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TERRITORIAL POLICE :

INSPECTOR'S REPORT TO 30 JUNE, 1878.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending the 30th June, 1878.

Office of Inspector of Police, 7th October, 1878.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that the Territorial Police generally have discharged their duties in an efficient manner during the year ending the 30th June, 1878.

There have been additions to the number of men employed, consequent upon the enlarged area brought under Police supervision.

I have thought it advisable to change the stations of two superior Officers, and the creation of a new district required the appointment of an additional Chief District Constable. This position is filled by an experienced Officer, lately employed as a Municipal Superintendent.

The Police have gained an advantage during the year by receiving their uniforms without deduction from their pay.

The remuneration in the Municipalities of Hobart Town and Launceston is higher than in the Territorial Police, and the Launceston Force enjoy a further advantage in the existence of a Superannuation Fund.

It is essential to the well-being of every Permanent Force that its members should be able to rely upon a provision for the time when injury or infirmity necessitate retirement from active duty.

Sheep-stealing cases are still reported, but seldom followed by convictions. This unsatisfactory state of things will probably continue until the organisation of a Detective Force of an efficient character. I have before been compelled to admit the insufficiency of the disposable means for checking this crime.

The necessity for providing means of visiting the Islands in the Straits continues. The well-disposed inhabitants are denied the protection to which they are entitled, while the criminally inclined are encouraged by impunity. Tasman's Peninsula has been added to the Districts controlled by the Territorial Police. The readiest mode of reaching the settlements there is by water. Since the sale of the schooner *Harriet* the Government have no vessel at their disposal for keeping up communication. Great delay and inconvenience will arise in bringing offenders to Hobart Town for trial. Should the population increase, means must be devised for settling petty cases on the Peninsula.

I have recommended the purchase of a small vessel, as it appears a necessity that facility should be afforded for visiting the numerous stations on our coasts.

I have been directed to detail a Constable for duty at the Pieman River. Should the tin discoveries attract population to that quarter a station at Macquarie Harbour may be required; and land communication can be preserved by the appointment of a Constable to reside at a point between Mount Bischoff and the Pieman.

Delay in completing arrangements for the Police Government of Portland has been occasioned by difficulties in getting quarters built for the Constables.

The amount of crime for the last five years has shown no tendency to increase. In the last the number of apprehensions and convictions has become greater than in the former years, giving a high proportion of detection.

Offences against the person have not diminished in number during the year, and the records are disfigured by three cases of murder.

Many of the long-sentenced prisoners have been liberated in the past few years, and, contrary to general expectation, few have been re-convicted. The rapid decrease in the numbers confined in our prisons is remarkable.

I append the usual tabulated statement of Crime:—

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.		Offences against Police Act.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1875 and 6	202	121	97	215	62	162	32
1876 and 7	201	124	103	170	67	132	32
1877 and 8	204	133	102	189	56	134	34

The total strength of the Force is 92 officers and men, of the average age of 37 years.

Chief District Constables	9
2nd Class District Constables	15
Acting 2nd Class District Constables	4
Sergeants	2
Acting Sergeants	2
Petty Constables	58
Special Constables	2
	<u>92</u>

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

HOBART.

Strength of Force 19

Two members of this Force are exclusively engaged in guarding the Powder Magazine, two others are employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs, one in the Domain, and another in the Domain and Chief District Constable's Office.

Two Constables had resigned.

Compared with last year there was a considerable reduction in indictable offences, and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct; but an increase in the number of persons charged with offences under the Police Act.

During the year ending 30th June, 17 indictable offences were reported to the police, for which 16 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial.

9 males and 11 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 44 males and 10 females with breaches of the Police Act.

Two publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Collector of Rural Police Rates, and Collector of Fees due to the Training School.

A 2nd Class District Constable is Summoning Officer to the Supreme Court in its Criminal Jurisdiction.

A Constable acts as Coroner's Clerk.

EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

Strength of Force 11

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

One Constable had resigned and another had been superannuated.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable and other offences.

23 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 17 persons were apprehended, 15 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial.

29 males and 5 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 29 males with offences against the Police Act.

Four publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Chief District Constable performs the duties of Police Clerk, and is Tidewaiter of Customs, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Collector of Rural Police Rates, Inspector of Stock, Poundkeeper, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

FRANKLIN.

Effectives 11
Specials 1

A 2nd Class District Constable had been pensioned, and a Constable had resigned.

Indictable offences were the same as last year.

There was a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but a decrease in the number of persons charged with offences against the Police Act.

25 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 23 persons were apprehended, 15 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted.

41 males and 16 females were charged with drunkenness, and 4 males with breaches of the Police Act.

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

The District Constables at Port Cygnet and Southport are Bailiffs of the Courts of Requests and Bailiffs of Crown Lands. The Sergeant at Franklin is Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and Collector of Rural Police Rates.

SELBY.

Strength of Force 10

A Constable had resigned.

This Force was reduced by a Constable who was stationed in that part of the district which has lately been added to Portland being transferred to that district. It has, however, been raised to its former strength by the appointment of a Constable who has been stationed at Hadspen.

Indictable and other offences were about the same in number as last year.

18 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 16 persons were apprehended, of whom 10 were summarily convicted.

4 males were charged with drunkenness, and 5 males with breaches of the Police Act.

No proceedings were taken against publicans.

The Chief District Constable is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Bailiff of Crown Lands, Sub-Collector of Carriage Duties, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

GEORGE TOWN.

Strength of Force 7

This Force has been reduced by one Constable; a part of the District having been severed from George Town and included in the Police District of Portland.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences reported to the Police.

Other offences were nearly the same as last year.

13 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, all of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial.

2 males and 2 females were charged with drunkenness, and 8 males and 4 females with breaches of the Police Act.

TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA.

DISTRICTS.	Establishment.	DETAIL OF RANKS.							ANNUAL PAY INCLUDING ALLOWANCES.			DAILY PAY.			
		Chief District Constables.	2nd Class District Constables.	Acting 2nd Class District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.	Chief District Constables.	2nd Class District Constables.	Special Constables.	Acting 2nd Class District Constables.	Sergeants.	Acting Sergeants.	Constables.
Hobart ^a	19*	1	4	..	..	1	13	..	£ 185	£ 105	£ ..	5 s.	.. d.	5 s.	5 s.
Kingborough ^b	9	1	1	..	..	..	6	1	165	130	25	..	..	..	5
Franklin ^c	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	190	130	50	..	5 9	..	5
Selby ^d	10	1	1	1	1	..	6	..	200	105	..	5	5 9	..	5
George Town ^e	6	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	180	114	..	..	..	..	5
Port Sorell ^f	14	1	2	1	..	1	9	..	200	130	..	5	..	5	5
Emu Bay & Russell ^g	11	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	200	159—130	..	5	..	..	5
South Longford ^h	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	175	..	..	..	..	..	5
Tasman's Peninsula	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Portland ⁱ	7	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	200	135	..	5 6	..	..	5

^a The Chief District Constable has £25 per annum travelling allowance. The Chief District Constable, three District Constables, and nine Constables have quarters.

^b The Chief District Constable and the District Constable have £25 a year each forage allowance. An Acting District Constable receives £25 for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston. The Chief District Constable and one Constable have £10 a year each travelling allowance. The 2nd Class District Constable and five Constables have quarters.

^c The Chief District Constable and two District Constables receive forage allowance, the former £40 and the latter £25 per annum. The Sergeant receives £35 per annum for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Franklin. The District Constables, the Sergeant, and four Constables have quarters.

^d The Chief District Constable receives £25 per annum for forage and £25 travelling allowance. Two Constables £25 per annum forage allowance, and an Acting District Constable and one Constable £10. With the exception of the Chief District Constable all the Force have quarters.

^e The Chief District Constable receives £30 per annum for forage, and two Constables £10 each. All the Force have quarters.

^f The Chief District Constable receives £50 forage allowance, and the two District Constables £25 each. With the exception of a District Constable all the Force have quarters.

^g The Chief District Constable receives £25 forage allowance and £25 travelling allowance. One District Constable receives £50 travelling allowance, and two others £25. Two District Constables, an Acting District Constable, and five Constables have quarters.

^h The Chief Constable and Constables have forage allowance £25 each and quarters.

ⁱ The Chief District Constable has £50 forage allowance. The District Constable and Acting District Constable, and one Constable £25 each, and one Constable £15.

* Includes Magazine Guard of two Constables and two Constables employed on the wharves in connection with the Customs.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*