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The Inspector-General of Police to The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 31 May, 1921.

Dear Sir,

I submit herewith the Annual Report, covering the operations of the New South Wales Police Department, for the year ended 31st December, 1920. In the report for 1919 special mention was made of the great increase in serious crime since the termination of the War, and the figures for 1920 show that this is again the outstanding feature. The more serious offences, such as offences against the person, against property with violence, and against property without violence, show an actual increase of 1,846 arrests, while for offences against good order the increase in the number of arrests was no less than 11,111. Increase in crime.

During the year the Force has been from 200 to 300 men short of the authorised strength, and for several months the resignations, retirements on pension, &c., were hardly balanced by the number of applicants enrolled. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining applicants for the Mounted Branch, but many vacancies still exist for Foot Constables, and suitable applicants are difficult to obtain. Shortage of Police.

As an instance of the extraordinary increase in Police activities, it may be mentioned that in 1914 the total number of papers handled in the Inspector-General's Office was 81,360, whilst for last year the number was 203,963, exclusive of thousands of formal documents, or an approximate increase of 300 per cent. These figures give an insight into the manifold duties, apart from the protection of life and property, carried out by the Police Service, and incidentally indicate how misleading any figures showing the cost per head of population would be, without the actual facts being set out. As a very clear example of this fact attention might be invited to expenditure under the headings of collection of "License Fees" and "Tax" upon motor and other vehicles. In 1914 the total Revenue collected by the Department under these headings merely amounted to £16,379 15s. ; for the year at present under notice, however, the total collections are £169,738 6s. 7d. The whole of the proceeds are paid into Consolidated Revenue without deduction of any kind to meet the expense of collection. The entire expenditure, including Salaries, Allowances, Cost of Stationery, plates and other incidentals, is charged against ordinary Police Votes. A staff of 40 men is solely engaged at the Traffic Office in the testing of vehicles and the drivers, and the collection of this Revenue, and the time of other Police throughout the State is engaged to a certain extent in the collection of Revenue and general oversight. No doubt it is a legitimate Police activity, but as the total cost of the Salaries and Allowances of such officers is debited against Police Expenditure it will be quite obvious that any estimate of the cost of Police per head, or the number of Police per head of population, will be entirely misleading unless due allowance is made for the cost of carrying out additional functions of such a character. Increased activities of Department

Criminal Statistics for the State generally.

Attention is invited to the return shown in Appendix A. The figures embrace all cases which have been dealt with by the Police, either by apprehension or summons, and the following table affords a comparison with the corresponding figures for 1917, 1918, and 1919 :— Appendix A.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	Increase or Decrease of 1920 over 1919.	
					Increase.	Decrease.
Offences against the person	3,850	3,930	3,616	3,803	187	...
Offences against property with violence	1,331	1,496	1,968	2,533	565	...
Offences against property without violence	5,878	6,834	7,713	8,807	1,094	...
Offences against the currency	56	56	155	147	...	8
Offences against good order	35,787	34,864	37,514	48,625	11,111	...
Offences not included in the preceding	23,795	28,749	27,410	25,956	...	1,454
Totals	70,697	75,929	78,376	89,871	12,957	1,462

Total increase 11,495

NOTE.—Owing to the adoption of an improved form for the compilation of the Annual Criminal Return for the State, the grouping of offences under the headings shown above has been altered to some extent, and the figures for 1919 have been revised accordingly, and will therefore agree in the main total only with the figures given in the Annual Report for that year.

The total increase of 11,495 is mainly accounted for by the additional offences under the headings of breaking and entering, or attempts at breaking and entering, simple larceny or attempts, drunkenness, drunkenness with disorderly conduct, riotous and offensive behaviour, &c., using profane, indecent or obscene language, playing games to the annoyance of passengers and residents, prosecutions under the Land and Income Tax Acts, prosecutions under the Motor Traffic Act and Regulations, and prosecutions under the Public Instruction Act.

Appendix A1. Attention is directed to the graph and details appearing in Appendix A1.

Appendix B. In 1919 the total number of the more serious classes of offences committed and recorded in the *Police Gazette* was 8,107, which showed an increase of 1,573 over the previous year. A perusal of Appendix B discloses the fact that during 1920 the total number of such cases was 9,763—an increase of 1,656 over 1919.

Serious crimes. The increases are made up particularly under the following classes of crime :—Rape and attempts, 18 ; criminal assaults, carnally knowing and attempts, &c., 9 ; unnatural offences, 28 ; arson and attempts 7 ; robbery, being armed, 2 ; assault and robbery, 50 ; bigamy, 2 ; abduction, 5 ; spurious coins uttered 8 ; miscellaneous offences, including forgery and uttering, larceny, false pretences, &c., 254 ; embezzlement, 28 ; burglaries and stealing from premises, &c., 267 ; watches and jewellery stolen, missing, &c., 232.

The principal decreases are :—In cases of murder, 2 ; attempted murder, 10 ; manslaughter, 3 ; bodies of infants found, 4 ; mail robberies, 13 ; stealing from the person, 11 ; maliciously wounding, inflicting bodily harm, &c., 22 ; uttering forged bank-notes, 11.

Juvenile crime. Appendix B1. There have been notable increases in the number of crimes committed by juveniles, and the statement given in Appendix B1 shows the number of such offenders and offences committed by them of a more serious nature. The increases and decreases as compared with the previous year are also indicated.

Stock stolen. The number of large stock reported stolen during the year was 1,314—an increase of 716 over the figures for 1919. The number of head recovered was 348. Police investigations in many cases showed that there was little likelihood of the stock being stolen, the opinion being held that the missing cattle were in many instances turned adrift by their owners, in mountainous country, during the late severe drought, and that most of them in all probability perished.

Inquests. Inquests held on bodies amounted to 1,352 and on fires 99, making a total of 1,451. Under the first heading the cause of death was given as attributable to intemperance in 133 instances—in the case of fires 17 were declared to have been wilfully caused, 11 were held to be accidental, and in the remainder the cause was not specified.

Breaches of Section 463 of the Crimes Act. Offences under this heading numbered 45 as against 68 in 1919, a decrease of 23.

Prisoners released under Crimes Act. The number of first offenders discharged under the Crimes Act, 1900, shows an increase of 8 over the previous year.

Wife and child deserters. The number of wife and child desertion cases numbered 1,014. Arrests totalling 365 were made by police, and in 108 other cases the efforts of the police resulted in provision being made for the families. In this class of offence there is an increase of 102 over the figures for 1919.

Higher Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions. An increase of 338 committals to Higher Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions is shown for the year, the figures being 1,673 as against 1,335 for 1919.

Extraditions. Three cases of extradition were dealt with ;—1 to the United States of America and 2 to New Zealand.

Habitual criminals. The Habitual Criminals Act became operative in 1905, and since that year 84 persons have been declared to be habitual criminals, viz :—

1905	2	1914	3
1906	10	1915	3
1907	11	1916	5
1908	9	1917	3
1909	9	1918	3
1910	2	1919	7
1911	6	1920	2
1912	3		
1913	6	Total	84

The total number of such criminals who were under detention on the 31st December, 1920, including 3 detained in hospitals for the criminal insane, was 30.

Important Criminal Cases.

During the year there were several arrests for murder, and the following particulars are given of some of the most notable cases :—

The master of a sailing ship, lying in Sydney Harbour, was stabbed with a sheath knife by a Russian member of the crew, who, after committing the deed, jumped into the harbour ; he was arrested and subsequently sentenced to death, which sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. At Tahmoor, near Picton, a boy, aged 13, was murdered ; another youth, aged 15½, was subsequently arrested and charged with the offence ; he was committed for trial, but was acquitted. A woman was knocked down and run over by a motor car and killed ; the offender was committed for trial on the charge of murder, but was acquitted. A man was charged with murdering his wife at Woronora and sentenced to death, the sentence being commuted to imprisonment for life. Another man was also charged with murdering his wife ; he was committed for trial on such charge, but was ultimately found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to three years. The murder of a woman by her husband at the Sydney Show.

Show Ground, sentence of death being passed. The poisoning of a woman by her husband through strychnine being placed in a bottle of porter, contents of which she drank; the husband was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to death. A case which aroused most intense public interest was that resulting in the elucidation of the murder of a woman at Chatswood, some years previously, and the arrest and conviction for the offence of another woman who had for some considerable time been posing as a male. A well-known medical man was found shot dead at a private residence, and a woman, also found seriously wounded, was charged with murdering him, and was found not guilty, on the grounds of insanity, and ordered to be kept in strict custody during the Governor's pleasure. In a flat in one of the suburbs of the city a woman was found to have been brutally murdered; every inquiry is being made to effect the arrest of the suspected offender. At a house near Moss Vale a man shot his wife, and subsequently shot dead Constable 1st Class Frederick W. Mitchell, who had gone to the residence to investigate the first-named crime. The offender was committed on both charges, and was subsequently convicted and sentenced for the murder of his wife, the charge of shooting the constable not being proceeded with.

Important Arrests, &c.

At Brooklyn, on the Hawkesbury River, two men were arrested for the blowing of safes at suburban post offices and other places; the importance of these arrests may be judged from the fact that they led to the clearing up of some nineteen cases of burglary, house-breaking, &c. The property involved amounted to about £1,800, the majority of which was recovered. Thirteen cases of house-breaking, involving property to the value of £285, were satisfactorily accounted for by the arrest of a youth at Marrickville. Another case of a similar nature resulted in twenty-three other cases of house-breaking being cleared up. At Blakehurst, a private still was discovered by the Police, who arrested five persons found on the premises, and they were fined sums aggregating £500. Two youths were arrested in connection with robberies from a well-known retailing establishment in one of the suburbs which was entered on four different occasions and articles to the value of £1,536 stolen; it might be mentioned that two men are under committal for receiving this stolen property. An attempt was made to blow up a safe at the Government Shipping Office in the city, but the perpetrators were disturbed by a Special Constable; they escaped at the time, but were subsequently arrested and committed for trial. Two well-known criminals were arrested for shop-breaking and each sentenced to three years hard labour. Three young men were arrested for stealing a motor car valued at £500 and duly convicted; these offenders were also responsible for several other cases of breaking and entering, and stealing goods of considerable value. A man was arrested for the theft of two cash boxes containing nearly £1,000 at the Railway Booking Office at Strathfield. On two occasions the suspected offender was tried for the offence, but the jury disagreed each time. A young woman was arrested for stabbing an elderly man during an altercation in a house; she was committed for trial, but subsequently acquitted. A man was charged with committing rape, found guilty, and sentenced to death. Another man was charged with assaulting a girl, 14 years of age, and attempting to commit rape; he was committed for trial but acquitted.

Criminal Statistics for the Metropolitan District.

In considering the figures relating to crime for the Metropolitan District alone it will be necessary to bear in mind that during the year this Police District was enlarged to include the former Eastern District, which contains seventy-eight Police Stations, and the figures for the last mentioned district are now included in those of the Metropolitan District.

For the purpose of comparison it has also been necessary to include in the figures for 1919 those offences which were committed in the Eastern District during that year.

The statement given hereunder shows the number of offences dealt with during the year under the various headings enumerated, and of the total number of offences (46,981), arrests were made in 36,350 instances, and in the remainder, proceedings were taken by summons:—

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	Increase or Decrease of 1920 over 1919.	
					Increase.	Decrease.
Offences against the person	1,454	1,482	1,848	2,055	207	...
Offences against property with violence	954	1,073	1,502	2,016	514	...
Offences against property without violence	3,290	4,165	5,091	5,841	750	...
Forgery and offences against the currency	19	22	105	80	...	25
Offences against good order	16,398	16,969	20,681	26,856	6,175	...
Other offences not included in the preceding	7,214	7,969	11,043	10,133	...	910
Totals	29,329	31,680	40,270	46,981	7,646	935

Increase 6,711.

The increases are mainly accounted for as follows:—

Offences against the person.—Assault occasioning actual bodily harm; assault female; stealing from the person.

Offences against property with violence.—Breaking and entering, or attempts to break and enter.

Offences against property without violence.—Simple larceny or attempts at; possession of supposed stolen goods.

Offences against good order.—Drunkenness; indecent behaviour; drunk and disorderly behaviour; use of obscene language, &c.; and playing games to the annoyance of passengers or residents.

Other

Other Offences not included in the preceding.—Travel by tram or train without paying fare ; disobey maintenance order ; gaming and betting ; breaches of the Motor Traffic Act and Regulations.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of offences for breaches of the Railway By-laws, and other decreases are mainly accounted for as follows:—Breaches of the Dog and Goat Act ; Local Government Act and Ordinances ; Metropolitan Traffic Act ; and Quarantine Act.

Finger Prints.

Appendix C.

From a perusal of Appendix C, it will be noted that 1,953 finger-prints were identified during 1919, whilst the number identified during 1920 was 2,434—an increase of 481.

Finger-prints as evidence.

In thirty-one cases of house-breaking and thieving finger-prints constituted the principal evidence, and in four cases the sole evidence, and, in all but one of these, convictions were secured. In thirty other cases of a similar nature finger-prints were identified and information supplied as to the offenders. In the majority of the instances there was no necessity for evidence to be tendered, as the accused admitted the offences.

Examinations.

Articles numbering 746 were examined in the Finger-print Branch, while visits by members of the staff were made to various places in the city, suburbs, and country for the purpose of searching for finger-print impressions in connection with the more serious forms of crime.

Identification of deceased persons. Criminal photographs.

The bodies of eleven deceased persons were identified through the examination of their prints.

Eight hundred and forty-nine criminal photographs were received from the Prisons Department and distributed where considered necessary. Photographs to the extent of 4,983 were sent to the various states and New Zealand, while 15,402 were supplied to the city and country Police in this State. Photographs numbering 1,634 were received from other States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand. In addition a large number of photographs of persons charged with serious crime were taken for police purposes.

Interchange of records.

The statement contained in Appendix C shows particulars of interchange of records with other Police systems and results achieved.

Water Police.

The activities of the Water Police, both in Sydney and Newcastle, continue to increase as a result of the volume of shipping at both places. Owing to floods in portions of the western and north-western areas of the State, the services of the Sydney and Newcastle Water Police were largely availed of in the hiring and despatching of boats to the flooded areas, and several members of the Sydney and Newcastle staffs were sent to such areas for temporary duty. On many occasions the Water Police rendered assistance to capsized sailing boats, and sixty-four persons, representing the crews, were rescued without loss of life. The bodies of twenty-three persons were recovered in the Harbour. The work of registration of aliens, which still makes large demands upon the existing Water Police Staff, is being carried out with continued efficiency.

Metropolitan Licensing Inspection.

Hotels.

Through three licenses being allowed to lapse, and owing to the surrender of four others, the number of hotels in existence in the Metropolitan District on the 31st December, 1920, was 601, as against 608 on the same date in 1919—a decrease of seven.

Objections to licenses.

The Police lodged twenty-one objections to the renewal of publicans' licenses, the grounds of objection in the majority of cases being on account of structural defects, and in four other cases objection was taken to the manner in which the premises were conducted. Seventeen renewals were granted, two withdrawn, and in one instance the applicant did not appear.

Applications for material alteration to, and rebuilding of, hotel premises numbering 105, most of which were granted. Apart from these, however, in many cases owners of licensed premises voluntarily carried out improvements.

Samples of liquor.

There is an increase over last year of twenty-five in the number of Spirit Merchants' Licenses, five in the number of Billiard Licenses, two in the number of Packet Licenses, a decrease of nine in the number of additional bars, whilst the number of Brewers' and Colonial Wine Licenses remain the same as last year.

The quality of liquor sold appears to be well maintained. Samples were taken in 285 cases from hotels throughout the Metropolitan Licensing District, and upon analysis nothing deleterious or injurious was found, but six of the samples were below the standard strength and proceedings were taken accordingly.

Licenses Reduction Board.

This Board commenced its sittings in August, and after some months of deliberation determined that sixteen hotels are to close from the 30th June, 1921.

Appendix D.

Particulars with regard to the convictions obtained under the Liquor Act and also against holders of Colonial Wine Licenses in the Metropolitan District will be found in Appendix D.

Traffic.

General and pedestrian traffic.

The work of the Police engaged in controlling traffic in the City increased considerably during the year. The congestion in some of the thoroughfares in the centre of the City is becoming so acute that the question of providing some relief will shortly compel attention.

Accidents.

In 1919 the number of accidents reported by the Police was 2,841. During the year under review the number of such accidents reported was 3,067, being an increase of 226 over the figures for 1919. In 51 cases fatal results followed. Outside the Metropolitan area 123 accidents caused by motor-cars were reported by the Police, 16 persons being killed and 99 injured.

Safety zones.

At several tramway stopping places in the City safety zones have been marked off as a means of protection to passengers waiting to board trams. This innovation has proved so successful that it has now passed the experimental stage, and the extension of these zones will be made wherever the conditions are such as to require them. Besides being a source of protection, the zones provide facilities to wheel traffic which was previously much impeded at the positions now protected by these zones.

The

The arrangements existing between the Chief Secretary's Department and the City Council to permit fruit barrows to stand in the City streets has now been extended to 300 positions. Fruit barrow-men.

The more serious offences against traffic laws have not reached large proportions. During the year seventy persons were convicted for driving vehicles whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Such offenders are invariably required to show cause why their licenses should not be cancelled; and the offence is, therefore, not permitted to pass without strong endeavour to impress its seriousness upon the offender. Offences.

This is a traffic matter of considerable importance, and the Police generally are enjoined to give attention to any cases of cruelty coming under their notice, and in every instance where proceedings were justified action has been taken. In 161 cases prosecutions were initiated, and the offenders convicted. Inspection of ho.ves.

The revenue derived from the registration of motor and public vehicles, and the tax on motor vehicles, continues to increase. The total amount for 1920 was £169,738 6s. 7d., as against £146,911 1s. 8d. for the previous year, showing an increase of £22,827 4s. 11d. Revenue.

The motor-cars, motor patrols, and motor prison van under the control of the Department completed 70,993 miles during the year, at an average cost of 10½d. per mile, whilst the motor-cycles completed a mileage of 177,954, at an average cost of 2d. per mile. During the year an additional motor patrol was placed in commission. There are now seven motor-cars and thirty-three motor-cycles in use, and these vehicles are proving of special value in the performance of police work. Police motor vehicles.

Regulations controlling the limitation of speed of motor vehicles were altered during the year, and the power is now in the hands of the Inspector-General of Police to fix speed limits, and to prohibit motors on public streets, where such a course may be necessary. Motor speed regulations.

Full details of the traffic work carried out during 1920 will be found in Appendix E. Appendix E

Visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

During 1920 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited the Commonwealth. On the 16th June he landed in Sydney, and spent a week in this city. To strengthen the Metropolitan Police it was necessary to draft a considerable number of members of the Force from Country Districts—both mounted and foot. The duties devolving upon the Police during the whole period of the visit were carried out in a most efficient manner, and entailed the working of very long hours, not only on the part of those Police who were actually engaged upon this work, but also those who were required to carry on the work at their respective stations short-handed.

His Royal Highness also visited many country centres, where adequate Police arrangements were made.

Many expressions of appreciation were received as to the conduct of Police arrangements, including letters from His Royal Highness; His Excellency the State Governor; the Right Honorable the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth; the Honorable the Premier; the Honorable the Chief Secretary; and Major-General Sir C. B. B. White, the Commonwealth Organiser of the Royal Visit.

Miscellaneous

There have been many industrial disturbances throughout the year, but in most cases they were of comparative unimportance from a Police point of view, with, perhaps, the exception of Broken Hill. At that place the mines were closed practically the whole of the twelve months, with the natural result that there was a great deal of distress necessitating financial assistance by the Government, and the services of the local Police were largely availed of for the purpose of its distribution. Industrial disturbances.

For some considerable time past the Police have urged the necessity of legislation to provide for the control of the sale, use, and possession of firearms. In 1920 the matter was very carefully considered by a Select Committee of Parliament, and, at the close of the year, the Gun License Act was passed into law. The Act regulates the license, use, carriage, possession, sale, and hire of guns and firearms. It is confidently anticipated that the administration of this new Act will materially aid the Police in the performance of their duty, and at the same time prove beneficial to the interests of the public. Gun License Act, 1920.

The registration of aliens (which is now governed by the Aliens Registration Act, 1920) is a duty which still devolves upon the Police. Registration of aliens.

During the first half of the year a state of severe drought existed almost throughout the whole of the State. About the middle of the year, on the other hand, many country areas, particularly in the Western and North-western portions, were inundated by heavy floods. Droughts and floods.

Special duties were performed by the Police in connection with the distribution of relief, providing boats, effecting the rescue of persons in inundated districts, &c.

It has been the practice for some time for certain bands to play in certain streets of the city and no Police action has been taken unless obstruction or annoyance could be proved, but in view of numerous complaints from business men, it is becoming more and more obvious that the whole question will have to be carefully reviewed in the near future. Street bands.

Police Associations.

During the year an Association embracing Non-commissioned Officers and Constables was formed, and this was followed shortly afterwards by the formation of another Association for Commissioned Officers. The objects of these two bodies are broadly speaking as follows:—

- (1) To promote the interests of the Police Service by every legitimate means;
- (2) to afford an opportunity to discuss and deal with any subject relating to the general welfare of the Police Force or any member thereof, and
- (3) to consider and use every legitimate means to adjust any grievance or complaint affecting the Police Service.

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The Chief Secretary when approached in the matter readily expressed himself as being entirely in favour of the proposals, but at the same time he recorded the opinion that the new bodies should be thoroughly representative of the interests of policemen generally, and should not run counter to the official rules and regulations governing the Police Force.

Missing Friends.

The number of requests received by the Department for information regarding missing friends continues to increase, and the inquiry work now entailed in this connection is by no means inconsiderable. This will readily be understood when it is pointed out that during the year 1,480 such requests were received, and in 1,026 cases the efforts of the Police were successful. In many instances wife and child deserters were traced, and induced to contribute to the support of their families.

Dangers and Risks Incidental to the Performance of Police Duties.

During December a constable whilst endeavouring to arrest an armed offender in a house near Moss Vale was shot dead by such offender.

A constable was violently and cowardly assaulted whilst endeavouring to arrest a man at Marrickville for a minor offence, and the resultant injuries were so serious that the constable's admission to an hospital was rendered necessary for the purpose of undergoing a severe operation.

In another case a constable had a man under arrest for being drunk and disorderly, when the offender kicked the constable and fractured his leg.

At Barellan a member of the Force had occasion to speak to a man for using bad language with the result that the former was seriously assaulted, and sustained a double fracture of the jaw, rendering hospital treatment imperative.

At Dubbo a man who was subsequently found to be insane was using a firearm indiscriminately at vehicles passing along a public road. The police succeeded in effecting his arrest, but not before they were subjected to considerable risk from the rifle of the fanatic.

At Pallamallawa a constable had one of his ribs broken through an assault by a prisoner.

At Garah a railway fettler suddenly became insane and fired a gun at a constable, who, however, effected his arrest.

During the progress of a show at Griffith two men were arrested for riotous behaviour. The police were surrounded and jostled and struck with bottles and sticks, but fortunately were not seriously injured.

Prior to the time of presentation of this report the murder of Constable Wolgast in the execution of his duty had been investigated by the Court, and the offender tried, convicted, and sentenced to death.

These incidents serve to emphasise the risks and dangers to which members of the Police Force are subject in the performance of their duties.

The various carnivals held from 1915 to 1920 in conjunction with the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Service have resulted in the collection of a total amount of £58,056.

Establishment.

On the 31st December, 1920, the Force, including Trackers, numbered 2,663, whilst the authorised strength on that date, exclusive of Trackers, was 2,870. Particulars of the various grades of the Police Force will be found in Appendix F. In view of the shortage in the strength it was found necessary to continue the services of a number of special constables throughout the year.

Appointments.

The number of persons who applied for appointment to the Police Force during the year was 1,099, and out of this total only 249 were appointed. The number of men rejected for various reasons amounted to 598, and those set aside by the Police Surgeon as physically unfit totalled 201, while 61 others did not proceed with their applications.

Vacancies.

Vacancies were caused owing to the following reasons :—

Resignations	64
Discharges (including appointments of probationers not confirmed) ...	35
Dismissals	6
Discharges on pension	56
Discharge on gratuity	2
Deaths	11
Total	174

Additional police were sent to :—

Metropolitan District	Austinmer (1).
" "	Daceyville (1).
" "	Epping (1).
" "	Lilyfield (1).
North-eastern "	Bellbird (1).

Health of the Police.

During the year the general health of members of the Police Force was normal.

Transfers

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Thirteen men were transferred from the Broken Hill District, six from the South-western, and ten from the Bourke District to more congenial climates during the year 1920.

New Stations.

During the year new stations were established at the following places:—

Metropolitan District	...	...	...	...	Austinmer.
"	"	...	...	...	Avon Dam (temporary).
"	"	...	...	...	Daceyville.
"	"	...	...	...	Epping.
"	"	...	...	...	Harris Park.
"	"	...	...	...	Lilyfield.
"	"	...	...	...	Northbridge.
"	"	...	...	...	Sans Souci.
"	"	...	...	...	Wentworthville.
North Coast	"	...	...	...	Nimbin.
North-eastern	"	...	...	...	Bellbird.
Murray	"	...	...	...	Yenda.
North-western	"	...	...	...	Rowena.
"	"	...	...	...	Walhallow (Railway Construction Works).
"	"	...	...	...	The Flags (Railway Construction Works).

and the following stations were closed:—

Metropolitan District	...	...	...	...	West Bargo.
"	"	...	...	...	Burrawang.
"	"	...	...	...	Prospect.
Southern	"	...	...	...	Tathra.
North-eastern	"	...	...	...	Killingworth.
North-western	"	...	...	...	Boorooma.
"	"	...	...	...	Cryon.
"	"	...	...	...	Dennawan.
"	"	...	...	...	Bulyerol.
"	"	...	...	...	Walhallow.
Murray	"	...	...	...	Yarrangobilly.

Burringbar Station, in the North Coast District, was changed from a Foot to a Mounted Constable Station. Jenolan Caves was on the 1st April, 1920, transferred from the Western to the Eastern District, and the whole of the latter district was on the 1st September, 1920, incorporated with the Metropolitan District. The name of Mendooran Station was altered to Mendooran.

Police Buildings.

The drastic reduction in the Estimates of the Public Works Department for Police buildings has materially affected the Department, it having become necessary in many instances, owing to the bad condition of the Government buildings, to replace married Constables by single men, or even to vacate the premises and rent private ones.

During the year the rental of premises for Police purposes has considerably increased, and in view of funds not being available to effect necessary repairs to Government buildings, &c., there will be no alternative but to rent further accommodation. In order to provide suitable Police sites and premises it is estimated that an amount of approximately £200,000 would be required.

Forage.

The expenditure on forage during 1920 amounted to £25,280. This particularly heavy expense was caused mainly on account of the severe droughty conditions prevailing practically throughout the whole of the State for the first half of the year. The utmost economy was exercised, but to properly discharge the functions of the Department in country districts it was, of course, necessary to purchase forage to keep the Police horses in serviceable working condition. At some of the more remote stations the greatest difficulties were experienced in even procuring adequate forage supplies.

List of Stations Visited by the Inspector-General during 1920.

Newcastle,	Adaminaby,	Yanco,
Ginninderra,	Gundagai,	Whitton,
Berridale,	Yass,	Yarrangobilly,
Tumut,	Wallangarra,	Jugiong,
Bowning,	Griffith,	Bungendore,
Toronto,	Kiandra,	Delegate,
West Maitland,	Coolac,	Muswellbrook,
Tenterfield,	Tarago,	Leeton,
Yenda,	Cooma,	Darlington Point.
Goulburn,	Lithgow,	
Queanbeyan,	Singleton,	

Ambulance

Ambulance and Life-saving Certificates.

There are now 625 members of the Police Force who hold Ambulance Certificates, and 309 who are in possession of Life-saving Certificates. Every encouragement is afforded to Police to attend ambulance and life-saving classes, as the possession of such knowledge in rendering first aid and saving life is a distinct advantage to the performance of Police duties.

Acts of Bravery.

Throughout the year several acts of bravery by Police came under notice, more particularly in regard to the arrest of armed offenders, and in the stopping of runaway horses attached to vehicles.

Police Instruction Classes.

The Police Instruction Classes, held at the Dépôt, have proved a distinct success, and the results continue to be most satisfactory.

New South Wales Police Band.

The Band is making steady progress and its services are eagerly sought after for functions of a charitable and public nature. During the year considerable amounts were raised for the benefit of some of the public hospitals in the city, and performances have also been given regularly to returned soldiers at the Randwick Military Hospital.

In April Mr. Arlom resigned his position as bandmaster, and in the following June, Mr. Fred Haines, late bandmaster of H.M. 1st Life Guards, was appointed as his successor.

Conduct of Police.

The conduct of the Police has been, generally speaking, very good. Taking into consideration the particularly arduous and trying year through which the Department has passed, it is a pleasure to record that all ranks have acquitted themselves with credit.

Appendices.

In addition to the Appendices already referred to in this Report, appended are statements giving particulars respecting the nationalities of members of the Force, ages, and length of service of the Police in the various ranks, pensions and gratuities granted from the Police Superannuation and Reward Fund, and a list of the buildings completed for the Department, and repairs carried out at existing Police buildings during the year.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES MITCHELL,

Inspector-General of Police.

APPENDIX A.

CRIMINAL Return for the State of New South Wales for the year 1920.

Offences.	Summons Cases.		Apprehensions.		How dealt with.						Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.	
					Committed for trial.		Summarily convicted.		Discharged.						
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.					
Offences against the Person—															
Murder .....	..	..	30	8	22	8	..	..	8	..	38	48	..	10
Attempt to murder .....	..	..	23	1	16	..	2	..	5	1	24	26	..	2
Inciting to murder .....	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Manslaughter .....	..	..	22	1	15	1	..	..	7	..	23	21	..	2
Inflicting grievous bodily harm	5	..	88	6	45	3	2	..	46	3	99	110	..	11	
Attempt to inflict grievous bodily harm.	5	..	36	..	23	..	2	..	16	..	41	65	..	24	
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	22	1	71	2	42	1	4	..	47	2	96	..	96	..	
Robbery with violence .....	..	..	118	14	84	9	2	..	32	5	132	119	13	..
Demanding property with menace or threat.	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	4	..
Assault with intent to rob	4	..	31	3	26	2	1	..	8	1	38	12	26	..	
Robbery, being armed .....	..	..	3	2	..	2	..	..	3	..	5	3	2	..
Assault an Officer in the execution of his duties.	56	2	586	13	4	..	591	13	47	2	657	747	..	90	
Assault Special Constable in the execution of his Office.	..	..	36	3	..	..	33	3	3	..	39	..	..	..
Assault with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.	..	..	15	..	..	..	13	..	2	..	15	2,071	81	..
Assault in company	9	..	29	..	1	..	18	..	19	..	38	..	..	..
Assault a female	22	4	136	16	..	..	90	10	68	10	178	..	..	..
Assault, common	865	88	900	29	6	..	1,012	32	747	85	1,882	..	..	..
Apprehended violence—sureties	27	1	45	4	..	..	44	1	28	4	77	78	..	1
Obstructing workmen by violence, or threat of violence.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Not providing wife, child, or other dependent with necessities—endangering life.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	..
Deserting wife or child—indictable ..	38	1	18	..	..	..	36	..	20	1	57	..	57	..
Abandoning or exposing child under 2 years of age.	1	1	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	6	..	2
Endangering railway passengers .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Causing bodily harm by furious or negligent driving or riding.	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Rape .....	..	..	17	..	12	..	..	..	5	..	17	6	11	..
Attempt to commit rape	2	..	19	..	12	..	1	..	8	..	21	12	9	..	
Carnally knowing girl under 10 years, or attempt.	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	4	8	..	4
Carnally knowing girl over 10 and under 16 years, or attempt.	8	..	28	..	25	..	1	..	10	..	36	45	..	9	
Carnally knowing pupil or daughter, or attempts.	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	4
Carnally knowing by fraud .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Indecent assault on girl under 16 years of age.	6	..	40	..	21	..	7	..	18	..	46	..	..	..
Indecent assault on a female	1	..	22	..	17	..	1	..	5	..	23	54	42	..	
Indecent assault on a male person ..	..	..	27	..	19	..	1	..	7	..	27	..	..	..
Sodomy or attempt	1	..	26	..	19	..	..	..	2	..	21	18	3	..
Bestiality, or attempt .....	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	2	..
Lewdness .....	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	1	2	..
Abduction	1	..	14	..	5	..	..	..	10	..	15	19	..	4
Bigamy	2	1	19	6	18	7	..	..	3	..	28	27	1	..
Attempting to procure abortion .....	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	4	3	1	..
Supplying or procuring drug or instrument to procure miscarriage.	..	..	5	2	4	2	..	..	1	..	7	8	..	1
Concealment of birth .....	..	..	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	8	4	4	..
Attempted suicide	3	1	56	12	1	..	41	9	17	4	72	75	..	3	
Any other offences against the person ..	1	..	5	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	6	11	..	5	
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	4	1	3	..
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Total	1,083	100	2,484	136	450	43	1,909	69	1,208	124	3,803	3,616	365	178	
Offences against Property with Violence—															
Burglary	1	..	50	1	43	1	..	..	8	..	52	35	17	..
Breaking and entering, or attempt ..	28	1	1,599	60	707	25	404	5	516	31	1,688	1,128	560	..	
Malicious acts with intent to obstruct or injure railway engine or carriage.	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Malicious damage to telegraph post, wire, or insulator, or attempt.	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	6	..	2
Maliciously injuring property	115	7	573	63	31	4	491	41	166	25	758	757	1	..	
Killing cattle with intent to steal carcass, skin or other part.	6	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	8	..	8	..
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding cattle	5	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	6	6	..	..
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding other animals or birds.	10	1	1	..	..	..	7	..	4	1	12	1	11	..
Any other offences against property with violence.	3	3	3	35	..	32	
Total	169	9	2,231	124	788	30	913	46	699	57	2,533	1,968	599	34	

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Offences against Property without Violence—														
Simple larceny or attempt	611	69	4,284	591	371	36	3,611	484	913	140	5,555	4,887	668	..
Stealing from the person, or attempt	8	1	283	69	58	22	161	22	72	26	361	311	50	..
Stealing in a dwelling	11	6	248	38	151	18	57	17	51	9	303	268	35	..
Larceny as a bailee	9	..	72	3	16	1	32	1	33	1	84	117	..	33
Embezzlement	6	..	112	1	37	..	45	..	36	1	119	110	9	..
Larceny as a servant	5	1	31	2	18	..	7	3	11	..	39	..	39	..
Obtaining goods or money by false pretence.	25	2	471	20	111	..	192	9	193	13	518	512	6	..
Receiving stolen property	9	6	55	9	27	8	20	3	17	4	79	87	..	8
Fraudulent appropriation	18	3	59	2	27	1	27	..	23	4	82	69	13	..
Larceny by finding	1	3	5	..	1	..	3	2	2	1	9	..	9	..
Larceny by trick .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Stealing or destroying a valuable security.	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	6	1	5	..
Cattle stealing	13	3	28	..	27	3	7	..	7	..	44	20	24	..
Horse stealing	6	..	58	..	40	..	10	..	14	..	64	40	24	..
Sheep stealing	14	1	28	1	27	2	1	..	14	..	44	53	..	9
Dog stealing	8	..	19	..	..	..	12	..	15	..	27	16	11	..
Stealing animals or birds ordinarily kept in confinement.	2	..	6	..	2	..	2	..	4	..	8	..	8	..
Larceny of things attached to land ..	9	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	10	..	10	..
Illegally using cattle or horses	20	..	53	..	1	..	50	..	22	..	78	70	8	..
Fraudulently branding or altering brands on cattle.	14	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	7	..	14	1	13	..
Possession of skin or carcase of stolen cattle.	14	1	4	..	..	..	10	1	8	..	19	..	19	..
Supposed stolen goods in custody....	78	12	794	54	..	..	465	32	407	34	938	659	279	..
Unlawful possession of trees, fence, or like material.	1	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	11	..	11	..
Stealing from vessel in port .....	..	..	21	..	3	..	15	..	3	..	21	52	..	31
Embezzling ship's cargo or stores....	..	..	63	..	..	..	63	..	5	..	68	32	36	..
Stealing from wharf	1	1	13	..	2	..	12	1	..	..	15	10	5	..
Stealing letters or articles sent by post.	2	..	9	..	6	..	3	..	2	..	11	11	..	..
Found at night with intent to commit felony.	..	..	32	..	15	..	13	..	4	..	32	8	24	..
Enter dwelling house with intent to steal at night.	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	4	26	..	32
Careless use of fire	7	..	3	..	2	..	6	..	2	..	10	54	..	44
Setting fire to crops .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Do grass	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	4	..	1
Do fence .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Do house .....	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	30	..	25
Do dwelling, person being therein.	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Do certain other buildings, or attempts.	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..
Demanding money by written menace or threat.	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	..
Detention of property	185	26	..	..	1	..	81	8	103	18	211	218	..	7
Any other offences against property without violence.	3	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	7	25	1	19
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	7	..	6
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	6	..	6	..
Total	1,089	137	6,791	790	954	91	4,942	584	1,984	252	8,807	7,713	1,312	218
Forgery and Offences against the Currency—														
Forging and uttering	6	2	39	1	36	3	5	..	4	..	43	53	..	5
Forgery .....	..	..	30	1	25	1	1	..	4	..	31	..	31	..
Uttering	5	..	6	..	5	..	1	..	5	..	11	6	5	..
Purchasing or having forged bank notes in possession.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Making or having in possession implements or material for forgery.	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Making counterfeit coin .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Possessing or uttering counterfeit coin.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2
Gilding or silvering coin or metal....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Forgery (not connected with paper or metallic currency).	..	..	53	1	38	1	1	..	14	..	54	89	..	35
Other offences against the currency..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Total	11	2	131	3	104	5	9	..	29	..	147	155	33	46
Offences against Good Order—														
Idle and disorderly person .....	..	1	756	254	..	..	435	166	321	89	1,011	570	441	..
Rogue and vagabond	5	..	291	12	..	..	187	8	109	4	308	..	308	..
Incorrigible rogue .....	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	3	..
Drunkenness	634	7	20,657	2,212	..	..	20,492	2,102	799	117	23,510	18,116	5,394	..
Drunkenness, with disorderly conduct	350	8	1,811	131	..	..	2,058	131	33	8	2,280	1,669	611	..
Drunkards dealt with as inebriates ..	45	1	26	20	..	..	61	21	10	..	92	..	92	..
Riot (indictable) .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3
Riotous, indecent, offensive, threatening or insulting behaviour.	1,812	43	4,162	863	..	..	5,703	890	272	15	6,880	4,718	2,162	..
Using threatening, abusive or insulting words.	756	149	493	37	..	..	875	108	374	78	1,435	..	..	..
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language.	1,431	58	4,029	347	..	..	5,297	883	163	22	5,865	6,379	921	..
Throw or discharge stone or missile..	53	..	19	..	..	..	57	..	15	..	72	77	..	5
Negligent or furious riding or driving	96	1	24	..	..	..	112	..	8	1	121	96	25	..
Cruelty to animals	153	2	44	..	..	..	169	..	28	2	199	199	..	..
Playing a game to the annoyance of passengers or residents.	379	..	398	..	..	..	740	..	37	..	777	..	777	..
Refusing to assist police when called upon.	8	..	7	..	4	..	9	..	2	..	15	..	15	..

Offences.	Summons Cases.		Apprehensions.		How dealt with.						Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
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					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Offences against good order—continued.														
Keeping a common, ill-governed, and disorderly house and brothel.	..	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	7	..	7	..
Incite person to resist constable	28	1	87	..	..	..	99	1	16	..	116	..	116	..
Inciting to, urging, or encouraging the commission of crimes.	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	16	..	8
Disorderly behaviour at public political meeting (Commonwealth).	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	4	..
Carrying firearms on Sunday	61	..	2	..	..	..	57	..	6	..	63	9	54	..
Shooting for pleasure or profit on Sunday.	6	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	6	..	6	..
Owner, occupier, or agent of house permitting prostitution therein.	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	2	4	..	4	..
Assuming designation of member of police force.	3	..	21	..	..	..	17	..	7	..	24	5	19	..
Perjury	7	2	4	..	8	1	..	..	3	1	13	26	..	13
Making a false declaration	3	2	2	..	2	1	1	1	2	..	7	7	..	1
Tampering with a witness	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6
Conspiracy	4	..	45	..	33	..	..	..	16	..	49	55	..	..
Travel by steamer without paying fare or attempt.	2	..	7	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	9	4	5	..
Travel by train or tram without paying fare, or attempt.	140	13	134	..	..	..	245	11	29	2	287	103	184	..
Naval deserter	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	8	..	8
Military deserter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	3	..	75
Absence without leave from ship	..	..	63	..	..	..	56	..	7	..	63	138	..	68
Wilful disobedience on board ship	..	..	14	..	..	..	11	..	3	..	14	72	..	..
Drunk, riotous, or disorderly on board ship.	..	..	26	..	..	..	24	..	2	..	26	..	26	..
Breach of recognizance (First Offender).	..	..	26	4	..	..	25	4	1	..	30	40	..	10
Breach of conditions of release on license.	..	..	49	3	..	..	47	3	2	..	52	60	..	8
Slav-grog selling	5	3	136	53	..	..	106	47	35	9	197	..	197	..
Leaving wife or child without means of support.	485	..	271	4	..	..	516	1	240	3	760	1,051	..	291
Disobeying maintenance order	1,762	2	391	1	..	..	1,403	1	750	2	2,156	1,895	261	..
Failing to provide preliminary expenses (illegitimate child).	101	..	25	..	..	..	111	..	15	..	126	..	126	..
Disturbing a Congregation	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	2	..
Trespass on inclosed lands	191	3	5	..	..	..	134	2	62	1	199	112	87	..
Wilfully causing animals to trespass.	40	2	..	..	..	..	34	2	6	..	42	..	42	..
Contempt of Court	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Escaping from custody	..	..	16	..	10	..	5	..	1	..	16	6	10	..
Absconding from bail	..	..	23	5	..	..	24	4	4	1	33	7	28	..
Deemed to be insane	7	1	1,135	512	..	..	632	402	510	111	1,655	1,722	..	67
Any other offences against good order	13	..	65	2	..	..	66	1	12	1	80	346	17	283
Total	8,565	300	35,293	4,467	59	4	39,842	4,292	3,958	470	48,625	37,514	11,042	881
Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings—														
Aborigines Protection	31	2	27	..	..	..	43	2	15	..	60	91	..	31
Apprentices	8	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	9	6	8	..
Auctioneers Licensing	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Billiards and Bagatelle	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	6	19	..	13
Bankruptcy	20	..	2	..	..	..	18	..	4	..	22	4	18	..
Birds and Animals Protection	127	2	22	..	..	..	124	2	25	..	151	112	39	..
Bread Act	15	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	2	..	15	4	11	..
Cattle Driving	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	5	..	1
Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat.	53	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	9	..	53	71	..	18
Centennial Park Regulation	..	..	15	..	..	..	11	..	4	..	15	17	..	2
Children's Protection	21	2	17	6	..	..	28	8	10	..	46	179	..	133
Coal Mines Regulation	25	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	9	..	25	35	..	10
Commons Regulation	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	7	18	..	11
Commonwealth Crimes	2	..	3	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	5	12	..	7
Commonwealth Electoral	80	16	..	..	..	..	53	11	27	5	96	353	..	257
Crown Lands	9	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	9	75	..	65
Companies	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	6	..	4
Crimes	7	..	7	..	2	..	7	..	5	..	14	..	14	..
Crimes Prevention	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..
Customs	2	..	8	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	10	..	10	..
Dairy Industry	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..
Dairies Supervision	43	3	..	..	..	..	44	2	4	1	51	60	..	9
Defence (Commonwealth)	563	..	102	..	..	..	611	..	54	..	665	842	..	177
Deserted Wives and Children	213	3	54	..	..	..	190	1	77	2	270	..	270	..
Distillation	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	2
Dog and Goat	819	162	1	..	..	..	779	153	41	9	982	1,175	..	193
Early Closing	57	7	..	..	..	..	53	7	4	..	64	37	27	..
Excise (Commonwealth)	1	..	15	..	..	..	9	..	7	..	16	..	16	..
Explosives	7	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	7	25	..	18
Factories and Shops	31	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	3	..	34	33	1	..
Fire Brigades	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Fisheries	82	..	2	..	..	..	77	..	7	..	84	83	..	4
Foreign Seamen	..	..	19	..	..	..	17	..	2	..	19	5	14	..
Forestry	74	..	..	..	..	..	67	..	7	..	74	185	..	61
Gaming and Betting	43	1	1,435	8	..	..	1,378	9	105	..	1,492	1,399	93	..
Gas	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Government Railways—and By-laws	408	24	96	1	..	..	444	22	60	3	529	744	..	215
Hawkers and Pedlars	32	1	39	2	..	..	69	3	2	..	74	33	41	..
Immigration Restriction	3	..	19	..	..	..	16	..	6	..	22	20	2	..
Impounding	69	4	2	..	..	..	31	1	40	3	75	84	..	9
Infant Protection	62	2	..	..	..	..	54	..	10	2	66	141	..	75
Inebriates	49	..	3	..	..	..	41	..	11	..	52	133	..	81
Industrial Arbitration	110	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	33	..	110	56	54	..
Industrial Disputes	12	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	12	..	12	..
Inflammable Liquid	9	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	9	41	..	32
Irrigation	104	2	..	..	..	..	79	2	25	..	106	76	30	..
Jury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Juvenile Smoking Suppression	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	4	..	2
Land and Income Tax	3,459	133	..	..	..	..	2,423	82	1,036	51	3,592	1,154	2,438	..
Landlord and Tenant	282	41	4	..	..	..	209	24	77	17	327	259	68	..
Liquor	3,796	113	212	39	..	..	3,197	102	810	51	4,160	4,394	..	234
Local Government and Ordinances	3,546	226	15	1	..	..	3,932	177	529	50	3,788	4,691	..	903
Lotteries and Art Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Lunacy	6	..	80	13	58	9	27	5	99	..	99	..
Marriage	3	1	..	2	..	3	3
Masters and Servants	286	26	3	141	11	148	15	315	337	..	22

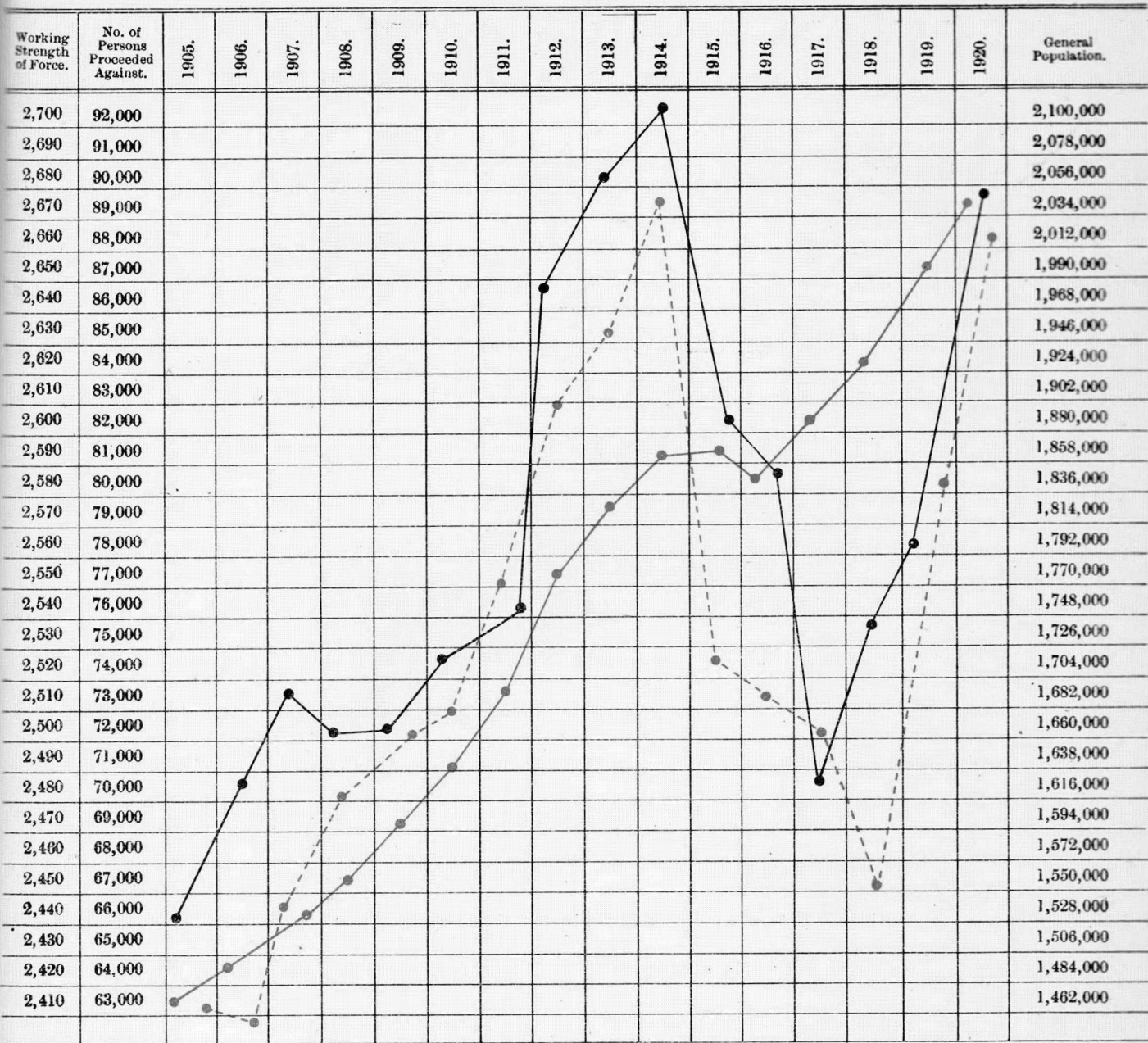
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Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings—continued.														
Medical Practitioners	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	7	1	6	..
Merchant Shipping	26	..	47	..	..	..	48	..	25	..	73	60	13	..
Metropolitan Traffic and Regulations	1,768	14	256	6	..	..	1,890	18	134	2	2,044	2,380	..	336
Metropolitan Water and Sewerage and By-laws.	13	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	13	22	..	9
Mining	10	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	10	10	..	..
Motor Traffic and Regulations	2,162	21	66	4	..	..	2,084	21	144	4	2,253	1,556	697	..
Navigation	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	10	..	8
Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders.	76	43	363	104	..	..	409	123	35	21	591	401	190	..
Newspapers	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Noxious Trades	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	4	11	..	7
Nuisances Prevention	12	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	12	3	9	..
Oaths .....	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Obscene and Indecent Publications..	3	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	2	3	..
Old-age Pensions .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections.	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	206	..	204
Pastures Protection	707	15	..	..	..	..	588	12	119	3	722	1,104	..	382
Pawnbrokers	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	5	2	3	..
Poisons	2	..	44	3	..	..	40	2	6	1	49	59	..	10
Police Offences	174	7	226	8	..	..	373	11	27	4	415	966	..	551
Police Regulation	4	..	6	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	10	9	1	..
Post and Telegraph (Commonwealth)	4	..	9	..	3	..	8	..	2	..	13	37	..	24
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals....	14	..	7	..	..	..	17	..	4	..	21	69	..	48
Printing	3	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	5	..
Prisons .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	1
Private Hospitals .....	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	5	..	2
Public Entertainments .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9
Public Health	122	8	..	..	..	..	97	5	25	3	130	85	45	..
Public Instruction	581	34	..	..	..	..	526	31	55	3	615	151	464	..
Public Roads	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	2
Pure Food	262	23	1	..	..	..	245	19	18	4	286	207	79	..
Quarantine	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1,348	..	1,347
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	8
Registration of Firms .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	1
Seamen	1	..	9	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	10	17	..	7
Second-hand Dealers and Collectors	65	3	12	..	..	..	67	3	10	..	80	50	30	..
Shearers Accommodation	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	..	2
Stamp Duties	22	1	..	..	..	..	20	1	2	..	23	25	..	2
State Children Relief	11	14	3	1	..	..	12	12	2	3	29	45	..	16
Stock	51	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	11	..	51	85	..	34
Sunday Trading (Refreshment Rooms)	28	6	..	..	..	..	28	6	..	..	34	39	..	5
Sydney Corporation .....	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	3	2	..
Sydney Harbour Trust .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Theatres and Public Halls	29	..	1	..	..	..	26	..	4	..	30	29	1	..
Tobacco	10	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	10	14	..	4
Totalizer	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	8	16	..	8
Vagrancy	106	6	298	31	..	..	307	27	97	10	441	903	..	462
War Precautions and Regulations (Commonwealth).	51	3	60	2	..	..	107	4	4	1	116	215	..	99
Weights and Measures	16	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	16	39	..	23
Any other Acts	59	3	31	..	..	..	79	3	2	..	84	174	51	141
Aid and abet commission of any offence under the above Acts, punishable summarily, where the same is not provided for under other headings	55	..	9	..	..	..	52	..	12	..	64	30	34	..
Total	21,076	976	3,673	231	10	2	20,741	930	3,996	277	25,956	27,410	4,900	6,354
RECAPITULATION.														
Offences against the person	1,083	100	2,484	136	459	43	1,909	69	1,203	124	3,803	3,616	365	178
Offences against property with violence	169	9	2,231	124	788	30	913	46	699	57	2,533	1,968	599	34
Offences against property without violence.	1,089	137	6,791	790	954	91	4,942	584	1,954	252	8,807	7,713	1,312	218
Forgery and Offences against the currency.	11	2	131	3	104	5	9	..	29	..	147	155	38	46
Offences against good order	8,565	300	35,292	4,467	59	4	39,842	4,292	3,958	470	48,625	37,514	11,942	831
Branches of Acts generally including offences not otherwise provided for	21,076	976	3,673	231	10	2	20,741	930	3,996	277	25,956	27,410	4,900	6,354
Total	31,993	1,524	50,603	5,751	2,365	175	68,356	5,921	11,874	1,180	89,871	78,376	19,156	7,601

Net Increase of 1920 over 1919..... 11,495.

NOTE.—As a number of new special headings have been inserted in this return, it differs in that respect from the returns for previous years, but the gross total of offences for 1919 as shown above agrees with the figures given in the return for that year.

APPENDIX A1.

CHART showing number of persons proceeded against for crimes and offences in each of the years 1905 to 1920 inclusive, the total population of the State as at 31st December in each year, and the strength of the Force during the same period.



The broken red line indicates the strength of the Force. The red line indicates the general population.
The black line indicates the number of persons proceeded against.

NOTE.—The drop in the strength of the Force for the year 1915 is accounted for by the absence of 135 men on active military service, and also by a number of vacancies which were not filled owing to the lack of suitable candidates. The decrease in the number of persons proceeded against for the period 1915 to 1917 inclusive was mainly in regard to offences against good order, and was chiefly due to the occupation of the police upon special duties consequent upon the war, and the absence of over 150 member of the Force on active service. The early closing of hotels, which took effect in July, 1916, was also an important contributing factor

Year.	* Strength of Force.	Persons proceeded against.	General Population.
1905	2,413	66,096	1,469,153
1906	2,409	70,777	1,498,609
1907	2,446	73,408	1,531,980
1908	2,483	72,204	1,560,026
1909	2,502	72,223	1,596,685
1910	2,510	74,830	1,638,220
1911	2,551	76,318	1,698,736
1912	2,610	86,957	1,778,962
1913	2,635	90,264	1,832,456
1914	2,677	92,467	1,862,028
1915	2,526†	82,454	1,868,644
1916	2,514†	80,915	1,846,578
1917	2,503†	70,697	1,889,129
1918	2,452†	75,929	1,928,175
1919	2,585†	78,376	2,000,173
1920	2,663	89,871	2,047,143

* Including trackers.

† Exclusive of men on military service.

APPENDIX B

RETURN of Serious Offences published in the New South Wales *Police Gazette* for the years 1919-20.

Offences.	1919.	1920.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Murder.....	No. 37	No. 35	...	2	
Attempted Murder.....	24	14	...	10	
Manslaughter.....	23	20	...	3	
Infanticide.....	1	3	2	...	
Bodies of Infants found.....	7	3	...	4	
Rape and attempts.....	12	30	18	...	
Criminal Assaults on Young Girls :—					
Carnally knowing.....	70	79	9	...	
Attempts „.....					
Indecent Assaults.....					
Indecent Assaults on Women.....	5	6	1	...	
Unnatural Offences.....	21	49	28	...	
Arson :—					
„ Attempts.....	24	31	7	...	
„ Supposed.....					
Bank Robberies.....	...	1	1	...	
Robbery under Arms.....	7	9	2	...	
Mail Robberies.....	19	6	...	13	
Garrotting.....	1	1	...	...
Assault and Robbery.....	99	149	50	...	
Stealing from the Person.....	224	213	...	11	
Assaults :—					
Maliciously Wounding.....	193	171	...	22	
Common Assaults, &c.....					
Bigamy.....	22	24	2	...	
Abduction.....	9	14	5	...	
Children found Abandoned.....	25	26	1	...	
Forged Bank Notes uttered.....	11	...	...	11	
Spurious Coin uttered.....	5	13	8	...	
Uttering Forged Cheques.....	2,467	2,721	254	...	
Obtaining goods and money, frauds, stealing, &c.....					
Embezzlement.....	66	94	28	...	
Burglaries, stealing from premises.....	1,249	1,516	267	...	
Descriptive List of Watches and Jewellery stolen, missing, &c....	1,853	2,085	232	...	{ Where jewellery of considerable value is stolen, particulars appear under previous heading.
Horses Stolen.....	298	383	85	...	{ 318 of these have since been recovered.
Cattle Stolen.....	300	931	631	...	
Sheep Stolen (No. of reports).....	98	101	3	...	{ In fifty-eight of these cases the sheep have since been found.
Horses and Cattle :—					
Maliciously Killed.....	4	4	...	...	{ Of this number 365 have been arrested by police, and 108 others have made provision for their families.
Do Wounded.....	3	2	...	1	
Deserted Wives and Children.....	912	1,014	102	...	
Immigration Restriction Act.....	18	15	...	3	
Grand total.....	8,107	9,763	1,736	80	

APPENDIX B1.

SUMMARY of Return of Crime committed by Juveniles (persons under the age of 21 years) in Metropolitan District for Year ended 31st December, 1920.

Offences.			How Disposed of.																Total.	Total previous year.	Increase.	Decrease		
	Males.	Females.	Number of Charges.	Released on Probation.	Fined.	Sent to Prison.	Sentence Suspended.	Committed to a Home.	Committed for Trial.	Awaiting Trial.	Discharges.	Bound Over.	Admonished.	Fine Surety.	Withdrawn.	Case Pending.	Acquitted.	Pay Compensation.					Remanded.	No evidence offered.
Arson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Assault	23	...	26	...	17	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	9	14	...
" police officer	7	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	13	...	6
" and robbery	7	1	8	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	6	...
" " in company .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
" with intent to commit rape	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
" indecent	11	...	12	2	...	...	1	3	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	9	...
" on a male person .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
" in company .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
" occasioning A.B. harm	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Buggery	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	4	...
Burglary	10	...	16	1	...	4	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	...
Behaviour, offensive and riotous	50	8	58	...	46	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	14	44	...
Child, abandon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
" neglected and uncontrollable	56	14	70	26	...	...	...	36	...	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	12	58	...
" desertion	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Cruelty to animals	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Dwelling, found in, &c.	11	2	13	2	...	4	1	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	12	...
Disobey Maintenance Order	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Embezzlement	10	1	12	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	3	...
False pretences	6	...	7	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	1	...
Forgery	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1
Found in enclosed yard .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Forgery and uttering	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Grievous bodily harm, inflict	7	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	1	...
Girl under age 16 years, carnally know .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Horse stealing	7	...	18	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	2	...
" illegally use	7	...	7	2	1	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	...	1
Keeper of gaming house	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Larcency as Bailee	4	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	3	...
Murder and attempts	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...
Manslaughter	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	...
Motor car, illegally use	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Misappropriation, fraudulent, &c.	3	...	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...
Missile, throwing, &c. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Money, demand by menaces .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Obscenely expose person	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Property, possession of stolen	44	...	45	7	14	3	1	1	1	...	8	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	14	30	...
" receiving stolen	4	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	...	1
" maliciously damage	49	...	72	29	15	...	...	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	41	8	...
Possession of house-breaking implements	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Post, sending threatening letter by	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Rape and attempts	4	...	4	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...
Resist arrest	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...
Robbery under arms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Representation, false .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Release, break condition of	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1
Recognition, breach of	11	...	11	1	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	...
Stealing	929	74	1,309	460	205	49	34	113	32	...	53	1	4	2	17	7	1	...	19	6	1,003	801	202	...
" attempts	6	...	6	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	3	...
" in a dwelling	22	7	56	2	...	5	2	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	22	7	...
" in company	4	...	13	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	4	...
" from the person	12	2	15	5	2	1	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	14	...	14	...
" from a wharf	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
" from a ship .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
" break and enter	354	8	698	146	5	15	11	62	98	...	8	...	7	3	3	...	3	1	...	...	362	338	24	...
Steal, found at night with intent .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
" valuable security .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Shooting with intent	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	5	...	3
Suspected person	6	...	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	5	...
Sly grog selling	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Two-up, playing	22	...	22	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	22	...
Wounding maliciously .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Total	1,722	119	2,557	692	354	87	62	250	171	1	111	3	4	2	53	11	8	1	24	7	1,841	1,361	524	44

APPENDIX C.

FINGER-PRINTS.

Number of Finger-prints received for each of the years 1904 to 1920 inclusive and the number of identifications for the same period :—

Year.	Number of Finger-prints received.	Number of identifications.	Year.	Number of Finger-prints received.	Number of identifications.
1904	1,800	209	1913	5,805	1,801
1905	2,700	451	1914	6,652	2,162
1906	3,180	491	1915	6,715	2,213
1907	3,746	568	1916	6,403	2,015
1908	4,112	862	1917	6,034	1,870
1909	4,280	1,065	1918	5,690	1,740
1910	4,362	1,156	1919	6,176	1,953
1911	4,523	1,164	1920	6,867	2,434
1912	5,211	1,418			

STATEMENT showing interchange of records between New South Wales and other places and the results connected therewith.

Place.	Prints received from.	Identified.	Prints sent to.	Identified.
England	136	69	11	2
America	19	3	2	1
South Africa	6	1	4	2
Belgium	2	.....	.....	.....
Italy .....	.....	.....	2	1
India .....	.....	.....	1	1
New Zealand	35	9	121	21
Victoria	121	67	365	87
Queensland	193	82	160	45
South Australia	9	5	105	12
West Australia	11	7	55	6
Tasmania	8	5	81	9
Totals	545	248	907	187

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT of General Convictions under the Liquor Act in the Metropolitan District for the Year 1920.

Permit persons on premises during prohibited hours.....	45
Sell liquor during prohibited hours	14
Not keep bar closed during prohibited hours	7
Permit drunkenness on licensed premises.....	6
Sunday selling.....	11
Keep open for sale during prohibited hours.....	16
Sell liquor below legal standard.....	6
Sell liquor to person in state of intoxication	1
Suffer premises to be used for betting	1
Sell liquor not of the nature and quality and substance demanded.....	9
Supply liquor to a person under 18 years of age.....	2
Permit liquor to be consumed on premises on Sunday	1
Total	119

Fines and costs aggregating £603 16s. were imposed.

PARTICULARS of Convictions against Holders of Colonial Wine Licenses in the Metropolitan Licensing District for the Year 1920.

Sell wine during prohibited hours	12
Permit persons on premises during prohibited hours.....	4
Not closing and keeping closed that portion of the licensed premises where wine is usually sold	3
Keep open for sale during prohibited hours.....	3
Permit drunkenness on licensed premises.....	3
Sunday selling.....	2
Not causing licensed premises to be furnished with proper sanitary conveniences.....	1
Having goods in custody reasonably suspected of having been stolen	2
Unlawfully having an illicit still on licensed premises	1
Total	31

Fines and costs aggregating £233 19s. were imposed.

RETURN showing the number of Licenses in existence in the Metropolitan Licensing District on the 31st December of each year, 1892 to 1920.

Description of License.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Publicans'	835	808	797	793	789	789	790	792	792	790	786	783	755	745	719	711	694	666	665	648	642	629	640	629	628	612	608	601	
Spirit Merchant's	117	115	106	116	100	104	106	112	106	111	107	109	104	95	101	59	98	97	96	95	97	95	96	92	94	88	86	112	
Colonial Wine	215	242	231	279	266	292	308	345	349	343	348	364	343	325	315	298	289	283	266	247	248	245	245	239	229	223	216	214	
Brewers'	11	8	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	7	7	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Packet	26	20	19	19	18	21	16	21	20	19	28	27	23	23	24	27	29	24	24	24	22	21	19	20	20	19	18	15	
Billiards	173	163	161	170	142	122	89	105	109	102	113	112	110	109	109	109	114	119	114	130	131	140	152	149	141	137	119	120	

ANNUAL Business for the Year 1920.

Nature of Applications.	Granted.	Refused.	Withdrawn.	No Applicant.	Total.
Publicans' transfers	293	2	21	16	332
Under section 38, Liquor Act	2	.....	.....	1	3
Under section 116, Liquor Act	10	.....	2	.....	12
Under section 117, Liquor Act .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Under section 118, Liquor Act .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Publicans' renewals	614	1	3	19	637
Booth licenses.....	607	.....	6	3	616
Additional bars	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Renewal of additional bars	85	.....	1	2	88
Material alterations, &c.	97	.....	7	1	105
Change of sign	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Leave of absence	1	1	1	1	4
Removal of licenses	19	2	4	1	26
Objections to renewals	16	1	3	.....	20
Objections to transfers	5	3	6	2	16
Club renewals.....	44	.....	.....	.....	44
New wine licenses .....	.....	.....	4	.....	4
Wine transfers	85	2	11	11	109
Wine renewals.....	212	.....	1	2	215
Spirit Merchants' licenses	27	1	.....	2	30
Spirit Merchants' transfers	6	.....	.....	.....	6
Packet licenses	15	.....	.....	.....	15
New billiard licenses.....	13	1	1	1	16
Billiard transfers	35	.....	.....	3	38
Objections to new applications	1	2	2	.....	5
Miscellaneous applications	14	.....	4	1	19
Miscellaneous objections	1	1	2	1	5
Licenses surrendered.....	5	.....	1	.....	6
Duplicate licenses	4	.....	.....	1	5
Totals	2,216	17	80	68	2,381

APPENDIX E.

INSPECTION of Public Vehicles, from 1st January to 31st December, 1920.

	Cabs.	Buses.	Vans.	Harness.	Motor-cabs.	Totals.
Reported unfit	225	79	12	9	110	425
Passed on inspection	7	3	1	1	3	15
Found unfit and suspended	218	76	11	8	97	410
Since passed	200	76	10	8	92	386
Still suspended.....	18	...	1	...	5	24

New Cabs licensed during the year—

Horse-drawn	Nil
Motor-cabs	20
Cabs fitted with rubber tyres	531
Owners notified that cabs require to be renovated before license is renewed ...	73
Number of four-wheel cabs licensed ..	93
Number of motor-cabs licensed	417
Number of motor-omnibuses licensed	149

Drivers.

	Public Vehicles.	
	Horse-drawn.	Motor.
Licenses refused	5	1
Licenses suspended	6	5
Licenses cancelled	8	2
Licenses renewed with caution	7	13
Licensed drivers cautioned by the Inspector-General	45	32
Licensed drivers convicted of being under the influence of drink whilst in charge of vehicle	43	27

Drivers tested.

	Bus.	Cab.	Van.	Total.
Found competent	4	16	233	253
Found unfit .....	...	1	2	3
Total	4	17	235	256
Drivers tested away from the Traffic Office.....	1	9	179	189
Grand Total	5	26	414	445
Motor Vehicles.				
Found Competent	186	117	184	437

LOST PROPERTY.

Articles found in public vehicles and returned to Traffic Office	636
Articles returned to owners	325
Amount received and paid to drivers as compensation	£61 14s. 2d.

INSPECTION of Horses from 1st January to 31st December, 1920.

	Bus.	Cab.	Van.	Public.	Private.
Reported unfit	3	21	27	51	469
Inspected and found fit .....	...	1	2	3	62
Found fit and notified	3	20	25	48	407
Recovered and passed .....	...	5	9	14	74
Still unfit	3	15	16	34	333

PROSECUTIONS FOR CRUELTY.

Summons cases	143
Charge cases	18
Total	161

RETURN of Motor Accidents reported by the Police which occurred in Public Streets outside the Metropolitan District, showing the number of persons killed or injured from 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1920.

District.	Number of Accidents Reported.	Numbers of Persons Injured.	Number Fatal.
Eastern	17	16	3
Northern	1	.....	1
Southern	14	18	3
Western	12	15	1
North-Eastern	54	35	5
North-Western	5	2	.....
North Coast	9	6	2
Murray	5	4	.....
Bourke .....	.....	.....	.....
South-Western	3	1	.....
Broken Hill	3	2	1
Total	123	99	16

STRENGTH of Traffic Staff.

Traffic Branch—	1920.	1919.	1918.	No. 4 Station—	1920.	1919.	1918.
Superintendent, 1st Class on retiring leave .....	...	...	1	Sergeant, 1st Class .....	...	1	1
Superintendent, 3rd Class	1	...	...	„ 3rd Class	1	...	...
Inspector, 1st Class .....	...	1	1	Constables, 1st Class	5	3	4
„ 3rd Class	1	...	...	„ Ordinary	8	9	7
Totals	2	1	2	Totals	14	13	12
<i>Public Vehicles and Motor—Office Staff.</i>				No. 5 Station—			
Sergeants, 2nd Class	2	2	2	Constables, 1st Class ... ..	...	2	2
„ 3rd Class	2	2	2				
Constables, 1st Class	7	6	5	<i>Police Motor Drivers.</i>			
Totals	11	10	9	Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	...	1	1
No. 1 Station—				Constables, 1st Class	6	4	4
Sergeant, 1st Class .....	...	1	1	„ Ordinary	5	3	4
„ 3rd Class	2	2	1	Totals	11	8	9
Constables, 1st Class	20	16	22	<i>Police Motor Cyclists.</i>			
„ Ordinary	26	32	24	Sergeant, 3rd Class	1	...	...
Totals	48	51	48	Constables, 1st Class	2	3	2
No. 2 Station—				„ Ordinary	1	1	1
Sergeant, 3rd Class	1	1	1	Totals	4	4	3
Constables, 1st Class	5	5	6	<i>Public Service Staff.</i>			
„ Ordinary	10	11	9	Cashier	1	1	1
Totals	16	17	16	Senior (Permanent) Clerks	10	5	5
No. 3 Station—				„ (Temporary) „	3	2	1
Sergeant, 1st Class	1	...	...	Junior (Permanent) „	11	13	12
„ 2nd Class .....	...	1	1	„ (Temporary) „ .....	...	2	1
Constables, 1st Class	1	2	3	Total Public Servants ...	25	23	20
„ Ordinary	3	3	3	Grand total	137	139	134
Totals	5	6	7				

RETURN of Accidents reported by Police which occurred in Public Streets within the Metropolitan District, showing the number of Persons Killed or Injured, from 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1920.

Division in which reported.	Total number of Accidents.			Cause of Accident.																Ages of Persons Killed or Injured.													
	Persons.			Vehicles.										Improper riding upon, or getting on or off Trams and other Vehicles whilst in motion.		Horses.																	
Killed.	Injured.	No Person Injured.	Tram.		Cab.		Bus.		Motor Vehicle.		Bicycle.		Fire Engine.		Other Vehicles.		Loose.		Led.		Ridden.		Under 10.	Over 10, under 30.	Over 30, under 60.	Over 60.	Not stated.						
Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.										
1 (Clarence-street)	4	422	459	1	107	...	13	...	1	187	...	6	...	1	2	55	...	48	...	4	...	1	1	19	...	121		3	181	...	51	50	
2 (Regent-street).....	4	249	155	1	78	...	4	...	2	105	...	3	...	1	35	...	21	...	3	...	1	15	...	79	1	105		2	29	21			
3 (Darlinghurst).....	8	163	127	1	22	...	5	...	6	102	...	...	...	1	15	...	18	...	1	...	...	11	3	43	2	72	2	19	19	
4 (George-street North)	3	98	67	...	33	...	4	...	...	32	...	...	...	1	12	2	16	...	1	...	1	1	7	1	20	1	54	...	10	7
5 (Newtown).....	7	136	61	...	21	...	1	...	5	76	...	1	...	2	27	...	7	...	1	...	1	2	20	2	47	2	46	...	9	15			
6 (North Sydney).....	5	78	47	...	8	...	1	...	5	49	...	...	...	...	12	...	7	...	1	...	...	4	14	...	28	...	24	1	5	7
7 (Redfern).....	2	91	43	...	39	...	1	...	...	20	...	...	...	2	19	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	13	1	27	1	45	...	4	2
8 (Balmain).....	4	47	20	2	16	...	...	...	1	22	...	2	...	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	...	1	10	...	19	2	13	1	5	1
9 (Burwood).....	2	48	23	...	6	...	...	...	2	16	...	1	...	...	18	...	3	...	...	4	1	8	...	16	1	18	...	3	3	
10 (Paddington).....	4	174	91	...	44	1	95	1	19	1	13	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	30	1	47	2	59	...	12	25	
11 (Petersham)	3	104	78	...	19	...	1	...	2	39	...	6	...	1	21	...	13	1	...	4	...	23	2	39	1	31	...	11	...		
12 (Marrickville).....	3	107	32	...	29	...	...	...	2	56	...	1	...	1	15	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	16	...	31	2	43	1	7	10
13 (Water Police).....	...	5	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	
14 (Manly)	1	29	16	...	4	...	...	...	1	21	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	7	...	10	...	4	5	
Traffic Office	1	12	14	1	6	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	4	1	1	2	
Depôt, C.I.B., Metrop.....	...	10	2	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	3	2		
Totals	51	1,773	1,243	6	413	...	30	...	28	826	...	20	...	1	12	252	3	173	...	3	...	15	2	10	12	190	11	532	18	709	8	174	170

RETURN of the Number of Persons taken to Hospitals by Police as the result of Accidents in Public Streets within the Metropolitan District, from 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1920.

Division.	Suffering from Accidents caused by—										Suffering from other Accidents or Illness.	Total.
	Tram.	Cab.	'Bus.	Motor Vehicle.	Bicycle.	Fire Engine.	Other Vehicle.	Horses.				
								Loose.	Led.	Ridden.		
1 (Clarence-street) .	102	5	...	127	...	1	35	...	2	1	1	274
2 (Regent-street)...	76	4	...	80	3	...	29	...	3	...	...	195
3 (Darlinghurst) ...	32	3	...	88	...	...	16	...	1	...	...	140
4 (George-st. Nth.)	38	3	...	16	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	69
5 (Newtown)	19	1	...	64	2	...	23	...	1	1	...	111
6 (North Sydney) ..	5	1	...	29	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	41
7 (Redfern).....	43	1	...	15	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	78
8 (Balmain).....	18	...	...	15	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	34
9 (Burwood).....	5	...	...	4	...	...	12	...	...	5	...	26
10 (Paddington)...	41	...	...	60	...	...	15	...	2	...	1	119
11 (Petersham)	17	1	...	27	3	...	14	...	...	2	...	64
12 (Marrickville)....	16	...	...	37	1	...	15	...	1	...	...	70
13 (Water Police) ...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
14 (Manly)	5	...	...	12	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	18
Depôt C.I.B., Metrop.	7	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	8
Traffic Office	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Totals	435	19	...	579	9	1	198	...	10	9	2	1,262

RETURN of Horses used in Unfit Condition, and action taken by Police in the Metropolitan District,
from 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1920.

Division No.	Found Unfit, and Cautioned.		Convictions for Cruelty.						Total.	
			Suffering from Sores.		Other Unfitness.		Cruelly Beating or Ill-using.			
	Public Vehicles.	Private Vehicles.	Public Vehicles.	Private Vehicles.	Public Vehicles.	Private Vehicles.	Public Vehicles.	Private Vehicles.	Public Vehicles.	Private Vehicles.
1	8	101	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	4	8	124
2	12	116	1	32	.....	2	.....	.....	13	150
3	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12
4	4	51	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	5	4	58
5	2	13	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	19
6	.....	16	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
7	1	13	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	17
8	.....	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	17
9	.....	8	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	16
10	2	24	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	1	2	35
11	1	30	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	1	1	52
12	3	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	4	5
14	.....	10	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Parramatta ...	.....	7	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	11
Traffic Office...	15	58	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	15	61
Totals	49	469	2	127	.....	2	.....	17	51	615

ANNUAL STATEMENT of use of Police Motor Vehicles for Year 1920.

Make.	Horse-power.	Registered number.	Mileage.	Petrol		Miles per gallon.	Oil and grease.	Cost of repairs.	Total cost.	Cost per mile	Location.
				Gallons.	Cost.						

Motor Cars.

					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
G.M.C.*	22.5	122	1,048	128	24 0 0	8	2 6 0	.....	34 0 6	7½d.	Head Quarters.*
S.P.A.	20/30	816	5,367	646	146 17 4	8½	5 13 5	244 15 1	461 11 8	1s. 8½d.	Depôt.
Willy's	35	817	10,763	1,348	224 0 4	8	18 13 11	217 2 2	500 13 0	11d.	Headquarters.
Renault	20/30	818	3,882	396	65 7 6	9½	3 17 0	138 17 10	213 17 5	1s. 1½d.	Newcastle.
Sunbeam	12/16	2,826	15,746	1,088	178 4 0	14½	13 14 0	58 2 1	416 13 8	6½d.	Headquarters.
Buick	27/3	26,288	18,537	1,280	213 0 8	14½	11 18 1	197 9 7	713 9 5	9½d.	do
Rochet-Schneider.	18/20	33,416	15,650	1,296	214 10 8	12	13 12 9	279 0 7	697 16 0	10½d.	do
Totals .....	...	.....	70,993	6,182	1,066 0 6	11½	69 15 2	1,135 7 4	3,038 1 8	10½d.	

Motor Cycles.

					£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Harley†	8	10,555	6,146	172	29 7 0	35½	3 18 6	0 5 0	43 12 6	1½d.	†Chatswood.
Do	8	11,108	7,567	226	37 0 10	33½	6 5 0	35 8 5	98 9 1	3d.	†Redfern.
B.S.A.	4½	14,503	1,009	17½	3 11 0	57½	0 4 0	8 17 10	16 16 1	4d.	†Broken Hill.
Rover	6	14,504	5,758	96	15 14 8	60	3 3 6	9 0 10	39 16 11	1½d.	†Randwick.
B.S.A.	4½	17,470	5,263	80	13 3 4	65½	3 0 0	22 3 11	48 17 5	2½d.	†Redfern.
Harley	8	18,161	7,017	184	30 0 0	38	4 5 6	9 7 3	75 19 2	2½d.	†Headquarters.
Do	8	19,046	1,821	55½	9 13 4	33	0 15 10	16 3 8	34 0 0	4½d.	†Young.
Do	8	19,047	2,943	71½	15 8 4	41	3 18 2	3 9 0	31 14 1	2½d.	†Cobar.
James	3½	20,540	4,581	92	15 3 8	49½	2 8 4	34 3 8	66 13 10	3½d.	†Mosman.
B.S.A.	4½	21,601	3,985	64	10 0 4	64½	1 13 5	12 5 0	27 2 9	1½d.	†Headquarters.
Harley	8	21,632	6,005	140	23 0 10	42	2 2 8	3 6 3	42 1 3	1½d.	†do
B.S.A.	4½	21,634	6,060	116	19 0 4	52½	1 17 0	17 10 4	53 11 3	2d.	†Newtown
Harley	8	21,636	4,776	113	18 10 5	42½	3 6 1	7 13 5	46 13 0	2½d.	†Parramatta.
A.J.S.	6	22,177	1,661	28	4 10 4	59½	.....	14 6 0	27 3 5	4d.	†Headquarters.
Harley	8	22,537	5,811	184	30 19 4	31½	3 6 2	3 16 7	38 14 7	2d.	†Marrickville.
Do	8	22,871	8,845	200	33 2 0	44½	3 7 0	1 2 2	43 7 9	1½d.	†Balmmain.
Do	8	22,873	3,532	87½	14 6 3	40½	3 7 0	10 12 1	32 10 1	2½d.	†Manly.
Rover	3½	23,626	9,629	132	21 13 0	73	3 0 0	6 6 4	48 3 9	1½d.	†Burwood.
Harley	8	24,163	10,371	308	50 4 4	33½	3 13 3	7 16 10	89 9 7	2d.	†Waverley.
Do	8	24,522	9,935	198	31 18 10	50½	3 12 4	10 4 9	64 7 3	1½d.	†Burwood.
James	3½	24,904	3,339	52	8 14 4	64	1 13 7	18 15 8	39 9 2	2½d.	†Pymble.
Do	4½	24,970	5,869	101	17 3 8	56½	2 8 6	10 15 0	42 12 5	1½d.	†Balmmain.
Harley	8	25,430	3,653	87	15 2 9	42	0 18 5	0 14 0	18 5 8	1½d.	†Headquarters.
Do	8	25,431	3,804	97	17 7 9	39½	1 11 8	1 19 3	28 12 5	1½d.	†do
Rover	3½	25,614	3,803	70	11 7 6	54½	0 11 6	7 13 5	26 7 10	1½d.	†do
Harley	8	25,802	4,834	140	23 19 6	34½	1 6 9	0 5 0	29 2 4	1½d.	†Petersham.
Do	8	26,211	6,673	146	24 13 2	46	3 8 1	4 12 6	50 8 0	2d.	†Rose Bay.
A.J.S.	4	26,257	5,420	94	14 15 2	57½	2 8 6	14 2 8	40 1 2	1½d.	†Randwick.
Harley	8	26,450	5,237	160½	25 19 1	32½	3 0 0	13 9 3	53 5 3	2½d.	†Kogarah.
Triumph	3½	26,515	1,485	22½	4 10 11	66½	0 9 2	5 18 6	14 4 9	2½d.	†Condoblin.
B.S.A.	4½	26,942	6,650	104	16 17 4	64	3 0 0	1 9 3	27 1 5	1½d.	†No. 2 Division.
Do	4½	27,371	8,533	123	19 13 9	69½	4 16 8	26 11 4	68 8 2	1½d.	†North Sydney.
James	4½	27,557	5,934	105	16 17 9	56½	2 5 0	18 9 9	58 1 0	2½d.	†Paddington.
Totals .....	.....	.....	177,954	3,869½	643 10 10	46	35 1 7	358 14 11	1,475 3 4	2	.....

* In use since 25th November only.

† With side car.

‡ Solo.

MOTOR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Revenue obtained.

Nature of Certificate or License.	1920.			1919.	
	Number Issued.	Each, per Annum.	Amount.	Number Issued.	Amount.
Motor Cars—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Used Privately	23,478	1 0 0	29,100 0 0	20,185	25,197 0 0
Private Hire Cars	1,446			1,469	
Public Motor Cars	548			471	
Registered Medical Practitioners	310			506	
Registered Clergymen	150			197	
Taxi Cabs (Country)	267			275	
Motor Lorries	2,901			2,094	
	29,100			25,197	
Motor Drivers	47,805	0 5 0	11,951 5 0	41,349	10,337 5 0
Motor Cycle Riders	16,059	0 2 6	2,007 7 6	15,063	1,882 17 6
Motor Cycles	10,991	0 2 6	1,373 17 6	10,236	1,279 10 0
Learners' Permits	8,250	0 2 6	1,031 5 0	8,432	1,054 0 0
Transfers	7,162	0 2 6	895 5 0	6,009	751 2 6
Number Plates	3,892	0 2 0	389 4 0	3,178	317 16 0
Lost Certificates	274	0 2 6	34 5 0	184	23 0 0
Traders' Cars Plates	333	1 0 0	333 0 0	307	307 0 0
Traders' Cycles Plates	75	0 2 6	9 7 6	78	9 15 0
Deposits on Visitor's Plates Forfeited	19	1 0 0	19 0 0	17	17 0 0
Totals	123,960	£	47,143 16 6	110,050	£41,176 6 0
Tax			117,984 9 7		101,414 6 8
Gross Totals		£	165,128 6 1		£142,590 12 8

METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC ACT.

Revenue.

Nature of License.	Each, per Annum.	1920.		1919.	
		Number Issued.	Amount.	Number Issued.	Amount.
Cabs—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Horse	1 0 0	650	650 0 0	666	666 0 0
Motor	1 0 0	417	417 0 0	389	389 0 0
Vans—					
Horse	1 0 0	1,627	1,627 0 0	1,526	1,536 0 0
Motor	1 0 0	250	250 0 0	131	131 0 0
Omnibuses—					
Horse	2 0 0	12	24 0 0	22	44 0 0
Motor	2 0 0	149	298 0 0	148	296 0 0
Drivers—					
Horse-cab	0 5 0	755	188 15 0	821	205 5 0
Motor-cab	0 5 0	619	154 15 0	556	139 0 0
Horse-van	0 5 0	1,874	468 10 0	1,790	447 10 0
Motor-van	0 5 0	314	86 0 0	192	48 0 0
Horse-'bus	0 5 0	21	5 5 0	26	8 10 0
Motor-'bus	0 5 0	354	88 10 0	270	67 10 0
Conductors	0 5 0	142	35 10 0	115	28 15 0
Transfers	0 1 0	412	20 12 0	315	15 15 0
Permit	0 1 0	372	18 12 0	447	22 7 0
Badges	0 2 0	312	31 4 0	261	26 2 0
Taximeter Tests	0 10 0	490	245 0 0	498	249 0 0
'Bus Permit	0 5 0	1	0 5 0	9	2 5 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	0 2 6	9	1 2 6	4	0 10 0
Total			£4,610 0 6		£4,320 9 0

TRAFFIC BRANCH.

TOTAL Revenue received from all sources under :—

- (a) The Motor Traffic Act;
 (b) The Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act; and
 (c) The Metropolitan Traffic Act.

Act.	1920.	1919.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Motor Traffic Act	47,143 16 6	41,176 6 0
The Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act... ..	117,984 9 7	101,414 9 0
The Metropolitan Traffic Act (Public Vehicles, Cabs, Vans, and 'Buses)... ..	4,610 0 6	4,320 9 0
Total	£169,738 6 7	£146,911 4 0

APPENDIX F

ESTABLISHMENT.

On the 31st December, 1920, the Force numbered 2,663, as under :—

<i>General Police.</i>		<i>Detective Police.</i>		<i>Water Police.</i>	
Inspector-General	1	Superintendent, 2nd Class (in charge)	1	Inspector, 3rd Class	1
Superintendents, 1st Class ...	3	Inspector, 2nd Class	1	Sergeants, 2nd Class	4
Superintendents, 2nd Class....	4	Inspector, 3rd Class	1	Sergeants, 3rd Class	5
Superintendents, 3rd Class ...	4	Detective, 1st Class	1	Constables, 1st Class	13
*Inspectors, 1st Class	14	Detective-Sergeants, 1st Class	5	Constables, Ordinary	11
Inspectors, 2nd Class	17	Detective - Sergeants, 2nd Class	4	Total	34
Inspectors, 3rd Class	26	Detective - Sergeants, 3rd Class	12		
Acting Inspectors	5	Detective - Constables, 1st Class	17	<i>Traffic Police.</i>	
Sergeants, 1st Class	86	Detective-Constables	2	Superintendent, 1st Class...	1
Sergeants, 2nd Class	146	Total	44	Superintendent, 3rd Class...	1
Sergeants, 3rd Class	317			Sergeants, 2nd Class	2
Constables, 1st Class	839			Sergeants, 3rd Class	3
Constables, Ordinary	848			Constables, 1st Class	12
Constables, Probationary	220			Constables, Ordinary	3
Total	2,530			Total	22
				Trackers	33

Total strength, including Trackers..... 2,663

* Includes Licensing Inspector.

APPENDIX G.

RETURN showing the number of Persons in the Police Force of New South Wales holding St. John, Railway, and other Ambulance Certificates on the 31st December, 1920.

District.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Constables.	Detective Police.	Total.
Metropolitan	21	114	266	9	410
Depôt .....	.....	4	22	.....	26
Northern .....	.....	2	7	.....	9
North Coast .....	.....	7	12	.....	19
Southern	2	10	16	.....	28
Western	1	16	29	.....	46
North-eastern .....	.....	2	11	.....	13
North-western	1	6	17	.....	24
South-western .....	.....	3	5	.....	8
Broken Hill .....	.....	1	4	.....	5
Murray	1	7	19	.....	27
Bourke.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10
Totals	26	172	418	9	625

APPENDIX H.

RETURN showing the number of Persons in the Police Force of New South Wales holding Life Saving Certificates or Medallions on the 31st December, 1920.

District.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Constables.	Detective Police.	Total.
Metropolitan	4	35	148	3	190
Depôt	1	4	.....	5
Northern	2	.....	2
North Coast	1	14	.....	15
Southern	8	.....	8
Western	15	.....	15
North-eastern	6	38	.....	44
North-western	11	.....	11
South-western	3	.....	3
Broken Hill	4	.....	4
Murray	2	6	.....	8
Bourke	4	.....	4
Totals	4	45	257	3	309

APPENDIX I.

NATIONALITY of Police in the State of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1920.

Actual Strength (exclusive of Trackers).	Australian States and New Zealand.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Other Countries.	To 1	Remarks.
2,629	2,221	162	108	121	17	2,629	Australian States and New Zealand, 83·060 per cent. English, 6·284 per cent. Scotch, 4·098 per cent. Irish, 5·777 per cent. Other countries, 781 per cent.

APPENDIX J.

TABLE of Ages of members of the Police Force of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1920.

Ages.															Detectives.					Totals.
	Superintendents, 1st class.	Superintendents, 2nd class.	Superintendents, 3rd class.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Acting Inspectors.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Ordinary Constables.	Probationary Constables.	Detectives, 1st class.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	
21 to 25 years	93	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	214
25 " 30 "	7	341	95	...	...	...	...	2	1	446
30 " 35 "	1	...	1	196	344	4	...	...	...	1	6	1	554
35 " 40 "	1	19	281	76	...	...	...	2	8	...	387
40 " 45 "	2	...	9	84	198	4	...	2	3	6	1	...	309
45 " 50 "	...	1	...	...	1	2	3	23	41	125	83	4	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	286
50 " 55 "	...	2	1	4	7	10	2	36	57	72	56	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	250
55 " 60 "	...	3	3	4	10	10	16	25	44	23	43	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	183
Totals	...	4	5	5	14	18	5	87	152	324	864	863	220	1	4	4	12	17	2	2,629

APPENDIX K.

LENGTH of Service of members of the Police Force of New South Wales actually serving on the 31st December, 1920.

Service.															Detectives.					Totals.
	Superintendents, 1st class.	Superintendents, 2nd class.	Superintendents, 3rd class.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Acting Inspectors.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Ordinary Constables.	Probationary Constables.	1st Class.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Ordinary Constables.	
Of and under 1 year...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	214	...	...	...	...	...	...	236
From 1 to 5 years...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	442	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	449
" 5 " 10 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	161	368	...	...	...	...	7	1	...	539
" 10 " 15 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	327	20	...	...	...	3	8	...	...	366
" 15 " 20 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	100	220	6	...	...	2	1	8	2	...	342
" 20 " 25 "	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	17	40	136	80	5	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	286
" 25 " 30 "	1	...	...	1	4	7	4	39	74	62	49	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	244
" 30 " 35 "	1	4	3	9	8	17	...	24	34	15	27	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	143
" 35 " 40 "	1	1	1	4	5	3	...	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Totals	4	5	5	14	18	28	5	87	152	324	864	863	220	1	4	4	12	17	2	2,629

APPENDIX L.

Police Superannuation and Reward Fund.

The following members of the Police Force were retired on pensions (subject to a deduction of 3 per cent. in each case) amounting to over £18,800:—

Superintendent, 3rd class	...	C. F. McHardy.	Sergeant, 2nd class	...	H. Hilder.
Inspector, 2nd class	...	J. Doig.	Do do	...	W. H. McMinn.
Do 3rd class	...	A. J. Burrows.	Do do	...	W. Thompson.
Do do	...	J. Curry.	Do 3rd class	...	J. Hickey.
Do do	...	R. Sheridan.	Do do	...	D. Broder.
Do do	...	W. A. Wood.	Do do	...	H. Mitchell.
Senior Detective ...	...	J. Hawe.	Do do	...	B. Trebilcock.
Detective, 1st class	...	J. Gallagher.	Do do	...	J. Connor.
Sergeant do	...	P. Nies.	Do do	...	H. W. Paul.
Do do	...	W. H. McLaughlin.	Do do	...	E. W. Rowe.
Do do	...	G. T. Pollard.	Do do	...	E. F. Clarke.
Do do	...	J. C. R. Snushall.	Do do	...	O. McCabe.
Do do	...	E. C. Lord.	Do do	...	E. W. Dedman.
Do do	...	J. C. Gates.	Do do	...	A. E. Reid.
Do do	...	M. Sheehy.	Do do	...	T. Johns.
Do do	...	C. Noble.	Detective-Sergeant, 3rd class	...	T. H. Batson.
Do do	...	R. J. Lambert.	Constable, 1st class	...	E. Hennessey.
Do do	...	R. S. Hamilton.	Do do	...	M. W. Howard.
Do do	...	P. Keating.	Do do	...	R. Ferguson.
Do do	...	J. P. McDonnell.	Do do	...	A. E. (M) Travers.
Do do	...	A. W. Lonsdale.	Do do	...	*G. J. Harrison.
Do 2nd class	...	T. W. Stephens.	Do do	...	T. R. Cornock.
Do do	...	H. Capewell.	Do do	...	W. Wilson.
Do do	...	A. Kidd.	Do do	...	L. Woodland.
Do do	...	M. Field.	Do do	...	M. Mullane.
Do do	...	J. Vigor.	Do do	...	F. Hansen.
Do do	...	P. McArthur.	Do do	...	F. McCracken.
Do do	...	J. Hughes.	Do do	...	J. H. Lucas.
Do do	...	T. Cole.	Do Ordinary	...	J. O'Connor.
Do do	...	K. Hynes.	Do do	...	F. M. King.

* Not subject to deduction.

Ten Constables were discharged on gratuities amounting to £390, and gratuities amounting to £3,672 were awarded to the widows of nine (9) members of the Force. Seven (7) widows of members of the Police Force were granted pensions amounting to £860, and gratuities amounting to £435 were awarded the children of two (2) deceased members of the Force.

APPENDIX M.

RETURN showing the names of Stations at which New Buildings have been provided for Police purposes, and the names of Stations at which repairs and additions have been effected during the year ended the 31st December, 1920.

District.	Places at which New Buildings have been erected.	District.	Places at which New Buildings have been erected.
Metropolitan	Chatswood. Gladesville.	North-eastern	Tea Gardens.
Southern	Binalong.	South-western	Maude.
		North Coast	Coff's Harbour Jetty.

District.	Places at which Old Buildings have been repaired or added to.	District.	Places at which Old Buildings have been repaired or added to.
Metropolitan	Albion Park. Ashfield. Auburn. Berry. Botany. Canterbury. Camperdown. Castle Hill. Cathedral-street (No. 3). Chatswood. Cook's River. Darlinghurst (No. 3). Drummoyne. Fairfield. Helensburgh. Hurstville. Jambaroo. Kogarah. Lidcombe. Liverpool. Milton. Mosman. Mount Victoria. Neutral Bay. Newtown (No. 5). Parramatta. Petersham. Picton. Pymble. Rozelle. Ryde. Scarborough. Smithfield. St. Albans. St. Marys. Wiseman's Ferry. Wollongong.	North-eastern	Aberdeen. Branxton. Bulga. Carrington. Cassilis. Cessnock. Cundletown. Denman. East Maitland (Sergeant's Quarters, and Barracks). Lambton. Newcastle (Inspector Cook's Quarters). Newcastle (Police Barracks). Port Macquarie. Scone. Singleton. Tighe's Hill. Waratah. Wauchope. Wingham.
		North-western	Attunga. Carroll. Collarendabri. Currabubula. Murrurundi. Pallamallawa. Tamworth. Werris Creek.
		South-western	Balranald. North Deniliquin. Gunbar. Hay. Mathoura. Moulamein. Tocumwal.
Northern	Ashford. Emmaville (Sergeant's Quarters). Emmaville (Mounted Constable's Quarters). Guy Fawkes. Glen Innes. Inverell. Lower Acacia Creek. Uralla.	North Coast	Alstonville. Bowraville. Casino. Coff's Harbour. Copmanhurst. Coraki. Grafton. Lismore. Macksville. Macleay. Woodburn. Woodenbong.
Southern	Adaminaby. Bateman's Bay. Bega. Bermagui South. Braidwood. Bungonia. Candelo. Cootamundra. Emu Flat. Goulburn. Harden. Moruya. Nerrigundah. Queanbeyan. Temora. Towamba. Yass. Young. Wolumla.	Murray	Adelong. Corowa. Daysdale. Gundagai. Henty. Narrandera. Tarcutta. The Rock. Tumut. Wagga Wagga.
		Bourke	Byrock. Canbelego. Cobar. Ford's Bridge. Gongolgon. Nyngan. Yantabulla.
Western	Bathurst. Bathurst (Lockup-keeper's Quarters). Cowra. Eugowra. Forbes. Tuena.	Broken Hill	Broken Hill. Wentworth.