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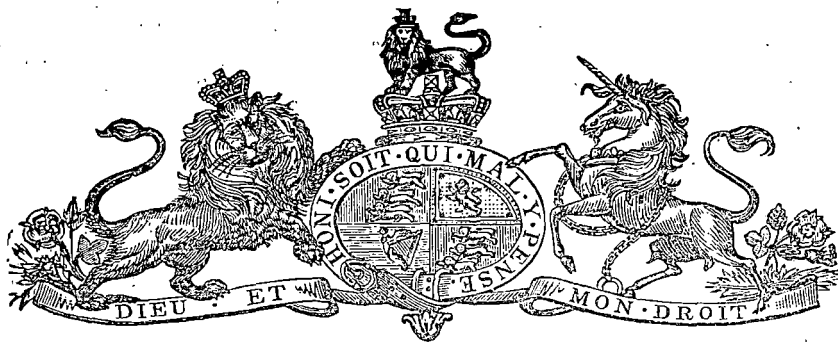
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TERRITORIAL POLICE:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1889.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



Police Department, Inspector's Office, Hobart, 25th June, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for the Year 1889.

I visited all the Districts in the Colony except Carnarvon during the year, and inspected the several out-stations with two or three exceptions. The chief stations were all found in very good order, and the prescribed records of occurrences, felonies, and minor offences, of duty performed, and of other matters, fully and accurately kept. The same may be said of the less important records required to be kept at the several out-stations. The buildings generally, so far as was practicable, were in good order, but a still more liberal provision for maintenance and repair is very much required. In some cases the buildings are very inadequate to the requirements of the constables and their families.

New buildings have been erected at Moriarty Road in the Latrobe District, and at Derby in the Ringarooma District, and the constables in charge of the stations have taken possession of them. A cottage, to which is attached the court-house, has been purchased at Port Esperance, and the sergeant in charge of the station has moved into it. More suitable quarters with cells have been constructed at Remin , and substantial new stations are in course of erection at Strahan and Zeehan in the Macquarie District.

Extensive additions and repairs have been effected at the head station New Town and Queenborough, at Kingston and Leslie in the Kingborough District, at Franklin and Port Esperance in the Franklin District, at Ellesmere in the Ringarooma District; at Lefroy in the George Town District, at Latrobe, at Burnie and Waratah in the Emu Bay District, at Carnarvon, and at Strahan in the Macquarie District, and additions are being made to the stations at Ulverstone, Wynyard, and Young Town, and New Town watch-house.

The increase of population in the Macquarie District, which embraces the West Coast gold fields and silver fields and the shipping port and town of Strahan, and the commencement of works in the construction of the railway, have rendered it necessary to appoint additional constables there. During the year a police station was established at Zeehan, and since the close an additional constable has been stationed there, and another at Strahan, making the total establishment at present in that district one sub-inspector in charge and five constables. It is probable additional strength will be required before the close of the present year.

An additional constable was temporarily stationed at the upper waters of the Huon, with the view to check the poaching of salmon and trout, which threatened at one time to seriously interfere with the acclimatisation of those fish.

The reduction of the two stations at Wesley Vale and Green's Creek in the Mersey and Latrobe Districts, and the substitution of one station in a more central position, has been found advantageous. The reduction of the constables at Margate and Gordon in the Kingborough District has not produced any inconvenience. The officer who for many years was stationed at Margate retired upon a pension, and is allowed to occupy the cottage, which is Government property, in consideration of light services rendered to the Department on the township.

The reduction of the two sub-inspectors at New Town and Queenborough, and the substitution of two constables, leaving the stations in charge of the sergeants, referred to in my last Report, has continued to be a substantial advantage in the performance of police duty.

The rapid progress of the Districts of Mersey and Latrobe in the direction of railway communication, intercolonial shipping trade, and extension of agricultural settlement, has added so much to the work and responsibility of the Superintendent in charge that it has been found absolutely

necessary to furnish him with clerical assistance. An officer has recently been appointed who, in conjunction with his duties in another department, undertakes the whole of the clerical work, and receives a part of his salary through this office. This arrangement has rendered practicable the reduction of one constable at East Devonport, but it will be necessary to station a constable at Railton, a rapidly growing town at the junction of the Launceston and Western Railway and the main road from Kentishbury. The appointment will be made as soon as the necessary quarters can be procured.

The Superintendents in charge of the districts and the subordinate officers generally have performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner, and the conduct of the constables on the whole has been exemplary. One constable was fined for misconduct not connected with his office, and one was reprimanded; two constables were discharged for unfitness for the position, and two died, one of whom was drowned whilst in the execution of his duty; nine constables resigned during the year.

I have in previous Reports referred to the great disadvantage under which the Department labours in the difficulty experienced in affording any sufficient instruction and training to men who join the Police Force, or of enabling them to acquire a knowledge of their duty, or any degree of proficiency, before they are called upon to take charge of stations. This difficulty is annually increasing as the men of longest service fall out. The consequence is the ranks are not recruited to such an extent as would otherwise be desirable from amongst the young men of the Colony, who might reasonably look to the service as a field for permanent employment, but advantage is often taken of the presence amongst us of men who have served in the police of other countries, and who have had a training which cannot be obtained here, who are selected for appointment.

No provision, I regret to say, has yet been made for any increased pay for long service, and men who have served faithfully for many years receive only the same as those just appointed.

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

	£	s.	d.
Superannuation Branch	4066	5	8
Reward Branch	1472	1	2

The amount paid to members of the Force who retired during the year was £238 0s. 1d., and the amount of Rewards given for meritorious conduct was £46.

I append the usual Return showing the strength and distribution of the Police during the year, together with particulars of other offices held and duties performed by the officers and men. I also append the usual tabulated comparative statement of offences.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW.

The Hon. the Attorney-General.

RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Territorial Police Force during the Year 1889.

<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>
NEW TOWN AND QUEENBOROUGH.	Head Station.....	1	1	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Inspector of Weights and Measures, 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 and Summoning Officer, Supreme Court.
	New Town.....	..	..	1	3	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and Sub-Collector of Rates.
	Sandy Bay.....	..	..	1	2	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests and Inspector of Stock.
	Glebe Town & Domain ..	..	..	..	4	..	
	Cascade Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	
KINGBOROUGH.	Fern Tree .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	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	
	Leslie .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage for one horse.
	Woodbridge .....	..	..	..	1	..	.Ditto.
	Bruny Island (North) ..	..	..	..	..	1	
FRANKLIN.	Bruny Island (South) ..	..	..	..	..	1	
	Franklin	1	1	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., and has forage allowance for one horse. The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests and of Crown Lands.
	Port Cygnet .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar of the Court of Requests and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage for one horse.
	Port Esperance.....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands and Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Southport .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Honeywood .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Huonville .....	..	..	..	2	..	
CARNARVON.	Recherche .....	..	..	..	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.
MACQUARIE.	Strahan .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Crown Bailiff, Bailiff Court of Requests, Inspector of Stocks, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Collector of Timber Licences, and Tidewater. The Constable is Assistant Bailiff of Crown Lands.
	Reminé .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Zeehan .....	..	..	..	1	..	
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 Collector of Timber Licences, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Hobart Road .....	..	1	..	..	..
	St. Leonard's.....	..	1	..	..	..	The Sub-Inspector has forage allowance for one horse, and is Inspector Local Board of Health.
	Patersonia .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Lisle .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Lilydale .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Inspector Local Board of Health.
	Turner's Marsh .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto.
	Dilston .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto.
	Rosevears .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto.
	Trevallyn .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Hadspen .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Young Town .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Hall's Track .....	..	..	..	1	..	
RINGAROOMA.	Scottsdale	1	..	..	3	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of Requests, of Crown Lands, and Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for two horses. One Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Moorina.....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar and Bailiff Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Ringarooma, Upper..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Bransholm	1	..	Ditto.

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RINGAROOMA— <i>continued.</i>	Bridport	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Gladstone .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, and is Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Derby .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands.
	Boobyalla .....	..	..	..	1	..	
PORTLAND.	St. Helen's	1	..	..	2	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Nuisances, 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 Inspector of Nuisances, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Weldborough .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Inspector of Nuisances, 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, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Inspector of Stock, 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, and Inspector of Stock, 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.
MERSBY AND LATROBE.	Torquay	1	..	..	3	..	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 has forage allowance for two horses. One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Bench Clerk.
	Formby .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests, Tidewater, and Assistant Inspector Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Ulverstone .....	..	1	..	1	..	
	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.
	Penguin .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Forth .....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant has forage allowance for one horse.
	Don .....	..	..	..	1	..	One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests. One Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Sheffield .....	..	..	..	2	..	
	Sassafras .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Moriarty Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Castra .....	..	..	..	1	..	
EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.	Emu Bay	1	..	..	3	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse. One Constable is Bench Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, and Deputy Clerk of the Peace.
	Wynyard .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands and Tidewater, 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 Bailiff Court of Requests and Bailiff of Crown Lands.
	Stanley .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Tidewater, and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Cam .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater, Harbour Master, and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Duck River .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater and Harbour Master, and has forage allowance for one horse.
TOTAL		10	17	5	79	3	

RETURN of Offences reported to the Territorial Police in the several Districts during the Year 1889, 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.	
New Town and Queenborough.....	1887...	48	18	17	Male. 8	Female. 5	Male. 88	Female. 8
	1888...	79	25	28	8	3	86	10
	1889...	72	22	25	15	11	175	27
Kingborough.....	1887...	21	4	3	1	1	11	1
	1888...	23	2	1	1	—	8	—
	1889...	34	6	5	—	—	7	1
Franklin.....	1887...	130	32	106	14	2	71	6
	1888...	16	7	13	16	2	46	2
	1889...	18	16	16	11	2	52	2
Carnarvon.....	1887...	5	3	1	—	—	8	1
	1888...	6	2	2	—	—	14	—
	1889...	6	1	1	—	—	12	—
Selby.....	1887...	66	33	29	6	3	67	4
	1888...	41	20	15	3	4	91	10
	1889...	39	25	24	3	2	44	9
Ringarooma.....	1887...	34	16	15	61	2	44	2
	1888...	38	21	20	62	8	47	2
	1889...	31	26	23	45	8	38	—
Portland.....	1887...	18	5	3	4	—	33	—
	1888...	37	13	13	4	—	15	4
	1889...	5	3	5	—	—	11	—
George Town.....	1887...	17	3	8	1	—	79	3
	1888...	27	13	9	6	1	49	—
	1889...	22	12	9	4	1	61	6
Mersey and Latrobe.....	1887...	83	54	39	179	23	130	18
	1888...	49	39	32	180	25	143	10
	1889...	64	41	42	142	46	141	22
Emu Bay and Russell.....	1887...	33	17	13	50	4	76	4
	1888...	24	18	16	15	—	90	4
	1889...	21	19	19	33	2	91	1
Macquarie	1888...	12	6	5	5	—	14	—
	1889...	15	2	7	—	—	22	2

TOTALS.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
1887.....	455	185	234	Male. 324	Female. 40	Male. 607	Female. 47
1888.....	352	166	154	300	43	603	42
1889.....	327	173	176	253	72	654	70