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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MUNICIPAL POLICE:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1877.

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Constabulary Forces of Municipalities for the Year ending 30 June, 1877.

Office of Inspector of Police, 28th November, 1877.

SIR,

I BEG to forward my Report on the Municipal Police for the year ending 30th June, 1877.

The total strength of the Force is as follows:—

Superintendents.....	21
Sub-Inspectors	21
Acting Sub-Inspectors	6
Detectives	3
Sergeants	13
Constables	97
Special Constables.....	16

Total 177

The following Return shows a diminution in the number of crimes and offences of all kinds:—

YEARS.	INDICTABLE OFFENCES.			OFFENCES DETERMINED SUMMARILY.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkhness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1874 and 5	850	521	384	772	376	1243	482
1875 and 6	782	446	336	828	387	1294	474
1876 and 7	744	427	323	731	356	1197	456

There have been no changes of importance in the general organisation or management of the Force.

My detailed Report is furnished herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

CLARENCE.—(*Established 13th November, 1860.*)

Strength of Force—Effectives..... 4
 Specials..... 3

There was no alteration in this Force since my last Report.

There was an increase in the number of indictable offences, but a decrease in offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No persons were charged with drunkenness.

During the year ending the 30th June 12 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 11 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 12 persons (males) were charged with offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

LONGFORD.—(*Established 28th February, 1862.*)

Strength of Force..... 8

There has been no change in the numerical strength and organisation of this Force since my last Report. Two Constables resigned.

There was a decrease in all kinds of offences.

During the year ending the 30th June 24 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 23 persons were apprehended, 15 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 103 males and 42 females were charged with drunkenness, and 37 males and 30 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. Four publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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

GREEN PONDS.—(*Established 15th April, 1862.*)

Strength of Force..... 7

This Force remains unaltered in strength and organisation. One Constable was dismissed and another had resigned.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness, but an increase in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June 17 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 14 persons were apprehended, of whom 12 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 13 males and 4 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 40 males and 23 females with breaches of the Police Act and Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Town Surveyor, and Gaoler.

SORELL.—(*Established 30th June, 1862.*)

Strength of Force..... 5

The Superintendent and one Constable had resigned.

During the year ending the 30th June 12 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 10 persons were apprehended, 7 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 15 males and 4 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 21 males under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No proceedings were taken against publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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

BOTHWELL.—(*Established 31st January, 1863.*)

Strength of Force..... 4

No change was made in this Force during the year.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences and in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but a slight increase in the number of persons charged with offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June 7 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, all of whom were convicted. 25 males and 14 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 15 males and 5 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. All the Constables are stationed at head-quarters.

ROSS.—(*Established 17th February, 1863.*)

Strength of Force..... 3

The strength of this Force has been altered by the reduction of the Special Constable.

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

During the year ending the 30th June 9 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, of whom 2 were summarily convicted. 16 males and 2 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 18 males and 2 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

FINGAL.—(*Established 27th February, 1863.*)

Strength of Force 8

This Force has been reduced by three Constables, owing to the George's Bay portion of the Municipality having been attached to the Police District of Selby. Four Constables resigned, and one was dismissed.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences, but a considerable increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June 36 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 17 persons were apprehended, all of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 41 males and 13 females were charged with drunkenness, and 54 males and 13 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

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

NEW NORFOLK.—(*Established 17th March, 1863.*)

Strength of Force 7

There has been no change in this Force since my last Report.

Indictable offences and offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws had increased, but there was a decrease in the number of persons proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly.

During the year ending the 30th June 26 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 17 persons were apprehended, 14 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 62 persons, 48 males and 14 females, were charged with drunkenness, and 126 males and 54 females with offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. Three publicans were fined for breaches of the Licensing Act.

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

HAMILTON.—(*Established 13th September, 1863.*)

Strength of Force 6

This Force remains unaltered.

There was a decrease in the number of indictable offences, and an increase in the number of persons charged with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws, but the number of persons charged with drunkenness was about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June 8 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, of whom 4 were committed for trial. 19 males and 7 females were charged with drunkenness, and 54 males and 9 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

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

Indictable offences had decreased, but minor offences were about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June 25 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 21 persons were apprehended, 19 of whom were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 16 males and 11 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 19 males and 13 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. Three publicans were convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk and Registrar of the Court of Requests.

GLENORCHY.—(*Established 30th June, 1864.*)

Strength of Force 5

The Special Constable was reduced, and one Constable had resigned since last Report.

Indictable offences had increased; offences against the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws had decreased, but the number of persons charged with drunkenness was about the same as last year.

During the year ending the 30th June 19 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 13 persons were apprehended, 9 of whom were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 8 males and 5 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 31 males and 8 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. No publicans were proceeded against under the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is also Council Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

RICHMOND.—(*Established 1st August, 1861.*)

Strength of Force..... 7

No change was made in this Force during the year.

The number of indictable offences was about the same as last year, but there was an increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws.

During the year ending the 30th June 16 indictable offences were reported, for which 13 persons were apprehended, 7 of whom were summarily convicted. 59 males and 23 females were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and 45 males and 4 females under the provisions of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. One publican had been fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock and Examiner of Weights and Measures.

OATLANDS.—(*Established 9th January, 1862.*)

Strength of Force 6

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength and organisation. The Superintendent and a Sub-Inspector were dismissed.

There was a very considerable decrease in all offences as compared with last year.

During the year ending the 30th June 28 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 12 persons were apprehended, of whom 7 were summarily convicted or committed for trial. 40 males and 14 females were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and 23 males and 8 females with breaches of the Police Act and Municipal Bye-laws. One publican was fined for a breach of the Licensing Act.

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

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TASMANIA ON JUNE 30, 1877.

MUNICIPALITIES.	Establishment.	Detail of Ranks.							Area in Acres.	Rates of Annual Pay.			Rates of Daily Pay.							REMARKS.						
		Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Special Constables.		Superintendents.	Sub-Inspectors.	Specials.	Sub-Inspectors.	Acting Sub-Inspectors.	Detectives.	Sergeants.	Constables, 1st Class.	Constables, 2nd Class.	Special Constables when on Duty.							
								£	£	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.				
Hobart Town..	38	1	2	1	2	4	28	—	1270	300	164	—	—	7	3	7	3	7	0	6	0	5	6	—	With uniform in addition to pay. No quarters.	
Launceston....	19	1	1	—	1	2	12	2	3340	250	160	—	—	—	7	6	7	3	0	6	0	—	7	0	With uniform in addition to pay. The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, and a Constable have quarters.	
Glamorgan....	9	1	1	—	—	—	1	6	540,000	182	50	25	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	5	0	—	5	0	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspector and a Constable have quarters.	
Spring Bay ...	6	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	330,000	182	—	10	5	9	—	—	5	0	—	6	0	—	6	0	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspector, one Constable, and the Special Constables have quarters.	
Clarence	7	1	—	—	—	1	2	3	85,000	200	—	10	—	—	—	5	6	5	0	—	5	0	—	5	0	Cost of uniform deducted. The Superintendent has 25l. a year forage allowance. The Sergeant and two Constables have quarters.
Longford	8	1	—	—	—	1	6	—	212,300	125	—	—	—	—	5	3	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With uniform. Two Constables who are Watch-house Keepers receive pay at the rate of 50l. per annum. The Superintendent has forage allowance 25l., and two Constables 20l. each per annum. With the exception of one Constable the Force has quarters.
Green Ponds ..	7	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	100,000	185	—	—	6	0	—	—	5	6	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	Uniform in addition. The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and two Constables have quarters.
Sorell	5	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	136,000	170	—	—	—	—	6	7	6	0	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	With uniform. Two Constables are mounted, and one has quarters.
Bothwell.....	4	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	180	—	—	—	—	—	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With uniform in addition to two Constables. All the Constables have quarters. The Superintendent has 25l. per annum forage allowance.
Ross	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	178,000	110	—	—	5	6	—	—	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without uniform. The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector have quarters, and the Superintendent has 25l. forage allowance per annum.
Fingal	8	1	3	—	—	1	3	—	1,807,360	150	—	—	5	9	5	0	5	4	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	Without uniform. The Superintendent has 25l., and the Sub-Inspectors and Constables 12l. 10s. a year forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.
New Norfolk ..	7	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	125,440	155	—	—	5	9	—	—	5	6	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	Without uniform. The Superintendent has 25l. a year forage allowance. The Superintendent, Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and a Constable have quarters.
Hamilton	6	1	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	160	—	—	5	3	—	—	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without uniform. The Sub-Inspectors and Acting Sub-Inspectors have 10l. a year each forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.
Brighton.....	4	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	133,760	160	—	10	—	—	—	—	4	9	—	5	0	—	5	0	—	Cost of uniform deducted. With the exception of the Superintendent the Force has quarters.
Westbury	8	1	—	2	—	—	5	—	—	175	—	10	—	5	3	—	—	5	0	£75	4	9	—	—	—	With uniform in addition. The Superintendent has 25l. a year forage allowance. With the exception of the Superintendent and a Constable the Force has quarters.
Deloraine	5	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	376,000	150	—	—	5	9	—	—	5	0	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	With uniform. Superintendent has 37l. forage allowance, and two Constables 7l. 10s. The Force has quarters.
Evandale	7	1	1	1	—	—	4	—	255,000	100	100	—	—	5	0	—	—	5	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without uniform. The Superintendent has 15l. a year forage allowance; the Acting Sub-Inspector and one Constable 5l. The Sub-Inspector, Acting Sub-Inspector, and the Constables have quarters.
Campbell Town	8	1	2	—	—	—	3	2	314,800	20	—	10	6	6	—	—	5	6	—	5	0	—	5	0	—	Without uniform. The Superintendent has 25l. a year forage allowance, and a Sub-Inspector 8l. The permanent members of the Force have quarters.
Glenorchy	5	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	24,000	150	—	10	5	6	—	—	5	6	5	0	—	5	0	—	—	Cost of uniform deducted. The Superintendent has 26l. a year forage allowance, and the Sub-Inspector and one Constable have quarters.
Oatlands	6	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	355,000	130	—	—	4	9	—	—	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With uniform. The Superintendent receives 20l. forage allowance, and the Sub-Inspectors 10l. All the Force have quarters.
Richmond	7	1	2	—	—	—	4	—	152,000	182	—	—	5	9	—	—	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cost of uniform deducted. Superintendent receives 20l., and the Sub-Inspectors 10l. each per annum forage allowance. All the Force have quarters.

JOHN SWAN, Inspector of Police.