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**TERRITORIAL POLICE:**

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Inspector of Police on the State  
of the Territorial Police of Tasmania, for the Year ending 31st December, 1883.*

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*Office of Inspector of Police, 30th June, 1884.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward the Annual Report upon the Territorial Police for 1883.

Excepting in one District, I have had reason to be satisfied with the general conduct of officers and men.

No important changes took place in the distribution of the Force during the year.

The full number authorised have not been employed, owing to the decline in mining activity. I have, however, recommended the retention of the same number upon the Estimates, as a revival might occur. The appointments would only be made as required.

Indictable offences were more numerous than in the preceding year, but not of serious character. Offences against "The Police Act" show an increase, but the difference in a single District has raised the average.

The progress of contemplated Public Works will probably alter the distribution of the Police strength in 1885, and possibly render an occasional increase necessary.

The total number of men voted by Parliament need not be exceeded, nor would Supplementary Estimates be necessary, if I could employ those whose services were not required in one District in another where they were wanted. By present arrangement a fixed number are voted for each District.

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.*

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Indictable Offences.</i>			<i>Offences determined Summarily.</i>			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	280	188	137	Male. 136	Female. 29	Male. 220	Female. 17
1882.....	272	207	136	281	42	393	49
1883.....	320	183	147	270	48	419	39

The total strength of the Force was 106 officers and men, as follows:—

Superintendents .....	10
Sub-Inspectors.....	18
Acting Sub-Inspectors.....	5
Sergeants .....	4
Constables .....	66
Specials .....	3
TOTAL.....	<u>106</u>

**NEW TOWN AND QUEENBOROUGH.**

Force.—1 Superintendent, 3 Sub-Inspectors, 1 Sergeant, 13 Constables.

The Superintendent is Collector of Fees due to Charitable Institutions, Town Surveyor, Bailiff of Crown Lands, and 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 the Railway Station.

One publican was fined for a breach of "The Licensing Act."

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Indictable Offences.</i>			<i>Offences determined Summarily.</i>			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	20	22	19	Male. 14	Female. 9	Male. 59	Female. 9
1882.....	39	33	21	18	10	90	20
1883.....	21	13	8	21	7	70	13

These districts, embracing the outskirts of the city, the domain, part of Mount Wellington, and the River Derwent, are extensive and important, and would form a very favourable station for a small reserve force, as I have previously recommended. The old Station at Sandy Bay should be converted in accordance with modern arrangements, and quarters erected for the Petty Constable, who is at present in lodgings.

**KINGBOROUGH.**

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

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Bailiff of the Court of Requests, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures, and Collector of Timber Licences. One Sub-Inspector is Collector of Timber Licences, Bailiff of Crown Lands and 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.

Two publicans were fined under the provisions 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 and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	39	17	13	Male. 3	Female. 4	Male. 5	Female. 1
1882.....	23	10	4	6	1	8	
1883.....	10	5	5	8	1	7	3

## FRANKLIN.

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

No change occurred in the force. Proceedings were taken against two publicans for breaches of the Licensing Act ; one of them was fined.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	25	21	15	Male. 33	Female. 4	Male. 4	Female. 1
1882.....	18	17	13	20	13	18	8
1883.....	13	11	8	21	2	28	

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 the Court of Requests. The Sub-Inspector at Franklin acts as Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, and of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. A Sergeant is Clearing Officer of Customs.

## SELBY.

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

The Superintendent is Collector for Charitable Institutions, Inspector of Stock, and Examiner of Weights and Measures. A Constable is Postmaster at Dillston. One Constable resigned.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	19	13	12	Male. 3	Female. 1	Male. 14	Female. 1
1882.....	76	11	6	5	1	21	
1883.....	10	6	5	1	—	25	

Expenditure in new buildings is very urgently required in this district, where the police accommodation is the worst in any Territorial division.

## GEORGE TOWN.

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

Six convictions were obtained against publicans under the provisions of the Licensing Act.

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 Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of the Court of Requests and Inspector of Stock, another is Deputy Clerk of the Peace and Registrar of Court of General Sessions.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	33	23	16	Male. 3	Female. 4	Male. 31	Female. 2
1882.....	24	20	13	8	3	36	4
1883.....	73	48	44	9	1	80	7

The vacancy occurring at Lefroy has not been filled, as there has been a diminution in the number of men employed in mining, and there did not appear to be any necessity for the services of a second Constable; indeed, but for the business in connection with the recovery of small debts there would be little for one Constable to do.

#### PORT SORELL.

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

One Constable died, and two resigned during the year.

The Superintendent is Inspector of Stock and of Weights and Measures, Bailiff of the Court of Requests and of Crown Lands; he is also Poundkeeper. One Sub-Inspector is Inspector of Stock and Bailiff of the Court of General Sessions; another is Bailiff of the Court of Requests. Two Constables are Tidewaiters.

Two 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 and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	56	39	29	Male. 39	Female. 5	Male. 13	Female. 1
1882.....	35	27	20	151	12	104	11
1883.....	70	48	35	119	26	84	14

The station at Port Sorell is, in my opinion, no longer required for police purposes, and the Constable would be better employed near Northdown.

The work in this large and populous district has been very well performed by the Superintendent and his officers, and I have no doubt that the increased duty which projected public works may impose will be carried out satisfactorily without material addition to the existing force.

#### EMU BAY AND RUSSELL.

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

One Constable died.

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Court of Requests and of Crown Lands, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Tidewaiter. One Sub-Inspector is Bailiff of Crown Lands and of the Court of Requests; two others are Tidewaiters, Registrars of the Courts of Requests and Bailiffs of Crown Lands. The Acting Sub-Inspector is Police Clerk, Registrar of the Court of Requests, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, and Gaoler. A Constable is Bailiff of Crown Lands, Tidewaiter, and Harbourmaster.

Three publicans were convicted and 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 and Bye-laws.	
1881.....	54	36	23	Male 35	Female. 2	Male. 79	Female. 2
1882.....	70	58	41	50	2	66	3
1883.....	51	16	15	70	1	77	1

The construction of a railway from Emu Bay to Waratah, which has been actively carried on during the year, has not increased the number of indictable offences. The very orderly conduct of the residents of this District has been remarkable.

#### PORTLAND.

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

The Superintendent is Bailiff of Crown Lands and Inspector of Stock. The Sub-Inspector and one Constable are Bailiffs of Crown Lands; one Constable is Bailiff of Court of Requests.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1881.....	34	17	10	6	...	15	...
1882.....	29	18	10	4	...	4	1
1883.....	38	24	15	2	...	10	...

It has not been found necessary to erect a station at the Junction, the anticipation of increased permanent population in that locality not having been yet realised.

The watch-house at George's Bay is not suitable for the requirements of the District, and I hope to have a new building erected during the coming year.

#### RINGAROOMA.

Force.—1 Superintendent, 1 Sub-Inspector, 6 Constables.

One Constable died.

Two publicans were convicted for breaches of the Licensing Act.

The Superintendent and the Sub-Inspector are Bailiffs of the Court of General Sessions.

Year.	Indictable Offences.			Offences determined Summarily.			
	Number reported to Police.	Number apprehended.	Number Committed or summarily Convicted.	Drunkenness.		Offences against Police Act and Bye-laws.	
				Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
1881.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1882.....	18	13	7	10	...	46	2
1883.....	34	12	12	19	5	38	1

The Superintendent has now very good quarters at Scottsdale; the watch-house, however, is now in the wrong place. When the railway is completed a change will be imperative. A Station will be required at Mount Victoria. At Mount Cameron and Bridport the Police duty is inconsiderable.

#### WEST COAST.

Force.—1 Sub-Inspector, 2 Constables, 1 Special.

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

This District has not yet realized the expectations of advancement, and Police duty has become so very light that I have not thought it advisable to recommend the appointment of a Superintendent; indeed, the present strength is in excess of requirements.

#### CARNARVON.

Force.—1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Constable.

A public-house having been licensed at Norfolk Bay some disorder in its vicinity has been reported. I have not, however, yet recommended the removal of one of the existing Stations to that locality, although at the present time a Constable would be more usefully employed, perhaps, there than at Saltwater River, where the Station is now situated.

#### SOUTH LONGFORD.

Force.—1 Chief Constable, 1 Constable.

There is little on record to show the utility of these Stations. The Police duties are preventive. No doubt the flocks are protected to a certain extent from the operations of sheep-stealers, and order is maintained in a very large district.

By means of the Police, communication is kept up between the flock-owners and their distant servants.

## TERRITORIAL POLICE FORCE OF TASMANIA, 1883.

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.
New Town—Queenborough <sup>a</sup> .....	19	1	3	..	1	1	13	..	£ 235	£ 120 } 126 }	..	..	s. d. 6 0	..	s. d. 5 3
Kingborough <sup>b</sup> .....	9	1	1	3	..	..	3	1	165	126	26	5 3	..	..	5 3
Franklin <sup>c</sup> .....	12	1	2	..	1	..	7	1	165	126	52	..	£115 per annum	..	5 3
Selby <sup>d</sup> .....	10	1	2	..	..	..	7	..	175	120 } 124 }	..	..	..	..	5 3
George Town <sup>e</sup> .....	7	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	173	120	..	5 3	..	..	5 3
Port Sorell <sup>f</sup> .....	15	1	2	..	..	..	12	..	173	124 } 120 }	..	..	..	..	5 3
Emu Bay & Russell <sup>g</sup> .....	11	1	3	1	..	..	6	..	173	124 } 120 }	..	..	..	..	5 3
South Longford <sup>h</sup> .....	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	157	..	..	..	..	..	5 3
Carnarvon <sup>i</sup> .....	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	124	..	..	..	..	5 3
Portland .....	5	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	173	124	..	..	..	..	5 3
West Coast <sup>k</sup> .....	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	134	15	..	..	..	5 9
Ringarooma <sup>l</sup> .....	10	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	173	124	..	..	..	..	5 3
TOTAL .....	106	10	18	5	3	1	66	3							

Except in cases of officers due for pensions, 5 per cent. is deducted from salary for Police Provident Fund.

<sup>a</sup> The Superintendent has £25 per annum travelling allowance. All the Force have quarters.

<sup>b</sup> The Superintendent and Sub-Inspector receive £25 a year forage allowance. An Acting Sub-Inspector receives £25 for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Kingston. Excepting the Special Constable, all have quarters.

<sup>c</sup> The Superintendent and a Sergeant have forage allowance, the former £40 and the latter £25 per annum, and one Sub-Inspector has £25 per annum travelling allowance; another has £25 per annum for performing the duties of Police Clerk at Franklin.

<sup>d</sup> The Superintendent has £25 forage, and £25 travelling allowance. One Sub-Inspector and two Constables have £25 a year forage allowance. One Constable has £10 a year travelling allowance. All except the Superintendent have quarters.

<sup>e</sup> The Superintendent receives £30 forage and £25 travelling allowance. A Sub-Inspector, Sergeant, and one Constable have £25 each, and one Constable £10 per annum travelling allowance. With exception of one Constable, all the Force have quarters.

<sup>f</sup> The Superintendent receives £50 forage allowance, and two Sub-Inspectors £25 each a year travelling allowance. All the Force have quarters, or allowance in lieu thereof.

<sup>g</sup> The Superintendent receives £25 forage and £25 travelling allowance. Two Sub-Inspectors and a Constable each receive £25 forage allowance. Except one Sub-Inspector and a Special, all have quarters.

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

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

<sup>k</sup> The Sub-Inspector and two Constables have £50, £20, and £10 a year respectively personal allowance. The Sub-Inspector has £50 a year forage allowance, and one Constable £25.

<sup>l</sup> The Superintendent has £50 forage, and £50 travelling allowance. The Sub-Inspector and six Constables receive £25 per annum each forage allowance.