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**TERRITORIAL POLICE:**

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT.**

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*SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the state of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 31st December, 1882.*

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*Office of Inspector of Police, 8th June, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish my Report upon the Territorial Police for the year 1882.

The duties of the various ranks have been discharged in a generally satisfactory manner. The numerical strength of the force remained unaltered. There were six resignations, and one dismissal.

Applications for employment from eligible candidates had been sufficient to fill occurring vacancies, but want of suitable facilities for training recruits before sending them to out-stations was experienced.

I have previously suggested the advisability of keeping a larger force at head quarters as a remedy for this serious defect in our Police organisation. No preliminary instruction in drill or discipline can be given while every constable is at once appointed to a fixed station, where he is expected to exhibit a knowledge of his duty which he could only have obtained intuitively. Since the Report of 1876, I have recommended the establishment of a depôt in which constables should receive some elementary tuition in Police work before they are placed in responsible positions. The Police are compelled to perform the functions of bailiffs in the courts for the recovery of small debts; this exposes them to a peculiar risk, as any mistake in a very difficult duty, requiring special experience, may place them in the position of defendants in a Civil action.

In spite of the high remuneration for labour of all kinds now obtainable, the re-establishment of the superannuation fund has placed Police service in so improved a position that it will be more generally adopted as a permanent profession. The pay of the Superintendents, however, is not yet sufficient to maintain them in a manner to which the importance and responsibility of their duties might be supposed to entitle them.

Notwithstanding the movement of population in the mining localities, there was but little serious crime reported. No charge involving a capital penalty reached the Supreme Court from the Police Districts. Drunkenness and offences against "The Police Act" had increased considerably beyond the number recorded in the previous year. This may be chiefly attributed to high wages, partly, perhaps, to greater Police activity in some quarters.

I append the usual detailed statement of the disposition of the Force, from which it will appear that no very important changes had occurred. For the year 1884 I shall be compelled to seek authority for additional appointments in places where increase of population, and the importance of growing interests, demand them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*

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## RETURN of Indictable and other Offences.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female
1879 and 80 .....	301	173	138	237	62	243	29
1881.....	280	188	137	136	29	220	17
1882.....	272	207	136	281	42	393	49

The total strength of the Force is 104 officers and men, as follows:—

Superintendents .....	10
Sub-Inspectors .....	17
Acting Sub-Inspectors.....	6
Sergeants .....	2
Constables.....	66
Specials .....	3
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>104</b>

## HOBART.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 15 Constables.

The Superintendent is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and an Inspector under the Contagious Diseases Act. A Sub-Inspector is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court (Criminal), and Coroner's Clerk. Two Constables are employed in guarding the Powder Magazine, two on the wharves in connection with the Customs, one in the Domain, and another in the Domain, the Superintendent's Office, and Railway Station.

Two Constables resigned during the year.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	32	38	28	25	13	51	4
1881.....	20	22	19	14	9	59	9
1882.....	39	33	21	18	10	90	20

The number of Constables employed in this District has remained almost stationary for some years; indeed, in the year 1872 the strength was decreased from 25 to 21. Mr. Forster then reported, "without an increase to the Force it is impossible to extend sufficient protection to the portions of the District adjacent to the City boundaries."

Now, with a great number of houses built in the suburbs, and the consequent increase of population, I am of opinion that this force should be strengthened, as it is in the outskirts that many offences are committed by those who emerge from the City for criminal purposes.

Extra men will no doubt be required for wharf duty, and at least one mounted Constable should be appointed for patrolling the outskirts of the City, and for facilitating communication with such stations as the Huon Road and the Cascades, especially at night.

Not the least among the advantages gained by the establishment of a reserve force would be that its members could be utilised in detective work in parts of the Colony where they would be personally unknown. It is very difficult for the local Police to obtain convictions in cases of sly grog-selling or sheep-stealing. There would be occasional demands for the service of this body to assist when any serious outbreak of violence occurred, or when large or unexpected additions to the turbulent population took place. On occasions of Race meetings or Shows the Police have to be collected from distant parts, leaving their own Stations unprotected.

A Police Officer should be appointed whose special duty it would be to assist in the investigation of all serious felony cases, preparing them for prosecution by the Crown.

**EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.**

Force.—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Acting Sub-Inspector, 6 Constables.

Two Constables had resigned.

The Superintendent holds the offices of Tidewaiter of Customs, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Police Clerk, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Mining Registrar, two others are Tidewaiters and Registrars of the Courts of Requests. An Acting Sub-Inspector is Tidewaiter and Harbour Master. A Constable is also a Tidewaiter.

There were seven convictions obtained against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	36	25	22	63	2	67	4
1881.....	54	36	23	35	2	79	2
1882.....	70	58	41	50	2	66	3

Although the population of this District has been increased within ten years by the numbers employed at Bischoff, it has been necessary to strengthen the Police Force by only three men. There has been, however, an increase in the amount of duty, as the comparison of Criminal Returns for the year ending June, 1872, with that of the present year will show.

Year.	Indictable Offences.		
	Number reported.	Number apprehended.	Number convicted or committed for trial.
1872.....	16	10	8
1882.....	70	58	41

These Returns, however, are fluctuating, and a mining population once settled to work requires the least amount of general supervision. Bischoff is no exception to this rule.

**FRANKLIN.**

Force.—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Sergeant, 7 Constables, 1 Special Constable.

Two Constables had resigned.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. The Sub-Inspectors are Bailiffs of Crown Lands, one of them is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and the other Clearing Officer of Customs. A Sergeant acts as Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Year.	Indictable Offences:			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80.....	18	16	16	32	11	15	4
1881.....	25	21	15	33	4	4	1
1882.....	18	17	13	20	13	18	8

## SELBY.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 7 Constables.

A Sub-Inspector, an officer of 24 years' service, died in September.

One Constable was transferred to Ringarooma.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and Crown Lands, Collector for Charitable Institutions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Constable is Bailiff of the Court of Requests.

Three Publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	43	25	21	5	3	9	2
1881.....	19	13	12	3	1	14	1
1882.....	76	11	6	5	1	21	0

The remarkable progress of Launceston and its neighbourhood will necessitate additions to the Selby Force. Constables for West Tamar and Breadalbane will be appointed, and another for St. Leonard's recommended.

## GEORGE TOWN.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 5 Constables.

This Force was reduced by the transfer of a Constable to the newly proclaimed District of Ringarooma.

One Constable resigned, and another was dismissed for misconduct.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Harbour Master. A Constable is Police Clerk and Registrar of the Court of Requests. A Sergeant is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and Inspector of Stock.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	25	4	4	6	2	7	1
1881.....	33	23	16	3	4	31	2
1882.....	24	20	13	8	3	36	4

The Force for this district is numerically sufficient—with the exception that another Constable is required for Beaconsfield.

## PORT SORELL.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 12 Constables.

One Constable had resigned.

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

Two Sub-Inspectors are Inspectors of Stock, and one is Bailiff of the Court of Requests. Two Constables are Tidewaiters.

Five publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	72	29	19	94	26	47	11
1881.....	56	39	29	39	5	13	1
1882.....	35	27	20	151	12	104	11

The only change I propose for the ensuing year is the appointment of an additional Constable for the Forth ; but on the commencement of the Mersey and Deloraine Railway further provision for preserving order will be required.

#### PORTLAND.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Constables.

Last year the number of this Force was ten ; five of them have now been transferred to the newly proclaimed District of Ringarooma.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	41	25	18	4	—	36	—
1881.....	34	17	10	6	—	15	—
1882.....	29	18	10	4	—	4	1

The area of this District has been diminished by the division of the District into two portions.

The opening of new mines near the Junction will necessitate the establishment of an additional Police Station.

#### KINGBOROUGH.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Acting Sub-Inspectors, 3 Constables, 1 Special Constable.

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

One Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests, and Clearing Officer of Customs. The Acting Sub-Inspector at Kingston is Police Clerk, Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, and Registrar of the Court of Requests.

A publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1879 and 80 .....	34	11	10	8	5	11	3
1881.....	39	17	13	3	4	5	1
1882.....	23	10	4	6	1	8	—

## RINGAROOMA.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Acting Sub-Inspector, 5 Constables.

This District, which comprises the northern portion of the District of Portland and the eastern portions of the Districts of Selby and George Town, was proclaimed on the 27th March.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1882.....	18	13	7	10	—	46	2

The alterations in the Police arrangements of this District will, I think, give satisfaction to the inhabitants when completed.

The Branxholm Constable will be appointed when the Station is available.

## WEST COAST.

Force.—1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Constables.

The Sub-Inspector is Landing Waiter and Bailiff of Crown Lands. One Constable is Tide Waiter of Customs.

This District has been occupied by the Territorial Police, although for the most part situated in the Municipality of Hamilton.

Until it is proclaimed a separate District much irregularity and inconvenience must prevail.

## CARNARVON.

Force.—1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Constable.

## SOUTH LONGFORD.

Force.—1 Chief Constable, 1 Constable.

Reports of sheep-stealing at the Lake Runs still continue to be made. In many cases, no doubt, losses from death are attributed to theft; still, on the other hand, losses are not always reported, and I have little doubt that dishonest practices prevail, and that the presence of the two Constables cannot prevent, although it may check them to some extent. Another Constable stationed at the Chudleigh side of the Great Lake would better enable the Police to become acquainted with the very possible egress of sheep in that direction.

## TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1882.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.							ANNUAL PAY.			DAILY PAY.					
		Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Special Constables.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.		
Hobart <sup>a</sup> .....	19*	1	3	1	..	1	13	..	£ 200	£ 119	£ ..	s. 5	d. 0	..	..	5	0
Kingborough <sup>b</sup> .....	9	1	1	3	..	..	3	1	165	119	25	..	..	..	..	5	0
Franklin <sup>c</sup> .....	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	165	119	50	..	6	0	..	5	0
Selby <sup>d</sup> .....	10	1	2	..	..	..	7	..	175	119	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
George Town <sup>e</sup> .....	8	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	165	119	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
Port Sorell <sup>f</sup> .....	15	1	2	..	..	..	12	..	165	119	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
Emu Bay & Russell <sup>g</sup>	11	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	165	119	..	5	0	..	..	5	0
South Longford <sup>h</sup> .....	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
Carnarvon <sup>i</sup> .....	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	119	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
Portland <sup>j</sup> .....	5	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	165	119	..	..	..	..	..	5	0
West Coast <sup>k</sup> .....	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	128	15	..	..	..	..	5	6
Ringarooma <sup>l</sup> .....	7	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	165	..	..	5	6	..	..	5	0

<sup>a</sup> The Superintendent has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Superintendent, four Sub-Inspectors, and thirteen Constables have quarters.

<sup>b</sup> The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have £25 a year forage allowance. An Acting Sub-Inspector receives £25 for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston. The Superintendent and one Constable have £10 a year each travelling allowance. With the exception of the Superintendent, the Force has quarters.

<sup>c</sup> The Superintendent and one Sub-Inspector receive forage allowance, the former £40 and the latter £25 per annum, and one Sub-Inspector receives £25 travelling allowance. The Sergeant receives £35 per annum for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Franklin. The Sub-Inspector, the Sergeant, and five Constables have quarters.

<sup>d</sup> The Superintendent receives £25 per annum for forage, and £25 travelling allowance. One Sub-Inspector and two Constables £25 per annum forage allowance, and two Constables, one £10 and the other £20, for travelling allowance. With the exception of the Superintendent, the Force has quarters.

<sup>e</sup> The Superintendent receives £30 forage and £25 travelling allowance, and a Sub-Inspector £25 and a Sergeant £25, per annum for travelling allowance, and one Constable £25 forage allowance. The Force has quarters.

<sup>f</sup> The Superintendent receives £50 forage allowance, and the two Sub-Inspectors £25 each travelling allowance. With the exception of the Sub-Inspector and two Constables, the Force has quarters.

<sup>g</sup> The Superintendent receives £25 forage allowance and £25 travelling allowance. Two Sub-Inspectors have forage allowance, and another £50 travelling allowance. With the exception of a Sub-Inspector, the Force has quarters.

<sup>h</sup> The Chief Constable and Constable have forage allowance £25 each and quarters.

<sup>i</sup> The Sub-Inspector receives £15 travelling allowance, and the Constable £10.

<sup>j</sup> The Superintendent has £50 forage allowance. One Sub-inspector £35, and two Constables £25 each.

<sup>k</sup> The Sub-Inspector receives £50, one Constable £20, and another £10 a year personal allowance. The Sub-Inspector has £50 forage allowance, and the Constable £25.

<sup>l</sup> The Superintendent receives £50, three Constables £25, and one Constable £10 forage allowance.

<sup>m</sup> Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables, and two employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*