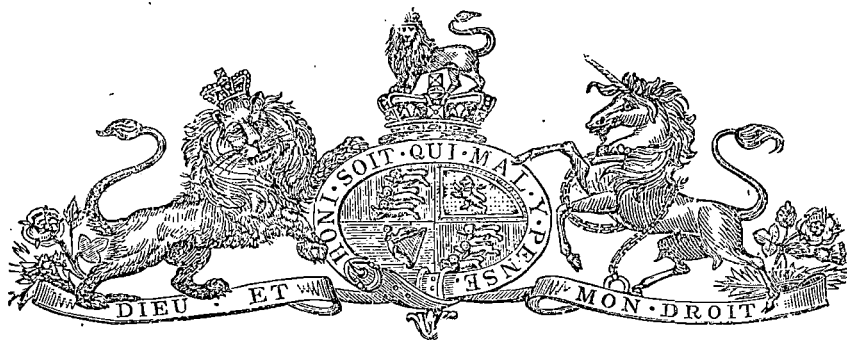
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TERRITORIAL POLICE:

REPORT FOR 1897.

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TERRITORIAL POLICE.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1897.

*Police Department,
Commissioner's Office, Hobart, 10th May, 1898.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit my Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for the year 1897.

Eleven Constables resigned during the year, and one was dismissed; one Sub-Inspector was disgraced.

During the year the senior Constables at New Town, Sandy Bay, Wynyard, and Waratah were made Sergeants, and the following additional Constables were appointed:—Queenstown, 3; Zeehan, 1; Beaconsfield, 1; West Devonport, 1. A new station, with one Constable, was established at Mount Read. The following reductions were effected:—Lefroy, one Constable; Teepookana, one Constable. Four residents on the Huon Road and one at King Island were appointed Constables at nominal salaries for occasional and special local duty.

New Police Stations were erected under the supervision of the Public Works Department at Gormanston, Queenstown, and West Devonport.

I append the Report of the Inspecting Superintendent, who visited every station in the several Districts during the year. I visited the Districts of Selby, George Town, Mersey, and Latrobe.

The Officers of the Clerical Branch at head quarters, as well as the Police Officers and Constables generally, maintained their efficiency in the performance of the duties which devolved upon them, and afforded, in the care and assiduity with which they discharged those duties, very great satisfaction.

The completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was celebrated throughout the Colony with the same enthusiasm as in all other parts of the British Dominions, and it is worthy of note that no disturbance, or even a case of drunkenness or disorderly conduct, was reported from any place in connection with it.

The Territorial Police Provident Fund, which was not augmented in either branch by percentage payments from the salaries of members, or by moiety of fines during the year, had to its credit on 31st December, 1897, the following amounts:—Superannuation Branch, £5438 2s. 3d.; Reward Branch, £1000 13s. 8d. The retiring allowances paid during the year amounted to £276 19s. 8d., and the amount paid as rewards, &c. was £201 2s. 9d.

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I attach the usual Return showing the Strength and Distribution of the Police during the year, and the usual tabulated Comparative Return of Offences reported in the Territorial Districts.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Commissioner of Police.*

The Hon. the Attorney-General.

*Office of Inspecting Superintendent of Police,
20th April, 1898.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for your information, that during the year ending 31st December, 1897, I, as Inspecting Superintendent of Police, visited and inspected all the Police in the Territorial Police Districts of Tasmania, and found the Officers and Constables under their charge, as well as the Police Stations and Records, in a very satisfactory state.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. E. HEDBERG, *Inspecting Superintendent.*

The Commissioner of Police.

RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Territorial Police Force during the Year 1897.

District.	Station.	Superintendent.	Sub-Inspector.	Sergeant.	Constable.	Special Constable.	Remarks.
NEW TOWN, QUEENBOROUGH, KINGBOROUGH, AND CARNARVON.	Head Station.....	1	1	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Stock, Inspector under Fisheries Act, Crown Lands Bailiff, and Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse. The Sub-Inspector is Coroner's Clerk, Crown Bailiff and Inspector of Fisheries. The Constable is Summoning Officer, Supreme Court.
	New Town.....	..	..	1	3	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Sandy Bay.....	..	..	1	2	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests. One Constable has forage allowance.
	Glebe Town & Domain	..	..	..	4	..	A Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and one Constable is Magazine Guard.
	Huon Road .....	..	..	..	..	4	
	Cascade Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Mount Stuart .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Cemetery Point .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Water Bailiff under "The Fisheries Act."
	Bellerive .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, Registrar, &c.
	Beltana .....	..	..	..	..	1	
	Kingston .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, Inspector of Stock, and Inspector Local Boards of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable has forage for one horse.
	Woodbridge .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff Crown Lands, Inspector Board of Health, Tidewaiter, and has forage for one horse.
	Bruni Island (North)	..	..	..	..	1	
	Bruni Island (South)	..	..	..	..	1	
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.	
FRANKLIN.	Franklin	1	..	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Port Cygnet .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Board of Health, 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 has forage allowance for one horse.
	Southport .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Honeywood .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Huonville .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Recherche .....	..	..	..	..	1	
MACQUARIE.	Strahan	1	..	..	3	..	The Superintendent is Crown Lands Bailiff, Bailiff Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage for one horse.
	Queenstown.....	..	..	..	4	..	One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests, Clerk of Petty Sessions, and Inspector of Nuisances. One Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Ringville .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Gormanston .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Dundas .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Zeehan .....	..	1	..	4	..	The Sub-Inspector is Crown Lands Bailiff, Inspector of Stock and of Nuisances, and one Constable, Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Mount Read .....	..	..	..	1	..	
SOUTH LONGFORD.	Great Lake .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse; he is Bailiff of Crown Lands.
SELBY AND GEORGE TOWN.	Invermay	1	..	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Superintendent of the Launceston Gaol and Bailiff Court of Requests, 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	..	..	..
	St. Leonard's.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage for one horse.
	Patersonia .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto.
	Lilydale .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is 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.
	Trevallyn .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Hadspen .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Young Town.....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
George Town.....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and Board of Health, Inspector of Fisheries, has forage allowance for one horse, and is Deputy Harbour-Master. The Constable is Bench Clerk and Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.	

<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>
SELBY AND GEORGETOWN. <i>continued.</i>	Beaconsfield .....	..	..	..	3	..	A Constable is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests and Bench Clerk, and a Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is Inspector of Nuisances and of Stock.
	Lefroy .....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
RINGAROOMA AND PORTLAND.	Scottsdale	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, 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, and is Bailiff of Crown Lands.
	Ringarooma, Upper ..	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Gladstone .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests, and Bailiff Crown Lands, and has forage for one horse.
	Derby .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, ditto.
	St. Helon's .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Local Board of Health, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Gould's Country .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, and 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, and Inspector Local Board of Health, and Fisheries, and has forage allowance for two horses. One Constable is caretaker of Court House and Assistant Inspector Board of Health. One Constable has forage.
	West Devonport .....	..	..	..	2	..	
	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, and Assistant Inspector of 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, and is Assistant Inspector Board of Health.
	Sheffield .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, Caretaker of Court House, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Railton .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Moriarty Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewaiter of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Castra .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.	Emu Bay	1	..	..	2	..	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, Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Tidewaiter. One Constable has forage.
	Wynyard .....	..	..	1	1	..	The Sergeant is Registrar Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, and Tidewaiter 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 Sergeant is Registrar Court of Requests and of Mines, and Bailiff 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 Tidewaiter, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Duck River .....	..	..	..	..	1	The special Constable has forage allowance for one horse, and is in receipt of a pension.
ISLANDS, BASS STRAITS.	Cape Barren Island ..	..	..	..	1	..	Is Officer of Customs, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Fisheries, &c.
	King Island .....	..	..	..	..	1	
	TOTAL	7	11	5	81	10	

RETURN of Offences reported to the Territorial Police in the several Districts during the Year 1897, 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.....	1895...	74	20	28	3	1	80	8
	1896...	67	19	34	8	2	118	13
	1897...	71	10	39	5	2	62	9
Kingborough.....	1895...	23	3	3	2	1	10	2
	1896...	17	11	13	—	—	7	1
	1897...	20	2	2	—	—	4	0
Franklin.....	1895...	15	15	9	4	2	45	2
	1896...	20	20	20	2	—	71	—
	1897...	33	9	10	2	1	48	3
Carnarvon.....	1895...	6	—	1	—	—	4	1
	1896...	10	1	3	—	—	2	1
	1897...	6	—	—	—	—	1	0
Selby.....	1895...	22	17	14	1	3	38	6
	1896...	32	16	13	—	—	54	5
	1897...	26	16	16	1	—	43	4
Ringarooma.....	1895...	31	3	4	—	—	25	—
	1896...	37	1	7	—	—	14	—
	1897...	7	5	5	1	—	32	—
Portland.....	1895...	12	6	4	3	—	29	1
	1896...	18	4	5	—	—	13	—
	1897...	1	1	1	—	—	8	—
George Town.....	1895...	60	5	5	3	1	35	1
	1896...	59	9	12	2	1	37	2
	1897...	55	13	11	3	—	29	2
Mersey and Latrobe.....	1895...	76	44	60	38	3	76	24
	1896...	72	44	52	25	5	76	7
	1897...	61	37	52	25	2	89	14
Emu Bay and Russell.....	1895...	22	13	9	14	1	64	3
	1896...	28	11	7	16	1	43	1
	1897...	17	15	15	9	—	82	3
Macquarie	1895...	100	22	24	11	—	153	4
	1896...	193	44	39	33	—	148	2
	1897...	177	52	44	41	3	335	5

TOTALS.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1895.....	441	148	161	79	12	559	52
1896.....	553	180	205	86	9	583	32
1897.....	474	160	195	87	8	733	40