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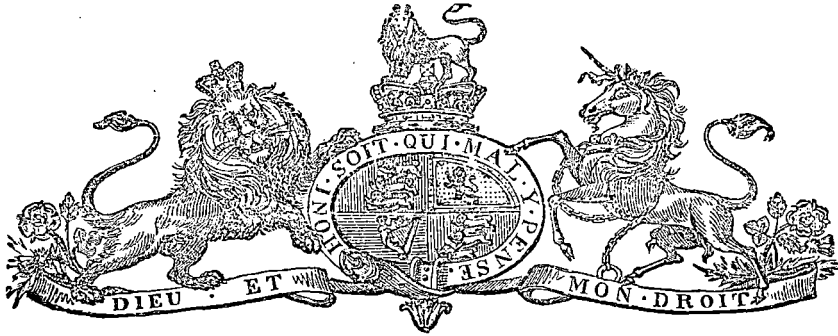
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE, 1864.

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SEVENTH Report of the Inspector of Constabulary and Police Forces of the Municipalities in Tasmania, for the Year ending 30th June, 1864. (In pursuance of 21 Victoria, No. 13.)

Office of Inspector of Police, 20th July, 1864.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit, for His Excellency the Governor's information, my Seventh Annual Report on the state and efficiency of the Police Forces maintained by the Municipalities in Tasmania.

Since the date of my last Report five additional Rural Municipalities have been established; viz.—Hamilton, Brighton, Westbury, Deloraine, and Glenorchy, making in all seventeen, and leaving ten Districts which have not yet availed themselves of Municipal action.

It is gratifying to me to be enabled to report, that I found on my inspection that the several Police Forces have been maintained in a satisfactory state of efficiency; and that I continue to co-operate cordially with the Police authorities of Hobart Town and Launceston, and with one exception, Clarence, with those of the Rural Municipalities, who have generally shown every disposition to meet my views, and to carry out a general system of organisation and arrangement of Police. My suggestions have been courteously received, and in many cases at once adopted.

A marked improvement is apparent in the desire of the Constables to continue in the force as a profession, and the vacancies by resignations and dismissals are gradually decreasing. The Clothing also of the Force in the prescribed Uniform is general, not only conducing to its discipline, but instilling into the men feelings of self-respect, and imparting to them an appearance of smartness.

The classification of Constables, recommended by me in my last Report, has not found favour with the authorities, though were it adopted, I feel assured its beneficial effects would be apparent in the retention of experienced and intelligent men in the Force; securing, as it would, a greater permanency of service. I would, therefore, again suggest to them to take this matter into consideration, and offer a stimulus to good conduct and exertion at a small increase of pay.

I am happy to report that crime is considerably on the decrease throughout the Colony; but I do not ascribe its absence so much to increased vigilance on the part of the Police, as to a diminution in the number of our crime-committing population by the emigration or other disposal of our "habitual criminals:" and I would observe, that its detection in this Colony not only bears a very favourable comparison with that in our Sister Colonies, but even with it in the Mother Country, where the Police, from its constitution, numerical strength, and means available for rapid communication, is of the most efficient character.

I regret to find a determination existing on the part of Municipalities not to acknowledge the necessity of securing a Superannuation and Reward Fund for the future provision of the Police, and that it is proposed in this Session of Parliament to abolish it. I have always looked upon the establishment of this Fund as of vital importance; an opinion which is indorsed by that of the Inspector of Constabulary in Great Britain: and I cannot withhold expressing my opinion that it should be still maintained, and not merged in a general Municipal Fund. It appears to me that it would be more satisfactory to have a Fund secured, from which superannuation allowances, compensations, &c., can be paid, than to depend, on the time arriving for awarding them, on their being able to do so from a Municipal Fund, the state of which at often critical periods may raise obstacles in the minds of corporate bodies when claims are made upon them.

Annexed is the Annual Return, showing the authorised strength, classification, and pay of the several Police Forces under my inspection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

MUNICIPALITIES.

CITY OF HOBART TOWN.

Population.....	19,500
Area in Acres.....	1270
Population to one Constable.....	487
Area in Acres to one Constable.....	32
Strength of Force.....	40

The efficiency of this Force has been well maintained during the past year, its authorised strength and organisation remaining unaltered. It consists of—

1 Superintendent; 2 Sub-Inspectors; 1 Acting Sub-Inspector; 4 Serjeants; 2 Detective Constables, with the rank and pay of Serjeants; and 30 Petty Constables.

A Special Constable has the supervision of the Slaughter-houses and Yards, but he is not included in its effective strength.

The Superintendent, whose Salary has been, I am glad to find, restored to its original amount, viz. £300 a year, reports an efficient working of the regulated beats, which, however, in some portions of the City are rather too extensive; but the absence of crime is a proof that the protection afforded is sufficient. He also speaks well of the conduct of his officers and men.

The Uniform which was issued in the month of January is of excellent quality, and was in good order, as well as the men's appointments and necessaries.

The Barracks, Station-house, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and cleanly; but I would recommend more frequent lime-washing in the latter. Ventilation and drainage have been attended to. A Medical Officer specially appointed attends the Station-house.

During the year ending 30th June, 6 Petty Constables left the Force, of whom 4 resigned from ill health and other causes, and 2 were dismissed for drunkenness. Fewer changes have occurred in comparison with former years, but greater permanency of service is still desirable. Within a corresponding period 319 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 241 persons were apprehended, of whom 173 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. This shows a slight decrease in offences during the year, and a fair creditable average of detection.

The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime continue to be intelligibly and correctly kept, and the approved Regulations adhered to. The Acting Sub-Inspector does duty as a Special Detective Officer, has the supervision of Lodging-houses, and is also Summoning Officer.

LAUNCESTON.

Population.....	10,500
Area in Acres.....	3340
Population to one Constable.....	456
Area in Acres to one Constable.....	143
Strength of Force.....	23

This Force has satisfactorily maintained its character for efficiency during the past year, though the Council, having decided upon abolishing the Mounted Patrol and amalgamating the men with the general Force, took advantage of the resignation of 1 Serjeant and the death of a Petty Constable to reduce the numerical strength by two Petty Constables,—though for the present one only has been dispensed with. It now consists of 1 Superintendent, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 3 Serjeants, 16 Petty Constables, and 1 Detective Constable.

The reduction of the Horse Patrol I consider has weakened the acknowledged protective efficiency of the Force in the outlying portions of the Town, though the Superintendent reports that there had been no increase of crime in those localities since the alteration.

The classification of Petty Constables as 1st and 2nd class, with a corresponding variation in pay, is a marked improvement; and I am glad to observe that the Force was constituted of the same members as it was at the time of my last inspection, exhibiting a permanence of service alike creditable to the men and to the officers under whom they serve.

Alterations have been effected at the Station-house and Barracks, affording increased conveniences and accommodation. These and the Cells for the temporary custody of prisoners were clean and in good order. The Uniform for the year had not been issued; but I had an opportunity of inspecting it at the contractor's, and approving of its excellent quality. That worn by the men was in good order, and their appointments and necessaries were equally so.

During the year ending 30th June, 1 Serjeant resigned and 1 Petty Constable died. This I have before alluded to. Within a corresponding period 195 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 151 persons were apprehended, of whom 111 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. This shows a good average of detection. A slight increase in offences over last year has taken place, but this is accounted for by the stricter enforcement of the Bye-laws within the Town.

A Medical Officer is specially appointed for the Station-house.

The Books, Records of Crime, and Returns are correctly kept in the prescribed form, and the approved Regulations adhered to.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

GLAMORGAN.

Population	1168
Population to one Constable.....	89
Strength of Force	13

This Force remains unaltered since my last inspection. It is efficient, and consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Petty Constables, and 9 Special Constables. Though the latter class of Constables can not legitimately be classed as effective Constabulary, yet they afford protection to the localities they reside in, and aid the general Force.

The crime reported in this Municipality is very trifling. During the year ending 30th June, 9 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 2 persons were apprehended, of whom 2 were committed or convicted summarily. There were neither resignations nor dismissals from the Force during a similar period.

The Station-house at Bicheno has been proclaimed a Gaol, enabling prisoners to serve therein short sentences of imprisonment. The Wards and Cells in the Gaols and Station-houses were cleanly and in good order, and the prescribed Books, Returns, and Records of Crime were properly kept.

The Superintendent holds the appointment of Clearing Officer of Customs, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

This Force is not clothed in Uniform, the Warden and Council still holding the same opinion as to its inutility. The arms and accoutrements were in good order. No Medical man is attached to the Force.

SPRING BAY.

Population	730
Population to one Constable.....	91
Strength of Force	8

No change has occurred in the organisation or numerical strength of this Force during the past year. It consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 3 Petty Constables, and 3 Special Constables. To the latter class the same remark applies as has been made in reference to Glamorgan.

The efficiency of this Force would be materially increased by the employment of the Constables in visiting the Settlers around the principal Stations at Triabunna and Buckland, a duty which I found utterly neglected on the authority of the Warden and Council. On this I had occasion to remark, as well as on the apparent inefficiency of the Sub-Inspector at Buckland.

The fence I reported last year to be essentially necessary for the safe custody of prisoners in the Gaol and Head Station-house has not yet been erected, although the want of it is so apparent.

During the year ending 30th June, 1864, there were neither resignations nor dismissals from this Force.

Within a corresponding period 7 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 2 persons were apprehended, of whom 1 was committed for trial and convicted. Two of the offences were reported in error.

The Gaol and Station-houses were in good repair, and the Wards and Cells for the reception of prisoners cleanly. The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime prescribed by regulation are well and correctly kept.

No Medical Officer is attached to this Force.

The Superintendent holds the appointments of Clearing Officer of Customs, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

The usual undress Uniform only is worn, the Constables supplying themselves.

The arms were in good order.

CLARENCE.

Population	1506
Population to one Constable.....	215
Strength of Force	7

This Force remains unaltered in numerical strength or organisation since last year. It is efficient, and consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Serjeant, 2 Petty Constables, and 3 Special Constables of the same class as those already reported upon. During the year ending 30th June, 24 indictable offences had been reported to the Police (9 of which it appears were reported in error), for which 6 persons were apprehended of whom 2 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. Within a similar period 1 Constable was dismissed from the Force for a breach of discipline.

The Head Station-house at Bellerive has been repaired and alterations have been effected, giving increased accommodation for the custody and detention of prisoners. At the time of my inspection the Wards and Cells were in good order and cleanly. That at Rokeby has also been attended to and repaired.

The pay of the Constables remains unaltered since my last Report, and I still am of opinion that it is inadequate.

No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

The Constables wear the usual undress Uniform, which they supply themselves.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Roads, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

RICHMOND.

Population.....	1660
Population to one Constable	240
Strength of Force.....	7

This Force remains unaltered in organisation and numerical strength. It is efficient, and consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Serjeant, and 4 Petty Constables.

Crime has visibly decreased in this Municipality. During the year ending 30th June, 1864, 29 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 29 persons were apprehended, of whom 17 were committed for trial or summarily convicted.

Permanence of service is a creditable feature, no resignations nor dismissals from the Force having occurred during a corresponding period.

The Cells and Wards in the Gaol and Station-house were in good order and cleanly at the time of my visit.

The Force wears the prescribed Uniform, which is of excellent quality, and their Arms, Accoutrements, and necessaries were in good order. A Medical Officer attends the Gaol. The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime were correctly kept according to regulation.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

OATLANDS.

Population.....	2330
Population to one Constable	212
Strength of Force	11

This Force has been augmented since my last inspection by 2 Special Constables of a similar class as that already referred to. It now consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 6 Petty Constables, and 3 Special Constables, and is efficient and well appointed.

The suggestion made by me last year to re-establish the Station at Antill Ponds has been met by the appointment of a Special Constable. The Gaol having been handed over to the Municipality, it is now occupied by the Police, and all prisoners confined in it; the old Station-house, which was inconvenient, damp, and ill-ventilated, being disused.

The Force wore the new Uniform authorised by the Council since my last inspection, which is of excellent quality.

During the year ending 30th June, 1864, no Constables resigned nor were dismissed, exhibiting a permanence of service very creditable to the Force. Within a corresponding period 51 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 29 persons were apprehended, of whom 22 were committed for trial or summarily convicted, showing a good average of detection.

The Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and cleanly, and the Books, Returns, and Records of Crime, prescribed by regulation, correctly kept. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force. The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions; and the Constable in charge of the Escort Station at Tunbridge is Inspector of Stock and Poundkeeper.

LONGFORD.

Population.....	5050
Population to one Constable	560
Strength of Force	9

A reduction of one Petty Constable doing duty as Watchhouse-keeper and Superintendent's Clerk has been made in this Force without affecting its efficiency, which is satisfactorily maintained, being liberally paid and well appointed. It now consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Serjeant, 2 Acting Serjeants, and 5 Petty Constables.

The Uniform worn by the Force is of excellent quality.

During the year ending 30th June three Constables left the Force, of whom one was dismissed and two resigned: and within a similar period 44 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 48 persons were apprehended, of whom 26 were committed or summarily convicted. The Superintendent reports that eight of those apprehended were discharged in consequence of the prosecutors declining to appear. The Gaol, Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good repair and cleanly; and the Books, Returns, and Records of Crime correctly kept. The omission of one record was noticed; but its discontinuance being brought under the notice of the authorities, this will in future be rectified. The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

GREEN PONDS.

Population,.....	936
Population to one Constable	234
Strength of the Force	4

No change has been made since my last inspection in the organisation nor numerical strength of this Force, which is small but efficient, though inadequately paid. It consists of—

1 Superintendent and 3 Petty Constables.

The Gaol and Head Station-house scarcely affords sufficient accommodation. The Cells and Wards were in good order and cleanly; and the Books, Returns, and Records of Crime were well and correctly kept.

No resignations nor dismissals from this Force were recorded during the year ending 30th June, 1864. Within a corresponding period 44 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 34 persons were apprehended, of whom 22 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. 7 of the 34 were, it is reported, discharged, no prosecutor appearing.

The men wear the prescribed Uniform, which is of good quality. No Medical Man is attached to the Force.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

SORELL.

Population.....	1982
Population to one Constable.....	248
Strength of Force	8

No alteration has been made either in the organisation or numerical strength of this Force since my last inspection. It is an efficient one, and consists of—

1 Superintendent, 6 Petty Constables, and 1 Special Constable of the class already referred to.

During the year ending 30th June, 59 indictable offences had been reported to the Police (4 in error), for which 39 persons were apprehended, of whom 20 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. Within a similar period 1 Constable had resigned. The Force is supplied with uniform, which was in good order, as well as their arms and accoutrements. The Gaol and Head and other Stations were in good repair, and the Cells and Wards in good order and cleanly. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

The Superintendent holds the appointments of Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

BOTHWELL.

Population	1297
Population to one Constable.....	216
Strength of Force	6

No alteration either in organisation or numerical strength has been made in this Force during the past year. It is efficient, and consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, and 4 Petty Constables.

One Constable died during the year ending 30th June, but there were neither resignations nor dismissals from the Force. During a corresponding period 21 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 12 persons were apprehended, of whom 9 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. In some of the undetected cases it is implied that the length of time between the commission of the offence and its report facilitated the escape of the perpetrators.

The Force wear the prescribed uniform. No Medical Officer is appointed to it.

The Gaol, Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good order and cleanly.

A new hut is about to be built and a Constable stationed at the Quoin, which will afford needful protection to that outlying part of the Municipality, the Station at the Shannon having been discontinued.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

ROSS.

Population	700
Population to one Constable	140
Strength of Force	5

This Force is not altered in numerical strength or organisation since my last inspection, and though small is efficient. It consists of—

1 Superintendent, 2 Petty Constables, and 2 Special Constables of the usual class.

The Municipality also contributes towards the maintenance of an Escort Station at Tunbridge, in the Municipality of Oatlands. The Force wears the prescribed Uniform, which is of good quality.

During the year ending 30th June, 1864, 2 Constables resigned from the Force; and within a corresponding period 18 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 15 persons were apprehended, of whom 12 were committed for trial or summarily convicted, denoting a good average of detection.

The Gaol, Station-house, and Wards and Cells were in good order and cleanly at the time of my inspection, and the prescribed Books, Returns, and Records of Crime correctly kept.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

FINGAL.

Population.....	1956
Population to one Constable.....	178
Strength of Force.....	11

This Force, though it has been slightly reduced since its transfer to the Municipality, satisfactorily maintains its efficiency. It consists of—

1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Serjeant, and 6 Petty Constables.

The holding of Magisterial Courts at the Out-stations Avoca, St. Mary's, and Fingal, by the Warden, tends, as I anticipated, to an efficient supervision and well-arranged working of the Force. Neither resignations nor dismissals from the Force have occurred during the year ending 30th June; a fact very creditable to the men, of whose conduct the Superintendent speaks very highly. During a corresponding period, 37 indictable offences were reported to the Police, for which 17 persons were apprehended, of whom 14 were committed for trial or summarily convicted, showing a marked decrease of crime in the Municipality.

The Gaol, Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were cleanly and in good order; and the Books, Returns, and Records of Crime correctly kept according to regulation. No Medical Officer is attached to the Force. The men wear the prescribed uniform, which is of good quality.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

NEW NORFOLK.

Population.....	2690
Population to one Constable.....	384
Strength of Force.....	7

No change in organisation or numerical strength has taken place in this Force, which is an efficient one, during the past year. It consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Serjeant, and 4 Petty Constables.

During the year ending 30th June, 1 Constable died, and another was superannuated; no resignations nor dismissals took place. Within a corresponding period 56 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 41 persons were apprehended, of whom 36 were committed for trial or summarily convicted, exhibiting a good average of detection.

The Gaol, Station-houses, Wards, and Cells were in good order and cleanly, and the prescribed Books, Returns, and Records of Crime correctly kept.

The Force wears the prescribed uniform, which is of good quality.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

HAMILTON.

Population.....	1497
Population to one Constable.....	214
Strength of Force.....	7

This Municipality was established on the 30th September, 1863; and the Police Force transferred to it by the Government has been slightly reduced, but not so as to affect its efficiency.

It consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 4 Petty Constables, and 1 Special Constable of the usual class.

The Police Buildings transferred by the Government at Hamilton, and the Out-stations at the Woolpack, the Ouse, and Victoria Valley, afford every necessary accommodation, and were at the time of my inspection in good repair, and the Wards and Cells therein clean. The Sub-Inspector is stationed at Victoria Valley, and has an allowance of £25 a year for forage.

The Force wears the regulated uniform, which is of good quality.

During the year ending 30th June 2 Constables left the Force, one being superannuated and the other having resigned. Within a corresponding period 46 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 32 persons were apprehended, of whom 23 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. The Superintendent states 15 of these cases were reported in error, and in this case a good average of detection is shown.

The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime prescribed by regulation are well and correctly kept. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force.

The Superintendent is Town Surveyor, Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

BRIGHTON.

Population	2808
Population to one Constable.....	561
Strength of Force	5

This Municipality was established on the 19th November last, and its present Police Force is efficient, though not of equal numerical strength with that transferred to it by the Government. It consists of—

1 Superintendent, 2 Serjeants, and 2 Petty Constables.

The Council, however, entertain the idea of adding another Petty Constable to the Force, which will increase its efficiency.

The Police Office, formerly occupied as such by the Government, is now used as a Court House and Council Chamber, and the Gaol as a Station-house,—the latter affording every accommodation for the safe custody and detention of prisoners. The Wards and Cells were in good order and clean when I inspected them.

There is one Out-station at the Broadmarsh. No vacancies in the Force occurred either from dismissal or resignation during the half-year ending 30th June, 1864. Within a similar period 6 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 6 persons were apprehended, of whom 6 were committed for trial or summarily convicted,—exhibiting a small amount of crime, and efficient system of detection.

The rate of pay is, I consider, inadequate; but I was glad to find a proposal is entertained to increase it slightly. The regulated Uniform is worn by the Force, to which no Medical Officer is attached. The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime are correctly kept in prescribed form.

The Superintendent is also Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

WESTBURY.

Population	5400
Population to one Constable.....	600
Strength of Force	9

This Municipality was established on the 15th December last. The Force of Police now maintained was transferred by the Government. It consists of 1 Superintendent, 2 Serjeants, and 6 Petty Constables, and is an efficient one.

The buildings occupied by the Government as a Police Office, Watch-house, &c. at Westbury are now used as a Court House, Council Chamber, Gaol, and Station House, and afford all necessary accommodation. The latter also includes Constables' quarters.

There are four Out-stations, viz.—Hagley, Selbourne, Oaks, and Exton, the latter having been established by the Municipality.

During the year ending the 30th June one Constable resigned, there being no dismissals, exhibiting a permanence of service creditable to the Force. During a corresponding period 34 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 48 persons had been apprehended, of whom 33 were committed for trial or summarily convicted. The Wards and Cells were clean and orderly at the time of my inspection, and the Books, Records of Crime, and Returns correctly kept. A Medical Officer is attached to the Force, which wears the regulated uniform.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Sessions.

DELORAINÉ.

Population	3600
Population to one Constable	600
Strength of Force	6

This Municipality was established in December last, and the Police Force transferred by the Government has been since maintained without any change in its organisation. It is an efficient one, and consists of—

1 Superintendent, 1 Serjeant, and 4 Petty Constables.

The Police Office and Watch-house lately erected by the Government are occupied for Court and Police purposes, and afford ample accommodation for Council Chamber, &c., and for the safe custody and detention of prisoners.

The Police Station at Deloraine contains 3 Felony Wards, which are used as day-rooms also, and 5 Cells, besides quarters for the Constabulary, which, on my inspection, I found cleanly and in good order. There is also an old building formerly occupied as a Watch-house which can be made available on emergencies; and there are two Out-stations at Chudleigh and Elizabeth Town. The Force is clothed in the regulated Uniform; and a Medical Officer is attached to it.

No vacancies have occurred in the Force during the half-year ending 30th June, either by resignation or dismissal. Within a corresponding period 62 indictable offences had been reported to the Police, for which 50 persons had been apprehended, of whom 45 were committed or summarily convicted, exhibiting a creditable amount of detection.

The Books, Returns, and Records of Crime are kept intelligibly and correctly, in accordance with regulation.

The Superintendent holds also the appointments of Inspector of Stock, Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Summoning Officer of the Court of General Quarter Sessions.

GLENORCHY.

This Municipality having only been established on the 30th instant, I can only report that the Police Force transferred to it by the Government has been retained; and that, from the character of my communications with the authorities, I feel assured of a desire on their part to maintain a cordial co-operation with this Department.

ESTABLISHED POLICE FORCES in the Municipalities of Tasmania.

MUNICIPALITIES.	Establishment.		Detail of Ranks.						Estimate of Population in 1863.	Area in Acres.	Proportion.		Rates of Annual Pay.			Rates of Daily Pay.										REMARKS.	
	1863.	1864.	Superintendent.	Sub-Inspector.	Acting Sub-Inspector.	Serjeants.	Constables.	Defective Constables.			Special Constables.	Population to each Constable.	Acres to each Constable.	Superintendent.	Sub-Inspectors, Hobart and Launceston.	Special Constables.	Superintendent.	Sub-Inspectors Rural Municipalities.	Acting Sub-Inspector.	Serjeants.	Constables, 1st Class.	Constables, 2nd Class.	Defective Constables, 1st Class.	Defective Constables, 2nd Class.	Special Constables when on Duty.		
Bothwell.....	6	6	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	1297	299,520	216	49,920	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform.
Brighton.....	—	5	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	2808	133,760	561	26,752	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform. Superintendent has quarters.
Clarence.....	7	7	1	—	—	1	2	—	3	1506	85,000	215	12,143	175	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform.
Deloraine.....	—	6	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	3600	376,000	600	62,666	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has quarters.
Fingal.....	13	11	1	3	—	1	6	—	—	1956	1,807,360	178	164,305	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform.
Glamorgan....	15	13	1	1	—	—	2	—	9	1168	540,000	89	41,538	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 0	Without Uniform. Superintendent has forage allowance £25 per annum.	
Green Ponds..	4	4	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	936	40,300	234	10,075	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has quarters.
Hamilton.....	—	7	1	1	1	—	3	—	1	1497	415,360	214	59,337	200	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform. The Sub-Inspector has forage allowance £25 per annum.
Hobart.....	40	40	1	2	1	4	30	2	—	19,500	1270	487	32	300	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform.
Longford.....	10	9	1	—	—	1	7	—	—	5050	590,720	560	65,635	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has quarters & forage allowance, £25; & the Serjeant at Cressy, £10 forage allowance.
Launceston...	24	23	1	2	—	3	16	1	—	10,500	3340	456	143	250	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. 1 Petty Constable is an Acting Detective, 2nd Class.
New Norfolk..	7	7	1	1	—	1	4	—	—	2690	125,440	384	17,920	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has quarters and forage allowance £25, and Sub-Inspector the same.
Oatlands.....	9	11	1	1	—	—	6	—	3	2330	448,000	212	40,727	180	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform.
Richmond....	7	7	1	1	—	1	4	—	—	1660	153,600	240	21,930	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has quarters.
Ross.....	3	5	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	700	178,000	140	35,600	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform. Superintendent has quarters & forage allowance £20.
Sorell.....	8	8	1	—	—	4	2	—	1	1982	440,320	248	55,040	180	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	With Uniform. Superintendent has an allowance of £10 per annum in lieu of quarters.
Spring Bay...	8	8	1	1	—	—	3	—	3	730	360,000	91	40,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform.
Westbury.....	—	9	1	—	—	2	6	—	—	5400	195,520	600	21,724	200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Without Uniform.

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