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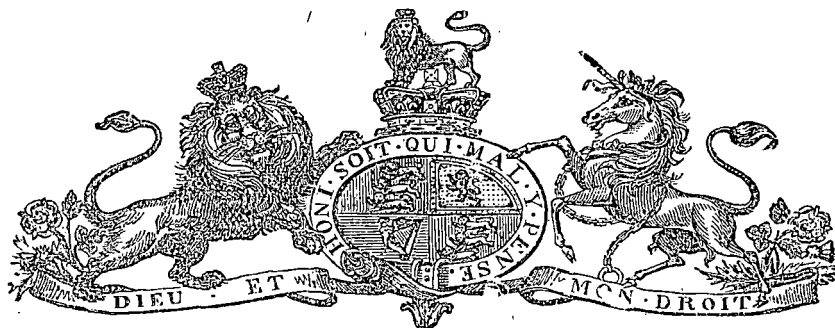
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*Police Department,
Commissioner's Office, Hobart, 9th June, 1896.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for the year 1895.

Five Constables resigned during the year, and two died.

The reductions during the year were two Superintendents, one Sub-Inspector, and sixteen Constables. The offices of Superintendent in the Districts of George Town and South Longford, and of Sub-Inspector at St. Leonard's, were abolished, and the following Police Stations were closed:—Mount Stuart, Fern Tree, Gordon, Leslie, Branxholm, Boobyalla, Weldborough, Piper's River, Don, Sassafras, and Cam; some of these reductions, effected at the beginning of the year, were referred to in my last Report.

The Inspecting Superintendent, who is also Superintendent in charge of the Districts of New Town, Queenborough, Kingston, and Carnarvon, and of the Towns of Bellerive and Beltana, entered upon his new duties on 1st January. He visited during the year all the Territorial Police Stations in the Colony, except those of the Macquarie District, West Coast. I append his Report. I visited during the year the Districts of Selby and George Town, and since the close of the year, the District of Macquarie.

The increase of population in the District of Macquarie, and the rapid expansion of the mining industry in that part of the Colony, rendered necessary the establishment of stations at Queenstown, with one Constable, and Teepookana, King River, with two Constables; and since the close of the year an additional Constable has been stationed at Strahan. A reduction of one Constable was effected at Zeehan. During my visit to the District in February last I personally enquired into the probability of a demand for further police protection at the principal centres of mining activity, and the places where prospecting operations are being conducted. It is extremely probable an addition to the number of Constables will be called for shortly.

It affords me much pleasure to testify to the assiduous and efficient manner in which the Officers of the Clerical Branch at Head Quarters performed their duty, as well as to the zeal and activity displayed by the several Officers and Constables generally throughout the Districts. The additional work and increased responsibility, consequent upon the extensive reductions in the Department, were cheerfully undertaken.

The amount to the credit of the Territorial Police Provident Fund on 31st December, 1895, was:—Superannuation Branch, £5726 6s. 5d.; Reward Branch, £1224 6s. 5d. The retiring allowances paid during the year amounted to £1132 8s. 3d., and the amount of Rewards given was £318 10s.

I append the usual Return, showing the strength and distribution of the Police during the year. I also attach the usual tabulated comparative Return of Offences reported in the Territorial Police Districts, which shows a considerable decrease of offences of every description. The decrease in the number of persons charged with drunkenness is remarkable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

BERNARD SHAW, *Commissioner of Police.*

The Honorable the Attorney-General.

*Office of Inspecting Superintendent of Police,
Hobart, 23rd March, 1896.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report for your information that during the year 1895 I visited, as Inspecting Superintendent of Police, all the Police Stations in each District in Tasmania (with the exception of the Macquarie District) once each, and some Stations, as circumstances permitted, on several occasions, and I am pleased to say that, after a strict examination of the books, buildings, clothing of the Police, and other matters pertaining to the efficiency of a well organised Force, I have little or no complaint to make. The officers and constables, from close observation, led me to believe that they are a sober, intelligent, and well conducted body of men.

The records of crime, as shown by the books, have considerably diminished, notwithstanding the general depression throughout the Colony, which is not only creditable to the Police, but also to the population at large.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. E. HEDBERG, *Inspecting Superintendent.*

B. SHAW, *Esq., Commissioner of Police.*

RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Territorial Police Force during the Year 1895.

<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, 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, 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 Crown Bailiff. The Constable is Summoning Officer, Supreme Court.
	New Town.....	..	..	1	2	..	The Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Sandy Bay.....	..	..	..	3	..	The Senior Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests.
	Glebe Town & Domain ..	..	..	2	2	..	A Sergeant is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and one Constable is Magazine Guard.
	Cascade Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Assistant Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage for one horse.
	Cemetery Point .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	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, Bailiff Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Inspector of Stock, and Inspector Local Boards of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Woodbridge .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, Tidewaiter, and has forage for one horse.
FRANKLIN.	Brumy Island (North) ..	..	..	..	..	1	
	Brumy Island (South) ..	..	..	..	..	1	
	Carnarvon .....	..	1	..	..	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bench Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Bailiff and Registrar Court of General Sessions, and Collector of Town Board, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Impression Bay .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Franklin	1	..	..	1	..	The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Deputy Registrar of Births, &c., Inspector under Fisheries Act, Inspector Board of Health, Collector of Stock and Crop and Statistics, Compiler of Jury List and Valuation Rolls, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Collector of Taxes.
	Port Cygnet .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector Board of Health, and Collector of Taxes, 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 of Crown Lands and Collector of Taxes, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Southport .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Collector of Taxes.
	Honeywood .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests, Collector of Taxes, and Tidewaiter.
	Huonville .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Collector of Taxes, and has forage for one horse.
MACQUARIE.	Recherche .....	..	..	..	..	1	
	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 Collector of Rates, and has forage for one horse.
	Queenstown.....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Teepeekana.....	..	..	..	2	..	
	Corinna .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Gormanston .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	Dundas .....	..	..	..	1	..	
Zeehan.....	..	1	..	3	..	The Sub-Inspector is Crown Lands Bailiff, Collector Timber Licences, and Inspector Board of Health; and one Constable, Bailiff Court of Requests.	
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 Gaol and Bailiff Court of Requests, Collector of Stock and Crops and Statistics, 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	..	..	..
	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	..	

<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 GEORGE TOWN.— <i>continued.</i>	Hadspen .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse. The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock and Board of Health, Inspector of Fisheries, and has forage allowance for one horse, Registrar Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, and Deputy Harbour-Master.
	Young Town .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	George Town .....	..	1	..	1	..	
RINGAROOMA AND PORTLAND.	Beaconsfield .....	..	..	..	2	..	A Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Bench Clerk, and a Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Lefroy .....	..	..	1	1	..	The Sergeant is Bailiff Court of Requests, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	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.
	Derby .....	..	..	..	1	..	Ditto, ditto.
	St. Helen's .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Local Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.
MERSEY AND LATROBE.	Gould's Country .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	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. One Constable is caretaker of Court House and Assistant Inspector Board of Health.
	West Devonport .....	..	..	..	1	..	
	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, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Assistant Inspector 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 is Tidewater and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Sheffield .....	..	..	..	2	..	One Constable is Registrar Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and caretaker of Court House. One Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests and Assistant Inspector Board of Health, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Railton .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable has forage allowance for one horse.
	Moriarty Road .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.
EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.	Castra .....	..	..	1	..	..	The Sergeant has forage allowance for one horse, and is Assistant Inspector Board of Health.
	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.
	Wynyard .....	..	1	..	1	..	The Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests, Bench Clerk, Bailiff of Crown Lands and Tidewater 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 Sub-Inspector is Registrar Court of Requests and of Mines, and Bailiff of Crown Lands, and 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 Tidewater, and has forage allowance for one horse. The Constable is Bailiff Court of Requests.
ISLANDS, BASS STRAITS.	Duck River .....	..	..	..	1	..	The Constable is Tidewater of Customs, and has forage allowance for one horse.
	Cape Barron Island ..	..	..	..	1	..	Is Officer of Customs, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Fisheries, &c.
	TOTAL	7	13	5	74	4	

RETURN of Offences reported to the Territorial Police in the several Districts during the Year 1895, compared with similar Returns for preceding years.

	Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
		Cases reported.	Apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkeness.		Offences against Police Act.	
					Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
New Town and Queenborough.....	1893...	97	40	34	11	7	110	5
	1894...	65	11	12	22	1	121	10
	1895...	74	20	28	3	1	80	8
Kingborough.....	1893...	33	8	8	—	—	6	—
	1894...	26	5	3	—	—	7	2
	1895...	23	3	3	2	1	10	2
Franklin.....	1893...	6	6	4	5	1	37	1
	1894...	42	36	33	9	3	50	3
	1895...	15	15	9	4	2	45	2
Carnarvon.....	1893...	6	2	4	1	—	3	—
	1894...	3	—	1	—	1	—	1
	1895...	6	—	1	—	—	4	1
Selby.....	1893...	30	21	16	3	2	78	16
	1894...	28	15	14	1	1	53	4
	1895...	22	17	14	1	3	38	6
Ringarooma.....	1893...	7	3	3	4	—	44	1
	1894...	60	7	8	1	—	32	—
	1895...	31	3	4	—	—	25	—
Portland.....	1893...	17	3	3	1	—	12	—
	1894...	23	9	10	2	—	10	1
	1895...	12	6	4	3	—	29	1
George Town.....	1893...	53	9	14	—	—	33	2
	1894...	42	13	15	3	—	32	3
	1895...	60	5	5	3	1	35	1
Mersey and Latrobe.....	1893...	75	44	53	50	16	126	6
	1894...	79	39	45	64	7	70	11
	1895...	76	44	60	38	3	76	24
Emu Bay and Russell.....	1893...	32	15	15	17	1	71	3
	1894...	19	12	12	12	1	64	—
	1895...	22	13	9	14	1	64	3
Macquarie	1893...	64	18	15	32	1	107	1
	1894...	76	28	18	11	—	158	7
	1895...	100	22	24	11	—	153	4

TOTALS.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Cases reported.	Number apprehended.	Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkeness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1893.....	420	169	169	124	28	627	35
1894.....	463	175	171	125	14	597	42
1895.....	441	148	161	79	12	559	52