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NEW SOUTH WALES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT FOR 1890.)

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The Inspector-General of Police to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir, Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 9 January, 1891.

In accordance with Police Regulations, and special instructions, I have the honor to make the following General Report to the Colonial Secretary regarding the operations of the Police Department for the past year.

The return showing the strength and distribution of the Establishment on the 31st December is appended hereto as usual.

The thirty-one additional constables provided on the Estimates for 1890 admitted of some small addition to the force in the Metropolis, also of the establishment of the new stations hereunder named, and for augmentation of the force at the stations at Peak Hill, Broken Hill, Newcastle, &c.:—

District.	New Stations.
Metropolitan	Greenwich.
Northern... ..	Woolgoolga.
Western	{ Manildra.
	{ East Orange.
	{ Lewis Ponds.
North-eastern	Catherine Hill Bay.
North-western	Pallamallawa.
Bourke	Coolabah.
South-western	Pinnacles.
Murray	Jindera.

153 appointments were made during the year to fill vacancies occasioned as under, and for the increase voted:—

Resignations	68
Discharges	25
Dismissals	12
Superannuations	10
Deaths	7

The condition of the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds continues each year to become more unsatisfactory. It is much to be regretted that the pressure of public business prevented the consideration of a measure for legislative enactment to place the funds on a proper basis, but I shall not fail to bring the matter specially under the Colonial Secretary's notice before the next Session of Parliament.

Six police pensioners died in 1890, who had been in receipt of pensions amounting in the aggregate to £663 1s. 8d. per annum, and one widow of a member of the force died who had been in receipt of a pension of £50 per annum.

Ten members of the force of various ranks were superannuated during the year, five receiving pensions at rates varying between £75 and £325 per annum, aggregating to £963 15s. 5d. per annum; and five members were granted gratuities upon their discharge on certificate of unfitness for further service, which entailed a charge of £780 10s. upon the fund.

Five widows of members of the force received gratuities amounting in all to £780, and two were granted pensions of £75 and £40 per annum respectively.

The charges for the year (on the combined funds) exceeded the revenue by £2,148.

Crime.

As usual, in anticipation of the publication of the annual statistics, I have caused the number of apprehensions by the police for various offences during the year to be extracted from the station records in the Metropolitan District, as the figures afford an indication of the nature and extent of crime for the year. They are so far satisfactory, as they exhibit no increase on those for the previous year, notwithstanding the increase in the population.

The total number of arrests for all offences amounts to 19,732. There is an apparent increase in the number this year of 763; but deducting the Water Police return, 829, which was not included in the Metropolitan return last year, there is a total decrease of 66.

In cases of drunkenness and other offences connected therewith, the figures for 1890 show a decrease of 30 as compared with the previous year.

From an examination of the reports of crime from the Colony generally, I judge there has been a marked decrease in the more serious offences, such as murder and rape, whilst only two cases occurred of robbery under arms, one being at a Chinaman's store, and the other at a bank, when the offender shot himself dead. There has also been a decrease in the number of children found abandoned, from 25 in 1889 to 11 in 1890.

The prevalence of acts of violence to persons and property, committed in concert by bands of disorderly young men and youths in the city and suburbs, has been under the special consideration of the Colonial Secretary. The inadequacy of the means provided under the existing law to enable the magistracy and the police to repress this seriously-growing evil will probably result in some enactment being passed at an early date to deal with the matter.

There are other directions in which legislation would be of great public advantage, as tending to the moral and social improvement of the community, and I trust I may not be travelling beyond my province in taking this opportunity of referring to them :—

1. The supervision and regulation of dancing saloons and other places of resort by the young.
2. The regulation of common lodging houses.
3. The more effective inspection and regulation to secure decent accommodation for families of the poorer classes.
4. For the better protection of young girls, and for extending the age under which they may be dealt with under the Industrial Act to 18.
5. To extend the scope of the Industrial Schools' Act, to enable the magistracy to deal with "neglected children."
6. To supervise and control all factories and workshops where the young of both sexes are employed.

I am, of course, well aware that these subjects are not new to the Colonial Secretary, and that he has had them constantly under his consideration. I merely take the liberty of recalling his attention thereto.

The ordinary routine of police duties during a portion of the year was considerably interfered with by the necessity for withdrawing a large number of police from stations in the country during the strike. Notwithstanding, however, that some few complaints were made of inconvenience suffered by the residents in various districts owing to the absence of police, it was satisfactory to find that no marked increase of crime resulted therefrom.

The facilities with which police can now be moved from one post to another by railway, telegraph lines being also available in every direction, afford material aids to promptitude in concentrating police wherever required on emergency.

The use of the telephone for police purposes has been made more generally available in the city and suburbs during the year. Besides the twenty-five instruments at police stations, the telephones of the Fire Brigade Department are all available to the police, and, in addition, no less than 139 instruments in convenient situations, belonging to private citizens, have been kindly placed at my disposal for use when required. A list of the same has been printed and issued to each member of the force in the district.

The number of publicans' licenses issued throughout the Colony in 1890 was, approximately, 3,428, as compared with 3,405 in 1889. The increase was confined to the country districts, the metropolitan returns showing a decrease of three, the numbers being 855 in 1889, and 852 in 1890.

I regret that I am unable to make a favourable report regarding the working of the Licensing Act, or the control thereunder of the traffic in intoxicating drink. The limitation clauses of the Act are not observed, nor indeed can they be efficiently enforced. The prosecutions by the police in the Metropolitan District, however, increased from 337 in 1889 to 431 in 1890.

Sunday trading is not exceptional, and the difficulties in the way of securing convictions are enhanced as the licensees become more adept in the means they adopt to evade detection. The evil resulting is of considerable magnitude, as the police have good reason to know that numerous families are rendered destitute, and ruined morally, by unprincipled publicans seducing the breadwinners into their dens, where they are induced to remain Sunday after Sunday till their wages are spent, and they are rendered more than half unfit for their week's labour.

I believe (though my opinion is not shared by all of my own officers) that less evil would result were public-houses permitted to be opened during certain hours on Sunday, when what occurred would be open to public view, and to the supervision of the police.

It was confidently expected when the Licensing Boards were constituted, that many licenses would be withdrawn in country towns and villages from premises wholly unfit for public accommodation, and not required for that purpose; but wherever I go, in reply to my inquiries to the inspectors why such and such houses, obviously not required and unfit, still retain their licenses, I am informed that the Board has not seen fit to refuse to continue the licenses.

Certain amendments in the Act are, I understand, now under consideration, which, it is to be hoped, will be passed into law, and be productive of some public benefit. At present the respectable trader is absolutely at a disadvantage as compared with his less scrupulous competitor.

There were 1,263 inquests held during the year, and the reports show that in 102 cases death was attributable, either directly or indirectly, to intemperance. These figures exhibit a decrease on the previous year of 112 and 37 respectively.

The watchhouse accommodation in Sydney is at present—since the old Central Police Station was removed—very far below the requirements; but votes having been granted for new buildings for a Central Police Station (in progress), and for new lockups in Clarence-street and Regent-street, I hope to be in a position at no distant date to report that the watchhouse accommodation of Sydney fulfils all modern requirements, and equal, if not superior, to any city in the world.

Ambulance instructions to the police has been continued during the year in Sydney and at some of the more important country towns, though interfered with by the strike and other urgent duties, and I entertain a hope that in course of time a large proportion of the men will obtain certificates of qualification.

The correspondence in the department is very considerably on the increase. It has now to be maintained with Police Establishments, not only in the United Kingdom but with India, Canada, and other

A very substantial addition of seventy-three men have been provided for on the Police Estimates for 1891. I propose to maintain a small body of Mounted Police for constant duty in the Metropolitan District. Hitherto, I have depended upon the officers and instructors at the Dépôt, with two or three experienced hands, the rest of the small troop being composed of recruits. Although a mounted force can be readily concentrated in Sydney at any time on a few hours' notice, it is, in my opinion, desirable to have a small force available at any moment, the members of which will be drafted from time to time to fill country vacancies.

During the year I was able to visit the headquarters and some of the out-stations of the following districts :—

At all the places I inspected I had no reason to be otherwise than satisfied with the police, their equipment, and the orderly manner in which their quarters and the watch-houses were kept.

I have, &c.,

Inspector-General of Police.

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DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-inspectors.	Senior-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior-constables.	Constables.	Senior-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior-constables.	Constables.
Metropolitan— <i>continued.</i>	Homebush .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Strathfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hurstville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Belmore .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Croydon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Mortlake .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Annandale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Birkenhead .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	St. Peter's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
	Helsarmel .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Rockdale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peakhurst .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Arncliffe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Dulwich Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Rosedale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	North Sydney .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	15
	North Willoughby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Neutral Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Lane Cove .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Mossman's Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Greenwich .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Water Police .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	18
Northern	Armidale	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	4
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Uralla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walcha Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Walcha .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Bendemeer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Guyra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Glen Innes .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Kookabookra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Deepwater .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emmaville .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Tenterfield .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Wilson's Downfall .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Drake .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Bundarra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tingha .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Inverell .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Ashford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Melrose .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hillgrove .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
	Grafton .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	5
	Do South .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
	Woogoolga .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ulmara .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Brushgrove .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Lawrence .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Maclean .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Harwood Island .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Chatsworth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Palmer's Island .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Yamba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Copmanhurst .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dalmorton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Blick's River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Lismore .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
	Casino .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Coraki .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Woodburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Broadwater .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Wardell .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ballina .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Woodenbong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Brunswick .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Murwillumbah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tumbulgum .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cudgen .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Southern	Goulburn	1	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	2	1	12
	Collector .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bungonia .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Marulan .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Crookwell .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Taralga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Yass .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	2
	Gunning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Dalton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gundaroo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ginninderra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Burrowa .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Binalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Frogmore .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Reid's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pudman Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wee Jasper .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Young .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	3

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super- inten- dents.	Inspec- tors.	Sub- inspec- tors.	Senior- ser- geants.	Ser- geants.	Senior- con- stables.	Con- stables.	Senior- ser- geants.	Ser- geants.	Senior- con- stable.	Con- stables.
Southern— <i>continued.</i>	Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
	Temora .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Murrumburrah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Marengo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Wombat .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Wallendbeen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Morangarell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Barnedman .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Harden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Braidwood .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	2
	Queanbeyan .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Moruya .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Araluen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Bungendore .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tarago .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bateman's Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Nelligen .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Major's Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Eurobodalla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emu Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mongarlowe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Captain's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nerrigundah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Cooma .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Bega .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Bombala .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Panbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Eden .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Candelo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobargo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Buckley's Crossing .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Michelago .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Adaminaby .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Kiandra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Delegate .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Nimitybelle .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Jindabyne .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wolumla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyndham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Animbo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Colombo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Merimbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eastern	Depôt	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Parramatta .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	11
	Granville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Rookwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Prospect .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Auburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Potts' Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ryde .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Hunter's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hornsby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gladesville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peat's Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Penrith .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Emu Plains .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	St. Mary's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Springwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Katoomba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Windsor .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Wilberforce .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Richmond .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	St. Alban's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rouse Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Riverstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Liverpool .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Smithfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Sutherland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Campbelltown .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Appin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Camden .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Picton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Berrima .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Moss Vale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Bowral .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Mittagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Robertson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollongong .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Dapto .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Fig-tree .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bulli .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Clifton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cawley's Creek	1
	Kiama	1	3
	Shellharbour	1
	Jamberoo	1
	Albion Park	1
	Gerrington	1
	Nowra	1	1

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Eastern— <i>continued.</i>	Terrara	1
	Berry	1
	Kangaroo Valley	1
	Milton	1
Western	Bathurst	1	2	4	2	...	2	10
	Kelso .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Milltown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Oberon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Sunny Corner .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Rydal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wallerawang .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
	Lithgow .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Hartley Vale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Hartley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mount Victoria .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hill End .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Sofala .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyagdon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rockley .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Burruga .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	O'Connell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mudgee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	3
	Gulgong .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Coolah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mundooran .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Denison Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rylstone .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Ilford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Hargraves .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Windeyer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollar .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobborah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Orange	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	6
	Do East .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Molong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Cowra .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Blayney .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Carcoar .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Canowindra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cudal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Toogong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount McDonald .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Goolagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Trunkay Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Cargo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mandurama .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tuena .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Manildra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Forbes .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	3
	Condobolin .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Eugowra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Parkes .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Grenfell .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Marsden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Wollongough .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Alectown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dubbo .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	5
	Wellington .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Coonamble .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Obley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Warren .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Tomingley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dandaloo .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nevertire .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Narramine .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Collie .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gilgandra .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Quambone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Stuart Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Cumnock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Peak Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Trangie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bourke	Bourke .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	1	4
	Brewarrina .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Cobar .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Byrock .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gongolgon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Louth .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Curranyalpa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Enngonia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nymagee	1	...	1	1
	Nyngan	1	...	1	2
	Cannonbar	1
	Yantabulla	1
	Barrington	1
	Wanaaring	1	1

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Burke— <i>continued.</i>	Walgett	1	3	2
	Collarendabri	1	2
	Mogil Mogil	1
	Mungindi	1
	Angledool	1	1
	Goodooga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
	Grawin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pilliga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
North-eastern	Carinda .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Coolabah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	West Maitland	1	...	1	1	...	...	3	...	1	2	10
	Branxton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Lochinvar .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Greta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Cessnock .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	East Maitland .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Mulbring .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cooranbong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Swansea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Catherine Hill Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Largs .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Morpeth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Hinton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Paterson .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gresford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Raymond Terrace .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Clarence Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Dungog .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Stroud .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gloucester .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Copeland .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Bullahdelah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bungwall Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tea Gardens .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Forster .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gosford .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Newcastle .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	24
	Point Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Lake Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	The Glebe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Charlestown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Teralba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hamilton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Adamstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Waratah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Carrington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	New Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
	West Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Stockton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wickham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Islington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Tighe's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Minmi .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Wollombi .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Ellalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Howe's Valley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Singleton .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Goorangoola .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Broke .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Muswellbrook .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Jerry's Plains .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Denman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Merriwa .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Kerrabee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cassilis .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Scone .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Stewart's Brook .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kempsey .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Gladstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Frederickton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Arakoon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Macksville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowraville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Taree .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Cundletown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wingham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tinonee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Coopernook .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Port Macquarie	1	...	1	1
	Wauchope	1
	Camden Haven	1
	Fernmount	1
	Smithtown	1
	Bellinger	1

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		Super-intendents.	Inspec-tors.	Sub-inspec-tors.	Senior-sergeants	Ser-geants.	Senior-con-stables.	Con-stables.	Senior-ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior-con-stables.	Con-stables.
North-western	Tamworth	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	1	1	5
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Murrurundi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
	Blackville .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gunnedah .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Barraba .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Manilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Nundle .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Quirindi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Somerton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moonbi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Carroll .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Werris Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Boggabri .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Tambar Springs .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Baradine .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Coonabarabran .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Narrabri .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wee Waa .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Keramingby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Meroe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moree .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Eulowrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bingera .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Warialda .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Yetman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Boggabilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pallamallawa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kunopia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
South-western	Deniliquin	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	4
	Mathoura .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Moama .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Jerilderie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
	Tocumwal .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Hay .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Maude .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Oxley .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Carathool .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Darlington Point .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Whitton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Booligal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mossgiel .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ivanhoe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hillston .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Euabalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gilgunnia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount Hope .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Cudgellico .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moulamein .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Balranald .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Hatfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Clare .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Euston .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wentworth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Salt Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pooncarie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Menindie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Thackaringa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Silverton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Eurourie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Purnamoota .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Broken Hill .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	10
	Pinnacles .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	South Broken Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Round Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wilcannia .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
	Milparinka .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tibooburra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Murray	Albury	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	1	1	5
	Bowna .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Germanton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walbundrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Corowa .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Howlong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mulwala .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tumbarumba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Welaragang .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Gerogery	1
	Jindera	1
	Gundagai	1	1	1	3
	Tumut	1	...	1	1
	Yarrangobilly	1
	Adelong	1	1	1

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		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-inspectors.	Senior-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior-constables.	Constables.	Senior-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior-constables.	Constables.	
Murray—continued.	Shepherdstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Batlow.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Jugiong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Coolac.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wagga Wagga .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	2	6
	Junee .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1
	Urana .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Narrandera.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Tarcutta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kyamba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
The Rock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Coolaman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
BELMORE BARRACKS.													
Constables in course of instruction, under orders for transfer .....		...	...	1	1	...	...	32	...	...	1	36
Orderlies to His Excellency the Governor .....		...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Armourer .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Police Storekeeper .....		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
DETECTIVES.													
Inspector in charge.....		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspector .....		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First-class Detectives.....		3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second-class do.		6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Third-class do.		4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL.....		13	9	11	28	24	51	121	386	27	45	123	813
Total of all ranks. 1,651.													

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office.