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# POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

Police Department,  
Inspector-General's Office,  
15th February, 1932.

Dear Sir :

The Annual Report on the operations of this Department for the year 1931 is forwarded for the information of the Chief Secretary.

*Departmental business.*—The volume of Departmental business dealt with during last year was the heaviest in the history of the Department. The total number of files attended to in the Inspector-General's Office during 1931 showed a very substantial increase over the number for the previous year, the figures being 463,856 during 1931 as against 383,704 in 1930, an increase of over 20 per cent.

*Provision for additional Police protection.*—Owing to the serious financial position it became necessary during 1930 to suspend recruiting in connection with appointments to the Foot Branch of the Police Force. At the end of last year, however, it was found imperative to seek authority for the appointment of fifty recruits to enable Police efficiency in the suppression of crime to be maintained. Such appointments when made will fill portion of the number of vacancies existing in the Service.

*Position in regard to crime.*—The return of Police cases dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales during the year ended 31st December last shows that the position in regard to crime is as follows : (a) There was an appreciable decrease (decrease of 237 cases) in respect of " Offences against the person " and " Offences against property with violence." (b) On the other hand, under the headings " Offences against property without violence " and " Forgery and offences against the currency " there was a large increase (2,168 cases). (c) Minor offences as shown under the headings " Offences against good order " and " Breaches of Acts generally . . . " show a large decrease (decrease of 4,726 cases). (d) Taking the number of cases under all headings the return discloses a fairly substantial nett decrease of 2,795 cases.

It became evident during 1931 and particularly towards the end of the year that criminals are resorting to the use of firearms to a considerably increased extent. Recommendations were therefore submitted to the Minister with a view to suitable amendments being made to the Pistol License Act in order to strengthen the powers of the Police in dealing with this dangerous practice, and to provide more severe penalties against offenders found in the possession of unlicensed firearms.

## CRIMINAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE GENERALLY.

*Appendix A.*—Particulars regarding the number of cases brought before the Courts of this State during 1931 will be found in Appendix A of this report. The details contained in that Appendix cover all cases dealt with by the Police (either by arrest or summons), and the figures set out hereunder afford a comparison with those of the years 1928, 1929, and 1930 :

	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	Increase or Decrease (1931) over 1930.
Offences against the person ... ..	4,402	4,352	4,144	4,017	dec. 127
Offences against property with violence ...	3,049	3,805	4,776	4,666	dec. 110
Offences against property without violence ...	11,195	12,899	14,485	16,553	inc. 2,068
Forgery and offences against the currency ...	144	273	225	325	inc. 100
Offences against good order ... ..	57,289	55,527	44,026	38,617	dec. 5,409
Offences not included in the preceding ...	61,000	55,583	56,882	57,565	inc. 683
Totals ... ..	137,079	132,439	124,538	121,743	dec. 2,795

Of the total of 121,743 offences, no less than 32,997 cases related to breaches of the traffic laws (Motor Traffic Act, 1909, Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, and Regulations under those Acts, and the Motor Tax (Management) Act, 1914).

As already stated there was a substantial increase in the number of serious cases but a large decrease in respect of minor charges. An examination of the figures contained in Appendix A shows that the principal increases were under the following headings:—Murder 11, attempts to murder 11, attempts to inflict grievous bodily harm and assaults occasioning actual bodily harm 18, robbery with violence 16, indecent assault on young girls 10, indecent assault on male persons 13, simple larceny (or attempts at) 565, larceny as a bailee 64, false pretences 1,304, fraudulent appropriation 94, cattle stealing, horse stealing and dog stealing 121, stolen goods in custody 227, found at night with intent to commit felony and entering dwelling-houses at night with intent to steal 67, forging and uttering 50, making, possessing or uttering counterfeit coins or having coining tools 56, travelling without paying fare 2,109, riot 51 and breaches of the following Acts:—Bread Act 166, Gaming and Betting 930, Government Railways 1,404, Land and Income Tax 172, Landlord and Tenant 210, Metropolitan Traffic 491, Motor Tax (Management) 272, Motor Traffic 1,531, Police Offences 122, Police Offences (Drugs) 85.

The principal decreases were:—Setting fire to dwellings knowing persons to be therein 9, manslaughter and inflicting grievous bodily harm 14, demanding property with menace or threat 16, assault with intent to rob 32, robbery under arms 11, assault (common) 115, carnally knowing young girls 14, attempted suicide, 16, sodomy and bestiality 12, sacrilege, burglary and breaking and entering 37, maliciously injuring property 45, stealing from the person or from dwellings 92, embezzlement and larceny as a servant 66, unlawfully using motor vehicles, etc., 201, idle and disorderly person 451, drunkenness 4,721, drunkenness with disorderly conduct 229, riotous, indecent or offensive behaviour 1,496, using threatening, abusive or insulting words 223, using profane language, etc., 459, and breaches of the following Acts:—Aborigines Protection 63, Commonwealth Electoral 111, Crimes 148, Dog and Goat 507, Early Closing 128, Factories and Shops 133, Hawkers and Pedlers 59, Liquor 680, Local Government 765, Masters and Servants 156, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage (and by-laws) 370, Pastures Protection 740, Public Health 128, Public Instruction 168, Stamp Duties 98, Sydney Corporation 478, Vagrancy 183, Child Welfare 64.

It will be seen that the large decrease under the heading "Offences against good order" is practically accounted for by the decrease in the number of cases of drunkenness, and riotous or offensive behaviour.

*Appendix A1.*—A graph will be found in Appendix A1 indicating for each year since 1905 the total number of persons proceeded against, the population of the State and the variations in the actual strength of the Police Force.

*Crime reported and published in Police Gazette.*—Particulars concerning serious crime reported to the Police are published in the Police Gazette. The total number of such cases so published last year was 10,043, a decrease of 660 as compared with the total for 1930.

*Juvenile Crime, Appendix B.*—Particulars of offences committed by juveniles in the Metropolitan Area during 1931 are contained in Appendix B. The figures supplied therein show that there has been a decrease of 558 in the number of juvenile offenders (under the age of 21 years) brought before the Courts in the State during 1931.

*Inquests.*—The total number of inquests held last year was 1,879, the number held during 1930 being 2,086. The number of inquests on dead bodies was 1,644 (the total number of bodies being 1,699) while the number of inquests concerning fires was 235.

*Wife and Child Desertions.*—The number of cases of wife and child desertion in 1931 was 1,704, a decrease of 289 as compared with the total for 1930.

*Extraditions.*—There was one case of extradition from New South Wales to a country outside Australia, viz., a case in which an offender was extradited to the Federated Malay States.

#### CRIMINAL STATISTICS FOR THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

The following table indicates the number of cases dealt with in the Metropolitan District during 1931 as compared with similar information for the year 1930.

	1930.	1931.	Increase or Decrease (1931) over 1930.
Offences against the person ... ..	2,228	2,138	dec. 90
Offences against property, with violence ... ..	3,197	3,081	dec. 116
Offences against property, without violence ... ..	9,087	9,565	inc. 478
Forgery and offences against the currency ... ..	120	257	inc. 137
Offences against good order ... ..	21,694	19,982	dec. 1,712
Offences not included in the preceding ... ..	33,955	37,813	inc. 3,858
Totals... ..	70,281	72,836	inc. 2,555

As shown by the foregoing figures there was an increase of 2,555 in the total number of cases brought before the Courts in the Metropolitan District last year. It will thus be seen that while the figures for the whole of the State in regard to the number of offences under all headings disclose a fairly large decrease the statistics for the Metropolitan Area only show a corresponding increase. The principal increases in the Metropolitan cases were under the following headings: murder 11, attempt to murder 8, robbery with violence 12, assault in company 16, serious offences against females 11, indecent assaults, etc., on male persons 35, simple larceny 250, false pretences 308, larceny as a bailee 63, fraudulent appropriation 66, stolen goods in custody 36, found at night with intent to commit a felony 48, forging and uttering, and forgery, and uttering 74, making, possessing or uttering counterfeit coins and having coining tools in possession 58, using profane language 124, travelling without paying fare 360, "consorting" 26, playing games to annoyance of residents or passengers 66, and breaches of the following Acts: Gaming and Betting 916, Industrial



Arbitration 304, Motor Traffic and Regulations 2,997, Metropolitan Traffic and Regulations 437, Police Offences 165, Police Offences (Drugs) 82, Weights and Measures 62. On the other hand there were substantial decreases under various headings, the principal being : demanding property with menace or threat, assault with intent to rob, and robbery under arms 53, assault female 35, common assault 125, burglary and breaking and entering 86, maliciously injuring property 25, illegally using motor vehicle or boat 116, stealing from the person 59, embezzlement 33, larceny as a servant 33, drunkenness and drunkenness with disorderly conduct 1,268, idle and disorderly person 247, riotous, indecent or offensive behaviour, etc. 784, using threatening, abusive or insulting words 248, and breaches of the following Acts : Crimes 85, Dog and Goat 250, Early Closing 131, Government Railways (and by-laws) 110, Metropolitan Water and Sewerage (and by-laws) 294, Sydney Corporation 478, Vagrancy 124, Public Health 111.

#### FINGER-PRINTS.

The work of the Finger-print Branch continues to expand. The total number of sets of finger-prints received in the Branch during 1931 was 14,510, the number received in 1930 being 13,604. The number of prints identified as those of offenders convicted previously was 6,810 as against 5,960 in the previous year. In 14 criminal cases the evidence submitted to the Court consisted wholly or partly of finger-print identification. In 48 other cases the accused persons admitted their guilt, thereby obviating the necessity for the furnishing of finger-print evidence. There were 861 cases in which exhibits were brought to the Finger-print Branch for examination, the number for 1930 being 852. The number of visits made by members of the Finger-print Staff to places in the City, suburbs and country to search for finger-prints in connection with crimes committed was 1,703 as against 1,235 during the previous year. The number of finger-prints obtained at scenes of crime and identified after examination was 65. In 30 instances the finger-prints of unknown deceased persons were taken and as a result the bodies of 12 of such persons were identified. The finger-prints in these cases were the only means of establishing identity.

The Single Finger-print System of identification established in 1929 still continues to yield most satisfactory results and is of incalculable value to the Department.

*Photographic Section.*—This Department was supplied during 1931 by the Comptroller General of Prisons with 1,431 photographs of criminals which were circulated for Police information. The number of copies of these photographs sent to other Australian States and New Zealand was 13,700. The number of criminal photographs received from other States of the Commonwealth and New Zealand during the year was 3,315. The staff of the Section also took numerous photographs of persons at the Central Police Station, finger-prints and various documents, scenes of crime and dead bodies.

#### WATER POLICE, SYDNEY.

Efficient patrol work on the waters of Port Jackson was carried out by the Water Police during the year. There was the usual large volume of shipping and ferry traffic on the harbour. The total number of vessels entering and leaving port (excluding naval vessels) during 1931 was 5,413. The ferries during the year carried over 40 million passengers on the harbour. In cases where sailing boats capsize on the harbour assistance is rendered by the Water Police to the crews. There were 18 such cases in the year. In 22 cases bodies of persons who had been drowned in the harbour were recovered, dragging operations having to be resorted to in several instances. The visits of the Chilean training ship "General Baquedano" in July, 1931, and of the American tourist ship "Malolo" in November, 1931, aroused a good deal of public interest. The R.M.S. "Strathnaver," 22,500 tons, the largest vessel in the Australian trade, arrived in port in November, and the number of visitors to the vessel was approximately 25,000.

The Plainclothes Police attached to the Water Police Division were successful in dealing with pillage from wharves and vessels, and their activities have practically stamped out this class of offence. As a result 42 persons were brought before the Court and summarily convicted and 12 were committed for trial. Seventy charges of obtaining food relief by means of false pretences were preferred against 4 persons as a result of the Water Police investigations.

#### WATER POLICE, NEWCASTLE.

The Water Police at Newcastle, besides patrolling the waters of Port Hunter during the year, rendered assistance, with other Police, to persons in difficulties through floods in the Hunter River and its tributaries. They also rendered useful service in connection with industrial disputes on the water front at Newcastle. The number of vessels, including interstate shipping, which arrived at the port of Newcastle during 1931 was 4,524, with a nett tonnage of 3,251,880 tons.

#### WOMEN SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

The number of Women Special Constables employed by the Department at the end of the year was 7 (one having the rank of Special Sergeant). The normal strength is 8, a vacancy existing at the end of the year owing to a resignation. Steps are being taken with a view to filling the vacancy. The duties of the Women Special Constables are largely of a social character, particularly in connection with young girls and women who frequent places of public resort. Dance halls, public parks, railway stations, sea-side resorts and other places at which people assemble are often visited by the Women Special Constables and in appropriate cases warnings are given by them to females in regard to their conduct. They rendered useful assistance to the Detectives and Plainclothes Police during the year in connection with cases of crime reported involving women and children. They made numerous inquiries and conducted many interviews in connection with missing friends, suspicious advertisements, houses of ill repute, etc. During 1931 they took 19 persons to the Reception House and brought 64 women before the various Courts for different offences, and 164 girls before the Children's Court. They also succeeded in placing a number of girls in suitable homes or institutions and obviated the necessity for Court proceedings against the girls concerned.

#### METROPOLITAN LICENSING INSPECTION.

*Hotels.*—On the 31st December, 1931, the number of hotels in the Metropolitan District was 538 an increase of 1 over the total at the end of the previous year. The increase of 1 was brought about through 2 new licenses being issued and 1 license being allowed to lapse.

Improvement in the class of hotel premises in the district has been maintained. There were 27 applications for permission to re-build licensed premises or make material alterations thereto and such applications were approved.

Three applications for Orders of Court to compel owners to bring their premises up to modern requirements were also granted.

During the year the Police in two cases lodged objections to renewal of publicans' licenses, one on the ground of systematic after-hour trading and one for permitting an unlicensed person to act as keeper of the premises. However, renewal was granted by the Court in both cases after hearing the evidence submitted.

The number of applications for permission to supply liquor with meals at hotels under the provisions of Section 57A of the Liquor Act was 47 (including renewals). All the applications were granted.

No complaints were received from the public during the year in regard to the quality of liquor supplied and it was not found necessary to take any samples of liquor for analysis.

The number of spirit merchants' licenses in force on the 31st December, 1931, was 113, a decrease of 11 on the total at the end of the previous year. This decrease is accounted for as follows :—one license was cancelled by the Court, three licenses were surrendered, ten were allowed to lapse and three new licenses were granted.

There was no alteration in the number of Australian Wine Licenses during 1931, the number at the end of the year remaining at 160. The number of packet licenses at the end of 1931 was 5, a decrease of one during the year. There was also a decrease in the number of billiard licenses on the 31st December last, the total being 119 as compared with 142 at the end of 1930.

*Appendix C.*—Particulars regarding convictions under the Liquor Act during 1931 in the Metropolitan Licensing District will be found in Appendix C.

#### TRAFFIC BRANCH.

On the 31st October, 1931, the Police Traffic Branch was removed from 211 Kent-street, Sydney, to No. 7 Richmond Terrace, Domain, Sydney. The separation of the Police Traffic Office from the Transport Registry controlled by the Commissioner of Road Transport enabled a reduction to be made in the Police attached to the Traffic Office, eight members of the Force having been made available for ordinary duty as a result. The testing of drivers of motor vehicles for licenses is carried out at the Police Traffic Office.

During 1931, 295 persons were convicted for driving motor vehicles whilst under the influence of liquor and of that number the licenses of 211 were suspended by the Courts. During the same period 816 persons were reported for driving motor vehicles in a negligent or dangerous manner, while 233 were reported for driving on the near side of stationary trams when passengers were entering or alighting, and 87 others were reported for failing to stop after accidents had occurred.

It is satisfactory to note that the statistics relating to the number of accidents in the public streets during 1931 show that there was a very appreciable decrease both in the number of persons killed and in the number of persons injured as a result of such accidents. The actual decrease was 68 in the number of persons killed, and 1,578 in the number of persons injured. The conditions in regard to the parking of vehicles in the City show an improvement, and this is largely due to Police insisting upon a stricter compliance with parking notices.

*Appendix D.*—In Appendix D. will be found a return showing in detail the number of accidents within the Metropolitan Traffic District, also a return indicating the number of persons killed and injured in accidents throughout the State in which motor vehicles were involved.

Additional information regarding the work of the Traffic Branch will also be found in Appendix D.

#### DEPARTMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

The number of Departmental motor vehicles under the control of this Department on the 31st December, 1931, was 187, made up as follows :—In the Metropolitan District—11 motor cars, 18 Divisional patrol cars, 1 car for the Criminal Investigation Branch, 4 area cars, 5 patrol vans, 3 motor lorries, 63 motor cycles, and 1 car used for instructional purposes at the Police Depot ; in the Country Districts—29 motor cars, 4 patrol vans and 48 motor cycles. In addition to the fleet of Departmental motor vehicles considerable patrol work is carried out throughout the State by Police who have been authorised to use their own cars or cycles on Police duty.

In view of the financial situation it was not found practicable during 1931 to make the usual purchases of new cars to replace vehicles which have been subjected to considerable wear, consequently closer attention was given to the question of making vehicles already in use last for a longer period. Under ordinary conditions it would have been necessary to obtain 14 light cars for Divisional patrol work at an estimated cost of £3,640, 6 heavy cars for Detective patrol purposes, "Wireless" patrol and other duties, costing approximately £3,300, and 35 motor cycles at £4,200, a total cost of £11,140. Under the altered conditions, however, the actual purchases of new vehicles were 9 light cars costing £2,054 4s. 3d. and one motor cycle costing £122 17s. 6d., a total expenditure of £2,177 1s. 9d., an expenditure of approximately £9,000 less than would have been required in ordinary circumstances. Despite the reduction in expenditure on new vehicles, however, the annual cost of maintenance of the existing fleet of Departmental motor vehicles only shows an increase of £40. On the whole the results obtained are considered satisfactory, but it will need to be borne in mind that the general condition of the Departmental vehicles is steadily depreciating and a larger expenditure for new cars will inevitably be required.

*Bicycles.*—Ordinary bicycles are also found useful in various localities for patrol purposes and the number of such bicycles in use at the end of 1931 was 287.



## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

In a number of instances industrial disputes occurred during the year, but in only one case was there any serious outbreak of violence, viz., at Bulli, where the local Police were attacked by a violent mob at the food relief depot and several members of the Force were injured. One Constable was off duty for 4½ months as a result of injuries.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES OR REFORMS.

Two new sections were formed in the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Department, viz.—A Modus Operandi Section and a Stolen Property Tracing Section, in May, 1931, and September, 1931, respectively.

The principle on which the Modus Operandi Section works is the classification of the particular methods or styles adopted by criminals in the perpetration of offences. The methods of classification adopted enable useful clues to be promptly obtained when similar offences are committed and it is found that the same method has been employed as on previous occasions. Some very satisfactory results have already been obtained since the establishment of this Section. In 917 cases inquiries were made by the Section on the lines indicated and such action resulted in 790 other offences being traced to offenders under arrest.

The staff of the Stole Property Tracing Section regularly subject to close examination lists of articles supplied to the Police in respect of property, jewellery, etc., pledged with pawnbrokers or purchased by dealers. The lists are compared with the daily reports of property stolen, and as a result of the activities of this Section a considerable amount of property has been recovered and offences have been accounted for which may otherwise not have been cleared up.

During the year an additional aid to Police identification was inaugurated by the Department at the Criminal Investigation Branch in the provision of an Observation Room where offenders arrested during the day or night could be seen by Detectives and Plainclothes Police the following morning without the latter being identified by the persons under observation. Observation Rooms are in general use for Police purposes throughout the world and very great value is attached to their use. Police from Headquarters, the whole of the Detective Areas and Divisional Stations are very keen on attending the parade every morning.

The Consorting Squad (which deals with the provisions of the Vagrancy Act in regard to the consorting of criminals and prostitutes) rendered very good service during the year. It was responsible for the arrest of 59 females for "consorting" and 112 for soliciting, while 405 arrests were made for miscellaneous offences. As the result of proceedings taken in these cases fines amounting to £457 were imposed. The operations of the Squad resulted in the streets of the City being practically cleared of women of undesirable character.

The Special Motor Squad (which devotes its attention to the clearing up of thefts of motor vehicles) has also performed excellent work. During the year it broke up organised gangs who systematically stole motor cars, interchanged parts of the cars and otherwise altered them in such a way as to render identification difficult. Seventy arrests were effected, 53 offenders being committed for trial and substantial sentences were imposed in the majority of cases.

During 1931 the Special Section formed during the previous year to deal with illegal betting, sly-grog selling, etc., was also very active. 1,698 persons were arrested for breaches of the Gaming and Betting Act on whom fines and forfeitures totalling £12,519 were inflicted. For breaches of the Liquor Act 108 arrests were made, the fines in these cases totalling £2,458. There were also 40 arrests for smoking opium, breaches of the Printing Act, and breaches of the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, the fines in respect of these offences amounting to £483.

## MISSING FRIENDS.

During 1931 the Police dealt with 2,271 inquiries in respect of missing friends or relatives, the number of such inquiries in 1930 being 2,488. The number of persons whose whereabouts were ascertained was 1,497 as against 1,565 in the previous year. These figures embrace 1,242 inquiries from Great Britain, Australian States other than New South Wales, and other parts of the British Empire, and 195 from foreign lands.

## ACTS OF BRAVERY.

There were various occasions during 1931 upon which Police in this State exhibited bravery in carrying out their duties. The principal instances are as follow:—

On the 3rd January, 1931, a man named Kennedy, whose strange actions at once drew attention to him, entered a tobacconist's shop at Bondi Junction carrying a rifle. He bought tobacco for which he refused to pay and the manager of the shop called the attention of Constable N. T. Allen to Kennedy's conduct. Upon being overtaken and questioned by the Constable, Kennedy immediately fired three shots at the Constable who fell mortally wounded. Subsequently it was discovered that the Constable's automatic pistol had jammed. Detective-Constable Magill who went to investigate the shooting was forced to take cover on being menaced with the rifle. Kennedy then proceeded to a house in Lawson-street, Bondi Junction. Constable E. Andrews gained an entrance to the house from the back and on grappling with Kennedy was shot by him. When the Constable fell his throat was cut by Kennedy with a large sheath knife, and the Constable died. Meanwhile Sergeant 1st Class J. P. Seery and Constable T. H. Johnson assisted by Detective-Constable Magill effected an entrance at the front door of the premises and after an interchange of shots Kennedy was shot by Constable Johnson. Kennedy was removed to a hospital and died some time later. The whole of the Police concerned, especially the two men who, unfortunately, lost their lives, displayed great bravery and acted in accordance with the highest traditions of the Force. A memorial has been erected by the Government over the graves of the late Constables Allen and Andrews at Rookwood Cemetery.

Two men were arrested in March, 1931, on six charges of breaking, entering and stealing. They were committed for trial and whilst on bail one of them, a dangerous criminal, armed with an unlicensed pistol which he was brandishing when approached by the Constable, was arrested by Constable J. Harrison of

Newtown. The Constable was severely assaulted by the offender when making the arrest and was subsequently complimented at the trial by the presiding Judge for the courage displayed by him when arresting the offender.

Constable P. T. Stevens of Balmain, in January, 1931, stopped a pair of bolting horses harnessed to a buggy in Darling Street, Rozelle. The Constable's action was very plucky and as a result of injuries received when stopping the horses he was off duty for a considerable period.

At Artarmon Constable 1st. Class W. L. Roberts whilst on night duty found that the door of a shop had been forced. He entered the shop and was immediately set upon by a man armed with an iron bar, but succeeded in making an arrest after a fierce struggle. The offender was subsequently identified as an escapee from a prison camp.

At North Sydney Constable C. Leary, accompanied by another Constable, found a man acting in a suspicious manner at the rear of a warehouse in Miller-street. The man ran away and was pursued by Constable Leary into Napier-street where he threatened the Constable with a loaded revolver. Constable Leary, however, overpowered the man and conveyed him to the Police Station. He subsequently proved to be a notorious safe breaker and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

At St. Peters a boy fell into the water in a pit at a certain brickworks. Constable H. E. Blake of Newtown Station was informed of the occurrence and proceeded to the pit. He dived into the water, which was very deep and littered with debris. After several unsuccessful attempts he recovered the body. Artificial respiration was applied but without avail. At the inquest the Constable was commended by the Coroner for his courage and he has since been awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate of Merit of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales.

At Bellbird Constable 1st Class N. T. McLaughlin acted in a courageous and tactful manner when effecting the arrest of an armed man who had threatened to shoot the passengers in a motor bus in Wollombi-road on the 28th March, 1931.

At Miller's Forest, Constable C. T. Noble of Newcastle acted in a highly meritorious manner when—assisted by two civilians—effecting the rescue of a woman and her seven children from drowning during heavy floods in June, 1931. The Constable was awarded a Bronze Medal and Certificate by the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society.

On Anniversary Day, 1931, Constable M. C. Morrissey of Cooma Station bravely, although unsuccessfully, attempted to save Loftus Ruffles (son of a Police Sergeant) from drowning in the Cotter River. The Constable has been awarded a Bronze Medal by the Royal Humane Society of Australia.

#### ESTABLISHMENT.

*Appendix E.*—The actual strength of the New South Wales Police Force on the 31st December, 1931, was 3,667. This total includes 21 trackers. The number of men in the various ranks of the Force is shown in Appendix E.

#### VACANCIES.

Vacancies occurred during the year as shown under the following headings :—

Resignations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Discharges (including appointments of probationers not confirmed)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Discharges on pension	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Dismissals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75

#### NEW STATIONS AND STATIONS CLOSED.

During 1931 new stations were established at :—

Caragabal	...	...	...	...	...	...	Western District.
Newnes (temporary station)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Western District.
Burrinjuck (15th October, 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Southern District.

The Stations closed during the year were :—

Marsden	...	...	...	...	...	...	Southern District.
Wiangerie	...	...	...	...	...	...	North Coast District.
Unanderra	...	...	...	...	...	...	Eastern District.
Matrville	...	...	...	...	...	...	Metropolitan District.
Burrinjuck (3rd July, 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Southern District.
Greenwich	...	...	...	...	...	...	Metropolitan District.

#### TRANSFERS.

Transfers to more congenial climates were granted to members of the Force in 15 instances, viz :— 7 men from the Riverina District, 5 men from the Broken Hill District and 3 men from the Dubbo District.

#### POLICE BUILDINGS.

During the year a considerable amount of work was carried out to Police buildings from money made available from the Unemployment Relief Fund. Most of this work consisted of additions, alterations and renovations to existing Police premises, but from the funds made available a new Police Station was erected at Bondi and Police garages provided on land at Alexandria. Police Boxes were also erected in the Darlinghurst area for trial purposes. New Police buildings are very necessary at a number of centres throughout the State, both to replace existing premises dilapidated and out of date and to reduce expenditure in the rental of premises for Police Station purposes. The latter item involves heavy annual expenditure, but, apart



from the operation of the Reduction of Rents Act, reductions in amounts paid for rent of premises for Police purposes were obtained in a number of instances. Sites for the erection of Police Stations when funds become available were purchased at several centres but land for that purpose is still required at many places.

#### STATIONS VISITED BY THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE DURING 1931.

Berridale.	Kempsey.	Marrar.
Dalgety.	Gladstone.	Coolamon.
Jindabyne.	Smithtown.	Ganmain.
Adaminaby.	Frederickton.	Matong.
Kiandra.	Bellbrook.	Grong Grong.
Adelong.	George's Creek.	Narrandera.
Batlow.	Ebor.	Yanco.
Tumbarumba.	Dorrigo.	Leeton.
Humula.	Bellingen.	Barellan.
Holbrook.	Fernmount.	Yenda.
Bowna.	Bowraville.	Griffith.
Jindera.	Macksville.	Whitton.
Albury.	Nambucca Heads.	Darlington Pt.
Howlong.	Urunga.	Carrathool.
Corowa.	Coffs Harbour Jetty.	Hay.
Mulwala.	Coffs Harbour.	Maude.
Tocumal.	Woolgoolga.	Oxley.
Moama.	Coramba.	Balranald.
Mathoura.	Glenreagh.	Moulamein.
Deniliquin.	South Grafton.	Barham.
Finley.	Grafton.	Euston.
Jerilderie.	Nymboida.	Wentworth.
Berrigan.	Dalmorton.	Cal Lal.
Oaklands.	Copmanhurst.	Pooncarie.
Daysdale.	Ulmara.	Menindie.
Balldale.	Brushgrove.	North Broken Hill.
Brocklesby.	Macleay.	Broken Hill.
Walla Walla.	Iluka.	South Broken Hill.
Culcairn.	Yamba.	Railway Town.
Henty.	Harwood Island.	West Broken Hill.
Yerong Creek.	Lawrence.	Silverton.
The Rock.	Lismore.	Torrawangie.
Uranquinty.	South Lismore.	Milparinka.
Wagga Wagga.	Casino.	Tibooburra.
Tarcutta.	Liverpool.	White Cliffs.
Gundagai.	Bowral.	Wilcannia.
Coolac.	Goulburn (twice).	Ivanhoe.
Jugiong.	Collector.	Booligal.
Bowning (twice).	Gunning (twice).	Burrinjuck.
Dalton.	Wee Jasper.	Yass (twice).
Gundaroo.	Binalong.	Galong.
Harden.	Kendall.	Murrumburrah.
Kew.	Wallendbeen.	Wauchope.
Cootamundra.	Ellensborough.	Bethungra.
Port Macquarie.	Junee.	South West Rocks.
Illabo.		

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO POLICE IN FIRST AID AND LIFE-SAVING METHODS.

Each member of the Force on appointment to the Service is given a full course of instruction in First Aid and Life-saving methods. At the end of 1931 the number of Police in New South Wales holding Ambulance Certificates was 3,072, while 744 held Life-saving Certificates. A proportion of the latter are also in possession of the Royal Life Saving Society's Medallion.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE BAND.

During 1931 the Police Band attended numerous functions of a charitable or patriotic nature. On four occasions the Band attended funerals of members of the Police Force and also attended the funeral of the late Secretary of the New South Wales Police Association, who was an ex-member of the Police Service.

#### CONDUCT OF POLICE.

The conduct of the Police throughout the State during 1931 was, generally speaking, of a very high standard and the heavy volume of Police duties requiring attention was dealt with very efficiently.

#### APPENDICES.

In addition to the appendices already referred to in this report, tables are attached hereto containing particulars regarding the nationalities of members of the Police Force and the age and length of service of men in the various ranks.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. CHILDS,  
Inspector-General of Police.

## APPENDIX A.

RETURN of cases dealt with by Courts in New South Wales for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

Offences.	Arrests.		Summons Cases.		How dealt with.												Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Committed for trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.								
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.					
Offences against the Person—																				
Murder .....	22	8	..	..	18	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	30	19	11	..		
Attempt to murder .....	40	2	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	10	1	42	31	11	..		
Inciting to murder .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..		
Setting fire to dwelling knowing person to be therein.	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	9		
Manslaughter .....	32	3	..	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	18	1	35	42	..	7		
Inflicting grievous bodily harm .....	71	4	7	..	38	1	..	..	1	..	9	..	30	3	82	89	..	7		
Attempt to inflict grievous bodily harm ..	19	1	2	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	25	15	7	..		
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm....	102	2	15	..	52	1	2	..	3	1	4	..	56	..	119	108	11	..		
Robbery with violence .....	113	2	..	..	65	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	45	..	115	99	16	..		
Demanding property with menace or threat	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	22	..	16		
Assault with intent to rob .....	23	..	..	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	23	55	..	32		
Robbery, being armed .....	37	1	..	1	29	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	39	50	..	11		
Assault an officer in the execution of his duty.	325	26	18	..	2	..	217	19	72	3	18	4	34	..	369	373	..	4		
Assault special constable in the execution of his office.	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	9	..	4		
Assault with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	4		
Assault in company .....	38	..	23	2	4	..	6	1	2	..	21	..	28	1	63	66	..	3		
Assault a female .....	292	11	332	88	8	..	78	15	23	..	212	21	303	63	723	719	4	..		
Assault, common .....	543	21	1,090	104	5	..	541	18	45	1	259	27	783	79	1,758	1,873	..	115		
Obstructing workmen by violence, or threat of violence.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4		
Not providing wife, child, or other dependent with necessaries—endangering life.	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	6	2	4	..		
Deserting wife or child—indictable .....	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	1	..	9	19	..	10		
Abandoning or exposing child under 2 years of age.	1	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	5	10	7	3	..		
Causing bodily harm by furious or negligent driving or riding.	28	..	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	29	24	5	..		
Rape .....	12	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	12	16	..	4		
Attempt to commit rape .....	8	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	12	13	..	1		
Carnally knowing girl under 10 years, or attempt.	16	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	16	9	7	..		
Carnally knowing girl over 10 years and under 16 years, or attempt.	86	..	1	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	17	..	87	112	..	25		
Carnally knowing pupil or daughter, or attempt.	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	3	4	..		
Indecent assault on girl under 16 years of age.	51	..	1	..	23	..	..	..	6	..	9	..	14	..	52	42	10	..		
Indecent assault on a female .....	21	..	1	..	14	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	22	25	..	3		
Indecent assault on a male person .....	52	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	14	..	52	39	13	..		
Sodomy, or attempt .....	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	14	..	9		
Bestiality, or attempt .....	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	..	3		
Abduction .....	23	1	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	13	2	25	20	5	..		
Bigamy .....	14	6	1	1	15	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	20	2	..		
Attempting to procure abortion .....	4	7	1	..	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	12	4	8	..		
Supplying or procuring drug or instrument to procure miscarriage.	1	7	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	9	8	1	..		
Concealment of birth .....	1	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	6	1	5	..		
Attempted suicide .....	62	41	..	3	1	2	..	..	40	26	14	8	7	8	106	122	..	16		
Any other offences against the person....	21	4	36	11	9	..	6	1	2	..	30	10	10	4	72	40	32	..		
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	6	5	1	..		
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	..		
Total .....	2,101	163	1,541	212	502	80	858	54	203	34	623	77	1,456	180	4,017	4,144	161	288		
Offences against Property with Violence—																				
Sacrilege .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4		
Burglary .....	26	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	26	35	..	9		
Breaking and entering, or attempt .....	3,603	75	29	1	1,082	19	9	..	41	..	549	10	1,951	47	3,708	3,732	..	24		
Malicious acts with intent to obstruct or injure railway engine or carriage.	11	..	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	14	17	..	3		
Malicious damage to telegraph post, wire, or insulator, or attempt.	..	..	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	6	9	..	3		
Injuries to buildings by explosive substances, or attempt.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5		
Injuring property in museums and certain other public places.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..		
Maliciously injuring property .....	658	36	158	26	11	1	358	34	25	2	216	12	206	13	878	923	..	45		
Killing cattle with intent to steal carcase, skin, or other part.	5	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	9	24	..	15		
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding cattle.	1	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	8	..	..		
Maliciously killing, maiming, or wounding other animals or birds.	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	8	8	..	..		
Any other offence against property with violence.	1	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	3	..	..		
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..		
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..		
Total .....	4,309	112	218	27	1,116	21	386	34	69	2	779	22	2,177	60	4,666	4,776		115		



## APPENDIX A—continued.

Offences.	Arrests.		Summons Cases.		How dealt with.												Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Committed for Trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.								
	Fined.		Imprisoned.			Otherwise dealt with.														
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
Offences against Property without Violence—																				
Simple larceny or attempt.....	8,341	1,351	535	39	249	19	2,143	498	1,402	210	2,326	459	2,756	204	1,266	9,701	565	..		
Stealing from the person, or attempt .....	96	13	..	..	3	..	11	1	33	3	6	2	43	7	109	186	..	77		
Stealing in a dwelling .....	208	14	2	3	21	5	25	..	53	2	23	7	88	3	227	242	..	15		
Larceny as a bailee.....	181	7	50	3	13	1	36	..	17	1	31	4	134	4	241	177	64	..		
Embezzlement .....	134	3	22	1	30	..	13	..	20	..	34	1	59	3	160	191	..	31		
Larceny as a servant .....	60	4	..	..	36	3	3	1	7	..	7	..	7	..	64	99	..	35		
Obtaining goods or money by false pretence .....	2,213	122	467	30	144	6	562	20	647	9	305	35	1,022	82	2,832	1,528	1,304	..		
Receiving stolen property .....	152	14	11	3	28	1	31	4	16	2	33	4	55	6	180	185	15	..		
Fraudulent appropriation .....	139	21	83	2	86	6	12	..	7	..	44	2	73	15	245	151	94	..		
Larceny by finding.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	..	11		
Larceny by trick.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2		
Larceny from Public Library .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..		
Stealing or destroying a valuable security .....	13	3	3	..	4	1	3	..	3	..	4	1	2	1	19	16	3	..		
Cattle stealing .....	46	..	8	..	8	..	20	..	7	..	4	..	15	..	54	37	17	..		
Horse stealing .....	127	1	7	..	11	..	28	..	38	1	21	..	36	..	135	53	82	..		
Sheep stealing .....	54	..	5	..	..	..	21	..	21	..	4	..	13	..	59	67	..	8		
Dog stealing .....	28	..	3	..	..	..	16	..	4	..	6	..	6	..	31	9	22	..		
Stealing animals or birds ordinarily kept in confinement.....	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	33	..	27		
Larceny of things attached to land .....	3	..	21	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	24	25	..	1		
Illegally using cattle or horses .....	25	..	17	..	2	..	14	..	8	..	10	..	8	..	42	36	6	..		
Fraudulently branding or altering brands on cattle.....	6	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	8	11	..	3		
Possession of skin or carcase of stolen cattle.....	8	..	7	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	15	22	..	7		
Supposed stolen goods in custody.....	1,125	55	69	14	9	..	363	23	166	3	105	24	551	19	1,263	1,036	227	..		
Unlawful possession of trees, fence, or like material.....	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..		
Stealing from vessel in port .....	9	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	9	15	..	6		
Embezzling ship's cargo or stores.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	7	..	6		
Stealing from wharf .....	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	1		
Stealing letters or articles sent by post .....	7	..	2	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	9	10	..	1		
Found at night with intent to commit felony.....	129	3	..	1	16	1	..	..	44	..	26	3	43	..	183	74	59	..		
Enter dwelling-house with intent to steal at night.....	18	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	2	..	5	..	19	11	8	..		
Careless use of fire .....	6	..	8	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	14	5	9	..		
Setting fire to crops .....	3	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	3	..		
Do grass .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..		
Do house .....	9	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	10	9	1	..		
Do dwelling, person being therein.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1		
Do certain other buildings, or attempts.....	16	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	16	18	..	2		
Demanding money by written menace or threat.....	4	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	3	..		
Any other offence against property without violence.....	57	1	33	..	7	..	21	..	13	..	23	1	26	..	91	82	9	..		
Unlawfully use another's vehicle or boat.....	220	3	9	..	5	..	52	..	54	..	58	..	60	3	232	433	..	201		
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.....	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	6	2	4	..		
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily.....	9	1	5	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	6	2	4	..	16	12	4	..		
Total .....	13,462	1,620	1,374	97	707	44	3,422	547	2,576	231	3,905	545	5,036	350	16,552	14,485	2,508	435		
Forgery and Offences against the Currency—																				
Forging and uttering.....	104	2	2	..	67	..	..	..	7	1	12	1	20	..	108	58	50	..		
Forgery .....	103	5	1	1	43	1	3	..	18	2	12	2	28	1	110	123	..	13		
Uttering .....	26	1	..	..	6	..	2	..	6	..	4	..	8	1	27	21	6	..		
Forging bank notes .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	1		
Making or having in possession implements or material for forgery.....	7	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	6	..		
Making counterfeit coin .....	29	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	29	2	27	..		
Possessing or uttering counterfeit coin.....	30	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	30	15	15	..		
Making or having in possession coining tools.....	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	14	..		
Accessory before or after the fact to any of the above felonies.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4		
Total .....	313	8	3	1	180	1	5	..	31	3	28	3	72	2	325	225	118	18		
Offences against Good Order—																				
Idle and disorderly person .....	840	162	2	..	..	..	2	..	242	43	49	28	549	91	1,004	1,455	..	451		
Rogue and vagabond.....	247	3	9	..	..	..	2	..	121	..	40	1	93	2	259	266	..	7		
Drunkenness .....	18,371	2,246	167	2	..	..	12,513	1,441	386	25	6,058	733	581	49	20,786	25,507	4,721	..		
Drunkenness, with disorderly conduct.....	342	7	60	..	..	..	380	6	6	..	10	1	6	..	409	638	..	229		
Riot (indictable) .....	36	..	15	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	51	..		
Riotous, indecent, offensive, threatening, or insulting behaviour.....	2,592	563	1,023	23	..	..	3,023	529	40	..	199	26	348	31	4,201	5,697	..	1,496		
Using threatening, abusive, or insulting words.....	476	46	616	193	..	..	538	62	4	..	199	57	351	120	1,381	1,554	..	223		
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language.....	3,153	433	680	36	..	..	3,571	437	35	1	95	11	132	20	4,302	4,761	..	459		
Singing obscene songs .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	16		
Writing or drawing indecent or obscene word, figure, or representation.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	4		
Throw or discharge stone or missile.....	23	..	37	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	15	..	7	..	60	43	17	..		
Negligent or furious riding or driving.....	8	..	22	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	30	36	..	6		
Cruelty to animals .....	22	..	69	3	..	..	77	1	1	..	4	1	9	1	94	128	..	34		
Playing a game to the annoyance of passengers or residents.....	267	..	21	..	..	..	260	..	..	..	2	..	26	..	288	241	47	..		
Refusing to assist Police when called upon .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..		
Keeping a common, ill-governed, and disorderly house and brothel.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..		
Lewdness .....	34	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	18	..	6	..	7	..	34	17	17	..		

## APPENDIX A—continued.

Offences.	Arrests.		Summons Cases.		How dealt with.										Total.	Total for previous year.	Increase.	Decrease.
					Committed for trial.	Summarily Convicted.						Withdrawn or Discharged.						
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.			
Offences against Good Order—continued.																		
Inciting person to resist constable .....	69	4	13	..	..	74	2	..	..	3	..	5	2	86	113	..	27	
Inciting to, urging, or encouraging the commission of crimes.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	
Disorderly behaviour at public political meeting (Commonwealth).	3	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	4	..	..	
Carrying firearms on Sunday .....	..	..	65	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	65	71	..	6	
Shooting for pleasure or profit on Sunday	..	..	15	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	15	16	..	1	
Owner, occupier, or agent of house permitting prostitution therein.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	
Assuming designation of member of police force.	12	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	13	23	..	10	
Perjury .....	7	2	2	1	9	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	12	..	..	
False swearing not being perjury .....	6	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	12	1	6	1	48	23	25	..	
Making a false declaration .....	11	..	34	3	4	17	1	6	..	12	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	
Tampering with a witness .....	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	105	91	14		
Conspiracy .....	83	9	10	3	49	..	..	..	1	1	2	43	..	5	8	..	3	
Travel by steamer without paying fare, or attempt.	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Travel by train or tram without paying fare, or attempt.	3,131	29	785	465	..	3,539	441	191	2	131	27	55	24	4,410	2,301	2,109	..	
Naval deserter .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	2	
Absent without leave from ship .....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
Wilful disobedience on board ship .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
Drunk on board ship .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Riotous, or disorderly on board ship .....	..	..	1	..	..	131	32	..	..	..	..	8	6	177	136	..	9	
Sly-grog selling .....	138	38	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	
Maliciously publishing defamatory libel..	..	..	1	..	..	158	3	3	..	45	1	57	3	270	226	44	..	
Trespass on enclosed lands .....	123	1	140	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	36	..	33	
Wilfully causing animals to trespass ..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	
Contempt of Court .....	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	12	13	..	6	
Escaping from custody .....	12	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	9	8	1	..	
Absconding from bail .....	9	..	..	..	1	131	8	58	33	21	58	29	12	356	332	..	26	
Any other offences against good order....	233	115	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Consorting .....	68	81	..	..	..	4	3	57	64	9	10	2	7	149	116	33	..	
Aid and abet the commission of any of the above offences punishable summarily	..	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	6	4	..	
Total .....	30,332	3,739	3,807	739	124	1	24,589	2,966	1,180	174	5,910	959	2,336	378	38,617	44,026	2,369	7,778
Breaches of Acts generally, including offences not provided for under the foregoing headings—																		
Aborigines Protection .....	24	3	8	1	..	16	3	6	..	..	..	10	1	36	99	..	63	
Apprentices .....	..	..	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	
Auctioneers Licensing .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	
Billiards and Bagatelle .....	..	..	8	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	8	11	..	3	
Bankruptcy .....	2	..	70	5	2	..	..	..	..	67	5	3	..	77	60	17	..	
Birds and Animal Protection .....	141	..	176	3	..	238	2	14	..	10	..	55	1	320	316	4	..	
Bread Act .....	..	..	243	9	..	226	6	..	..	1	1	16	2	252	86	166	..	
Careless Use of Fire .....	4	..	14	..	..	11	..	2	..	2	..	3	..	18	6	12	..	
Cattle Driving .....	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	3	..	
Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat.	..	..	62	..	..	32	..	..	..	18	..	12	..	62	86	..	24	
Coal Mines Regulation .....	..	..	61	..	..	57	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	61	27	34	..	
Commons Regulation .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
Commonwealth Crimes .....	6	..	11	3	..	7	1	2	..	4	2	4	..	20	7	13	..	
Commonwealth Electoral .....	1	..	21	5	..	14	3	..	..	4	2	4	..	27	138	..	111	
Crown Lands .....	..	..	21	..	..	21	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	21	50	..	29	
Companies .....	..	..	46	..	..	21	..	25	..	..	..	25	..	46	4	42	..	
Crimes .....	161	1	58	3	9	84	..	25	..	33	3	63	1	223	371	..	148	
Customs .....	4	..	11	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	15	21	..	6	
Dairy Industry .....	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	6	..	2	
Dairies Supervision .....	..	..	67	4	..	59	4	..	..	..	..	8	..	71	108	..	37	
Defence (Commonwealth) .....	..	..	8	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	8	38	..	30	
Dentists .....	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	1	
Deserted Wives and Children .....	97	..	136	..	..	2	..	7	..	152	..	122	..	233	260	23	..	
Distillation .....	6	..	6	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	12	18	..	6	
Dog and Goat .....	..	..	476	105	..	452	95	..	..	4	1	20	9	581	1,088	..	507	
Early Closing .....	..	..	219	29	..	211	25	..	..	4	3	4	1	243	376	..	123	
Excise (Commonwealth) .....	3	..	12	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	15	7	8	..	
Explosives .....	..	..	9	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	9	..	..	
Factories and Shops .....	..	..	194	14	..	113	7	..	..	9	1	72	6	203	341	..	133	
Fair Rents .....	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	1	..	9	21	..	12	
Fire Brigades .....	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	
Fisheries .....	15	1	96	5	..	97	5	..	..	5	1	9	..	117	124	..	7	
Forestry .....	..	..	113	1	..	87	1	..	..	1	..	25	..	114	151	..	37	
Gaming and Betting .....	3,629	85	93	1	..	3,379	76	2	..	45	5	296	5	3,808	2,878	930	..	
Gas .....	..	..	17	2	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	10	9	..	
Government Railways, and By-laws .....	2,061	6	360	51	..	2,116	46	205	..	45	2	58	9	2,481	1,977	1,401	..	
Pistol License .....	204	4	50	8	..	170	4	11	..	30	4	43	4	266	284	..	18	
Hawkers and Pedlars .....	95	1	20	2	..	103	3	3	..	1	..	6	..	119	178	..	59	
Immigration Restriction .....	43	2	1	..	..	2	..	29	1	5	..	8	1	46	30	16	..	
Impounding .....	1	..	20	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	21	49	..	23	
Inebriates .....	4	..	6	1	..	1	..	3	..	4	..	2	1	11	11	..	..	
Industrial Arbitration .....	1	..	1,173	82	..	777	59	..	..	143	15	254	8	1,253	1,233	18	..	
Inflammable Liquid .....	..	..	13	1	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	14	20	..	13	
Irrigation .....	..	..	21	..	..	17	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	21	23	..	7	
Juvenile Smoking Suppression .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Land and Income Tax .....	..	..	1,061	54	..	706	30	..	..	23	1	329	23	1,115	943	172	..	
Landlord and Tenant .....	..	..	305	41	1	10	2	12	3	190	27	82	8	845	135	210	..	
Liquor .....	512	24	3,123	123	..	2,823	85	23	..	140	10	649	57	3,792	4,472	..	680	



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## APPENDIX A—continued.

## APPLICATIONS for Orders, 1931.

Classification.	Orders made.		No orders made (after evidence).		Cases withdrawn, &c.		Total cases.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
For maintenance—									
Wife .....	1,605	...	269	1	1,224	1	3,098	2	3,100
Child .....	860	...	66	2	236	...	1,162	2	1,164
Under Lunacy Act.....	15	1	4	3	3	...	22	4	26
Varying order for maintenance .....	1,487	204	157	29	240	10	1,884	243	2,127
Preliminary expenses .....	715	...	77	...	102	...	894	...	894
Uncontrollable child .....	436	220	14	8	27	7	477	235	712
Neglected child .....	53	50	5	5	8	3	66	58	124
Breach conditions of release.....	76	34	30	19	13	1	119	54	173
Detention of property .....	255	89	92	36	142	38	489	163	652
Fraudulent removal (Landlord and Tenant).....	6	...	...	...	2	1	8	1	9
Prohibition (Liquor Act) .....	312	9	38	3	42	...	392	12	404
Sureties (threats, &c., and apprehended injuries to property) .....	46	2	1	1	59	6	106	9	115
Lunacy Act (orders for detention in institutions)..	532	357	428	168	42	9	1,002	534	1,536
Under—									
Apprentices Act .....	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Forestry Act .....	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5
Landlord and Tenant (other than fraudulent removal) .....	3,457	873	230	77	418	86	4,105	1,036	5,141
Local Government and Municipalities Act ...	26	...	2	...	4	...	32	...	32
Masters and Servants Act .....	467	47	213	18	318	33	998	98	1,096
Public Health Act .....	5	...	2	...	1	...	8	...	8
Fair Rents Act .....	70	11	14	17	28	5	112	33	145
Child Welfare Act .....	155	215	31	21	32	...	218	236	454
Trade Union levies (Industrial Arbitration)...	119	1	9	...	44	13	172	14	186
Other Acts .....	1,351	146	110	12	577	29	2,033	187	2,225
Total .....	12,057	2,259	1,792	420	3,562	242	17,411	2,921	20,332

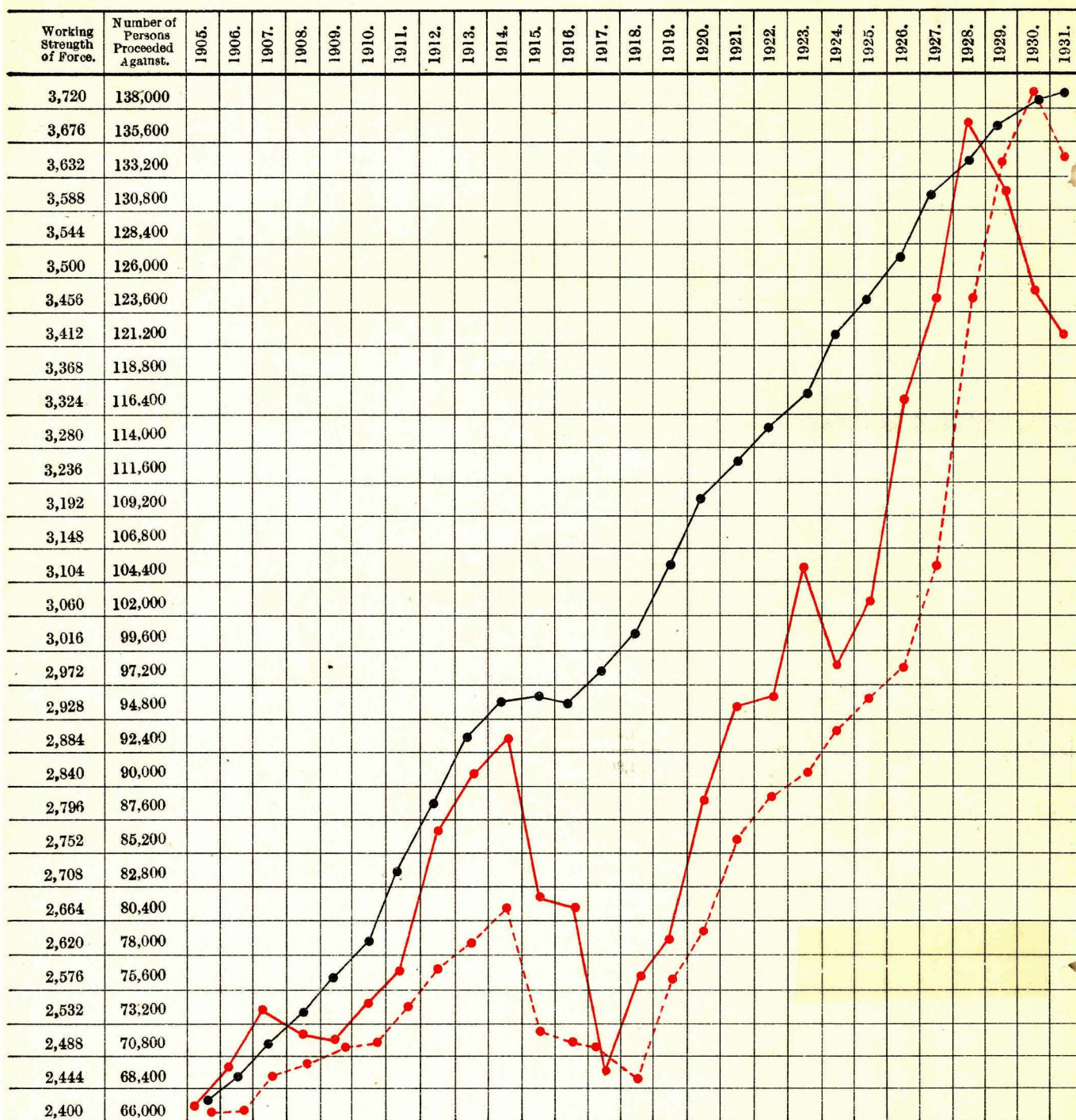
## NON-COMPLIANCE with Orders, 1931.

Classification.	Cases withdrawn or discharged.		Cases in which orders were subsequently obeyed.		Cases in which defendants were imprisoned.		Total persons brought before the Court.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
For maintenance—									
Wife .....	2,103	...	2,065	...	579	...	4,747	...	4,747
Child .....	1,110	2	1,555	1	257	1	2,922	4	2,926
Under Lunacy Act.....	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2
Preliminary expenses.....	44	...	73	...	11	...	128	...	128
Detention of property .....	5	...	13	...	...	...	18	...	18
Under—									
Apprentices Act .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Landlord and Tenant Act .....	9	...	10	1	...	...	19	1	20
Masters and Servants Act .....	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6
Fair Rents Act .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Child Welfare Act .....	7	...	12	...	1	...	20	...	20
Trade Union levies (Industrial Arbitration Act) .....	5	...	10	...	...	...	15	...	15
Other Acts .....	4	...	8	...	2	...	14	...	14
Costs of Court.....	66	...	58	...	15	...	139	...	139
Total .....	3,360	2	3,806	2	866	1	8,032	5	8,037



## APPENDIX A1.

CHART showing number of persons proceeded against for crimes and offences in each of the years 1905 to 1931, including the total population at 31st December in each year, and the strength of the Force during the same period.



The black line indicates the population at the end of each year.

The continuous red line indicates the number of persons proceeded against.  
The broken red line indicates the strength of the Force.

Year.	*Strength of Force.		Persons proceeded against.		General Population.
	Number.	Per 1,000 of Population.	Number.	Per 1,000 of mean Population.	
1905	2,413	1.64	66,096	45	1,469,153
1906	2,409	1.61	70,777	48	1,498,609
1907	2,446	1.60	73,408	48	1,531,980
1908	2,483	1.59	72,204	47	1,560,026
1909	2,502	1.57	72,223	46	1,596,685
1910	2,510	1.53	74,830	46	1,638,220
1911	2,551	1.50	76,318	46	1,701,651
1912	2,610	1.46	86,957	50	1,786,770
1913	2,635	1.43	90,264	50	1,846,151
1914	2,677	1.42	92,467	49	1,882,471
1915	2,526†	1.33	82,454	44	1,895,671
1916	2,514†	1.33	80,915	43	1,886,990
1917	2,503†	1.30	70,697	37	1,921,612
1918	2,452†	1.25	75,929	39	1,963,492
1919	2,585†	1.27	78,376	39	2,039,904
1920	2,663	1.27	89,871	43	2,093,217
1921	2,768	1.30	94,870	45	2,129,693
1922	2,829	1.31	96,989	44	2,174,688
1923	2,852	1.29	104,519	47	2,211,106
1924	2,923	1.23	98,101	43	2,256,649
1925	2,968	1.29	102,377	44	2,300,081
1926	2,997	1.26	116,675	49	2,349,401
1927	3,136	1.30	124,030	51	2,401,884
1928	3,467	1.41	137,079	56	2,446,874
1929	3,646	1.47	132,439	53	2,479,160
1930	3,723	1.49	124,538	49	2,502,039
1931	3,667	1.45	121,743	48	2,519,300

\* Including trackers.

† Exclusive of men on military service.



## APPENDIX B.

Return of Crime committed by Juveniles (persons under the age of 21 years) in the Metropolitan Police District for the Year 1931.

Offences.	Males.	Females.	Number of Cases.	Released on Probation.	Fined.	Sent to Prison.	Committed to a Home.	Committed for Trial.	Awaiting Trial.	Discharged.	Bound Over.	Admonished.	Find Surety.	Withdrawn.	Bail Estreated.	Pay Compensation.	Remanded.	No evidence offered.	Totals.	Totals for 1930.	Increase.	Decrease.
Assault .....	66	1	67	19	15	...	...	...	...	15	1	8	...	4	...	...	...	5	67	73	...	6
Assault police officer .....	9	...	9	...	6	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	11	...	2
Assault and robbery .....	17	...	17	2	...	1	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	17	...	...
Assault and robbery in company.	9	...	9	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	7	...
Assault with intent to rape.....	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Assault, indecent .....	34	...	34	14	...	...	11	1	...	6	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	34	13	21	...
Assault, indecent, on a male person.	11	...	11	4	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	8	...
Assault in company .....	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm.	9	...	9	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	9	9	...	...
Buggery .....	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Burglary .....	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	...
Behaviour, offensive, riotous, &c.	187	9	196	40	106	...	4	...	14	7	24	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	196	314	...	118
Child abandoned .....	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Child, neglected and uncontrollable.	393	303	696	213	...	1216	1	1	27	...	184	...	44	...	...	...	2	7	696	394	302	...
Cruelty to animals.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	6
Disobey Maintenance Order.....	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...
Embezzlement .....	7	...	7	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	7	15	...	8
False pretences .....	9	32	41	5	...	...	1	...	16	...	...	...	17	...	1	...	1	...	41	49	...	8
Forgery .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	7
Found in enclosed yard.....	27	...	27	7	5	2	2	...	2	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	27	24	3	...
Forgery and uttering.....	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	...	...
Grievous bodily harm, inflict .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	4
Girl under 16 years, carnally know.	9	...	9	3	...	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	15	...	6
Horse stealing .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	4
Horse, illegally use .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	16
Larceny as a Bailee .....	2	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	...	3
Murder and attempts .....	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	4	...
Manslaughter .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1
Motor-car, illegally use.....	64	...	64	16	12	9	...	...	10	7	2	2	1	...	...	...	5	...	64	250	...	186
Misappropriation, fraudulent.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Missile-throwing, &c. ....	10	...	10	5	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	9	1	...
Money demanded by menace.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5
Obscenely expose the person .....	11	...	11	2	...	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	11	...	...
Property, possession of stolen .....	81	2	83	17	10	2	7	...	26	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	...	83	137	...	54
Property, receiving stolen .....	17	...	17	3	3	2	...	...	1	3	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	17	16	1	...
Property, malicious damage to .....	233	...	238	139	14	...	8	...	6	1	18	...	1	...	23	...	28	...	238	215	23	...
Possession of housebreaking implements.	15	...	15	3	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	15	7	8	...
Rape and attempt.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1
Resist arrest .....	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	14	...	11
Robbery under arms.....	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	18	...	13
Representation, false .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Release, breach conditions of.....	16	2	18	1	...	8	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	20	...	2
Recognisance, breach of.....	5	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...
Stealing .....	2,570	286	2,856	1,120	273	153	208	26	4	200	100	142	34	180	3	32	3	378	2,856	2,456	400	...
Stealing, attempts.....	16	...	16	13	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	16	13	3	...
Stealing in a dwelling .....	15	9	24	7	2	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	8	...	...	...	1	24	27	...	3
Stealing in company .....	62	...	62	37	1	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	62	227	...	165
Steal from the person .....	5	2	7	2	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	3	...
Steal from ship .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Stealing, break, enter, and steal .....	1,198	27	1,225	352	4	10	134	166	2	87	4	8	3	150	...	9	11	235	1,225	1,208	17	...
Stealing, found at night with intent.	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	8	...	4
Stealing valuable securities.....	3	...	3	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...
Shooting with intent .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Suspected person .....	26	...	26	4	2	5	3	...	5	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	26	30	...	4
Sly grog selling .....	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...
Two-up playing .....	20	...	20	...	14	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	32	...	12
Any other offences not included in the foregoing.	961	68	1,029	60	535	19	18	5	...	73	22	174	9	44	42	...	3	25	1,029	635	394	...
Totals .....	6,167	744	6,911	2,090	1,010	227	635	242	33	510	157	568	58	463	46	85	23	764	6,911	6,353	1,210	652



## APPENDIX C.

## STATEMENT of General Convictions against Licensees under the Liquor Act in the Metropolitan District for the Year 1931.

Permitting persons on licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	54
Permitting persons on licensed premises on Sunday .....	9
Permitting persons on licensed premises on Christmas Day .....	2
Permitting persons on licensed premises on State Election Day .....	1
Failing to close and keep closed to the public every bar of licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	16
Failing to close and keep closed to the public every bar of licensed premises on Sunday ..	2
Permitting liquor to be consumed on licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	2
Delivering liquor on licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	4
Supplying liquor on licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	7
Supplying liquor on licensed premises on Sunday .....	3
Selling liquor without being the holder of a license for the sale thereof .....	1
Sell liquor not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser .....	11
Carry away liquor from licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	1
Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises ..	1
Knowingly allowing premises to be used for the purpose of betting .....	31
Permitting liquor to be consumed on licensed premises on Sunday .....	1
Supplying liquor to person in state of intoxication .....	1
Supplying liquor to a person under the age of 18 years .....	1
Lend money to pensioner on security of his pension card .....	1
Fail to keep a register of lodgers .....	1
Having unstamped measure in possession for use in trade .....	1
Selling adulterated wine .....	2
Found drunk in a public place .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>154</b>

Fines and costs aggregating £876 5s. 9d. were imposed.

## PARTICULARS of Convictions against Holders of Australian Wine Licenses in the Metropolitan Licensing District for the Year 1931.

Permitting person on licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	4
Delivering liquor on Sunday .....	2
Delivering liquor during prohibited hours .....	3
Carrying away liquor from licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	1
Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises .....	4
Selling liquor without being the holder of a license for the sale thereof .....	4
Supplying liquor during prohibited hours .....	2
Using licensed premises for the purpose of betting .....	6
Suffer prostitutes to assemble on licensed premises ..	1
Sell adulterated wine .....	2
Permitting person on licensed premises on Sunday .....	2
Breach of Weights and Measures Act .....	1
Supply liquor to a person in a state of intoxication .....	1
Breach of Printing Act 1899 .....	5
Fail to close and keep closed to the public every bar of licensed premises during prohibited hours .....	4
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>42</b>

Fines and costs aggregating £417 12s. were imposed.

## Convictions against Spirit Merchants for the year 1931.

Twelve convictions were obtained against Spirit Merchants in 1931, and fines and costs totalling £642 16s. 0d. were imposed.

## RETURN showing the number of Licenses in existence in the Metropolitan Licensing District on the 31st December of each year, 1892 to 1931.

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.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Publicans' .....	833	808	797	793	789	789	790	792	792	790	786	783	755	745	719	711	694	666	665	648	642	629	640	639	638	628	612	608	601	581	578	543	520	528	530	531	530	536	537	538
Spirit Merchants' .....	117	115	106	116	100	104	106	112	106	111	107	109	104	95	101	99	98	97	96	95	97	99	96	92	94	88	86	87	112	130	133	131	125	127	122	119	118	127	124	113
Australian Wine .....	215	242	231	279	266	292	308	345	349	343	348	364	343	325	315	298	289	283	269	247	248	245	245	239	229	223	216	215	215	213	212	211	174	165	165	165	165	160	160	160
Brewers' .....	11	8	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	7	7	6	5	4	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	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	23	24	22	21	19	20	20	19	19	13	15	13	13	12	12	10	10	9	8	7	6	5
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	125	135	159	162	155	157	162	156	148	147	142	119

## APPENDIX D.

RETURN of Accidents reported by Police, which occurred in Public Streets within the Metropolitan Traffic Area, showing the number of Persons Killed or Injured, from 1st January, 1931, to 31st December, 1931.

Division in which Accident Occurred.	Total number of					Description of Vehicle to which Accident is Attributed.																Horse.		Improper riding upon, or getting on or off Trams and other Vehicles whilst in motion.	Ages of Persons Killed or Injured.								
	Accidents.			Persons.		Tram.		Motor Bus.		Motor Van or Lorry or Fire Engine.		Taxi Cab.		Motor Car.		Motor Cycle.		Bi-cycle.		Horse-Drawn.					Loose, Led, or Ridden.		Under 14.		Over 14. Under 60.		Over 60.		Not Stated.
	Fatal.	Causing Injury.	No. Persons Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	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	5	465	1,209	5	488	2	75	1	...	71	...	39	2	225	1	36	...	26	...	7	...	...	...	8	1	25	3	331	1	57	...	75	
2	13	564	1,049	13	619	4	129	...	12	2	96	1	19	2	252	4	57	...	27	...	16	...	11	...	71	8	403	5	88	...	57		
3	13	335	655	13	366	1	37	...	5	2	32	3	26	6	221	1	25	...	11	...	6	...	3	3	45	7	214	2	48	1	59		
4	3	109	214	3	118	1	37	...	...	2	5	...	11	...	44	...	15	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	9	1	66	2	16	...	27		
5	11	251	283	12	273	...	18	1	4	2	38	1	2	2	140	5	52	...	12	...	4	1	...	3	2	53	10	182	...	26	...	12	
6	23	343	462	24	422	...	15	2	3	5	39	1	3	10	244	3	89	1	22	2	5	...	2	5	73	16	274	3	24	...	51		
7	13	239	249	13	297	1	31	...	2	3	71	...	7	3	123	4	45	...	12	1	5	1	...	1	4	73	5	174	4	24	...	26	
8	8	197	244	8	225	1	16	1	2	2	24	...	3	3	124	1	36	...	14	...	3	...	1	2	3	44	4	155	1	14	...	12	
9	27	456	466	28	566	...	7	...	10	6	78	1	3	7	308	11	109	2	33	1	17	...	1	...	4	113	21	363	3	36	...	54	
10	16	308	428	16	357	...	31	1	11	2	35	...	14	12	185	...	58	...	17	...	3	...	1	3	3	68	8	226	5	28	...	35	
11	15	297	402	15	366	...	17	2	10	5	57	...	4	7	188	1	62	...	19	...	4	...	...	5	2	67	12	227	1	39	...	33	
12	18	337	362	19	412	2	12	...	6	4	41	...	2	9	234	4	88	...	18	...	10	...	1	...	5	86	12	262	2	24	...	40	
13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14	4	96	133	4	126	...	3	...	4	...	17	...	2	...	84	2	11	...	2	...	4	...	1	...	...	25	4	77	...	8	...	16	
15	17	210	226	17	238	2	54	...	3	3	21	...	9	9	135	1	45	1	15	...	2	...	2	1	2	4	49	7	178	6	11	...	50
Parramatta	17	303	370	20	448	...	1	...	8	1	40	...	2	12	265	7	102	...	15	...	14	...	1	...	...	3	43	14	347	3	24	...	34
Totals	203	4,510	6,757	210	5,371	14	483	7	81	39	665	7	144	86	2,772	45	830	4	246	4	101	2	7	2	42	39	844	132	3,479	38	467	1	531
	11,470 Total Number of Accidents.			5,581 Total number of persons killed & injured.																													

RETURN of Motor Vehicle Accidents reported by Police, which occurred in Public Streets outside the Metropolitan Traffic Area, showing the number of Persons Killed or Injured, from 1st January to 31st December, 1931.

District.	Number of Accidents.	Number of Persons.		Accidents in which no person was injured.
		Killed.	Injured.	
Eastern	311	24	228	133
Northern	138	6	78	80
North-Eastern	642	34	428	300
North Coast	148	10	87	80
Western	150	13	88	85
Southern	149	12	90	75
Dubbo	17	1	22	9
Riverina	107	6	69	51
Broken Hill	72	...	43	35
Totals	1,734	106	1,133	848
Persons killed and injured in motor vehicle accidents in the Metropolitan Traffic Area		184	4,492	
Total number of persons killed and injured in motor vehicle accidents in the State of New South Wales		290	5,625	

RESULT of Inquests held and Police action taken in connection with Fatal Motor Accidents which occurred outside the Metropolitan Traffic Area from 1st January to 31st December, 1931.

Accidental Death.	Inquest Pending.	Open Verdict.	Drivers committed for Trial.			Total No. of Fatal Accidents.
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Pending.	
98	5	...	...	1	2	106

RESULT of Inquests held and Police action taken in connection with Fatal Motor Accidents inside the Metropolitan Traffic Area from 1st January to 31st December, 1931.

Accidental Death.	Inquest Pending.	Open Verdict.	Drivers committed for Trial.			Total No. of Fatal Accidents.
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Pending.	
170	6	...	2	5	1	184



## APPENDIX D—continued.

## INSPECTION OF HORSES.

	Bus.	Cab.	Van.	Private.	Total.
Reported unfit .....	.....	.....	.....	33	33
Found unfit and owner notified .....	.....	.....	.....	33	33
Recovered and passed as fit .....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
Still unfit .....	.....	.....	.....	29	29

## PROSECUTIONS FOR CRUELTY.

Summons cases .....	9
Charge cases .....	4
Total.....	13

## APPENDIX E.

## ESTABLISHMENT.

On the 31st December, 1931, the Police Force numbered 3,667, as under :—

<i>General Police.</i>		<i>Mounted Traffic Patrol.</i>		<i>Traffic Police.</i>	
Commissioner .....	1	Sergeant, 2nd Class .....	1	Superintendent, 3rd Class ...	1
Superintendents, 1st Class ...	4	Constable, 1st Class .....	1	Sergeants, 1st Class .....	3
Superintendents, 2nd Class ...	4	Constables, Ordinary .....	17	Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	12
Superintendents, 3rd Class ...	3	Total.....	19	Constables, 1st Class .....	53
Acting Superintendent ...	1			Constables, Ordinary .....	187
Inspectors, 1st Class .....	8			Total.....	256
*Inspectors, 2nd Class .....	20	<i>Criminal Investigation Branch.</i>			
Inspectors, 3rd Class .....	24	Superintendent, 3rd Class ...	1		
Acting Inspectors .....	12	Inspectors, 3rd Class .....	2		
Sergeants, 1st Class .....	81	Acting Inspectors .....	2		
Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	156	Sergeants, 1st Class .....	6		
Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	345	Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	3		
Constables, 1st Class .....	738	Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	15		
Constables, Ordinary .....	1,615	Constables, 1st Class .....	23		
Probationary Constables .....	11	Constables, Ordinary .....	34	Trackers .....	21
Trainees .....	8	Total .....	86		
Total.....	3,031				
<i>Water Police.</i>		<i>Other Detective and Plain Clothes Police employed on Detective Work.</i>			
Inspector, 2nd Class .....	1	Sergeant, 1st Class .....	1		
Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	5	Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	12		
Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	8	Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	24		
Constables, 1st Class .....	20	Constables, 1st Class .....	82		
Constables, Ordinary .....	32	Constables, Ordinary .....	69		
Total.....	66	Total.....	188		

Total strength, including Trackers..... 3,667.

\* Includes Licensing Inspector.

## APPENDIX F.

NATIONALITIES of Police in the State of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1931.

Actual Strength.	Australian States and New Zealand.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Welsh.	Other parts British Empire.	Other Countries.	Total.	Remarks.
3,646	3,230	216	91	85	4	13	7	3,646	Australian States and New Zealand, 88·59 per cent. English, 5·921 per cent. Scotch, 2·496 per cent. Irish, 2·331 per cent. Welsh, ·11 per cent. Other parts British Empire, ·357 per cent. Other countries, ·192 per cent.

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LENGTH of Service of members of Police Force of New South Wales actually serving on the 31st December, 1931.

Various Services.	Superintend'ts, 1st class.	Superintend'ts, 2nd class.	Superintend'ts, 3rd class.	Superintendents, Acting	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Inspectors, Acting.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Probationary Constables.	Detective Police.								Totals.		
															Superintendent, 3rd class.	Inspector, 3rd class.	Acting Inspectors.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.			
Of and under 1 year...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
From 1 to 5 years...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,048	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,050
„ 5 „ 10 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	747	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	767
„ 10 „ 15 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	372	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	536
„ 15 „ 20 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	57	350	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	463
„ 20 „ 25 „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	236	61	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	356
„ 25 „ 30 „ ...	...	1	...	...	...	2	5	3	27	107	60	41	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	262
„ 30 „ 35 „ ...	1	1	3	1	4	13	15	8	49	34	16	1	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	164
„ 35 „ 40 „ ...	3	2	1	...	3	6	5	...	6	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
„ 40 „ 45 „ ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
'Totals .....	4	4	4	1	8	21	25	12	84	163	371	850	1,945	19	1	1	2	7	14	33	67	9		3,645	

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## APPENDIX D—continued.

RETURN relative to inspection of unfit horses and prosecutions for cruelty to animals during the year 1932 :—

## UNFIT HORSES.

	Bus.	Cab.	Van.	Private.	Total.
Reported unfit .....	.....	.....	.....	35	35
Inspected and found fit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Found unfit and owner notified .....	.....	.....	.....	35	35
Recovered and passed as fit .....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Still unfit .....	.....	.....	.....	30	30

## PROSECUTIONS FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS DURING 1932.

Summons cases .....	6
Charge cases .....	Nil.
Total.....	6

## APPENDIX E.

## ESTABLISHMENT.

On the 31st December, 1932, the Police Force numbered 3,602, as under :—

<i>General Police.</i>		<i>Mounted Traffic Patrol.</i>		<i>Traffic Police.</i>	
Commissioner .....	1				
Superintendents, 1st Class ...	6	Constables, Ordinary .....	17	Superintendents, 3rd Class ...	2
Superintendents, 2nd Class ...	2			Sergeants, 2nd Class.....	3
Superintendents, 3rd Class ...	4			Sergeants, 3rd Class.....	9
Acting Superintendent .....	1			Constables, 1st Class.....	56
Inspectors, 1st Class .....	10	<i>Criminal Investigation Branch.</i>		Constables, Ordinary .....	173
*Inspectors, 2nd Class .....	18	Inspector, 2nd Class .....	1	Total.....	243
Inspectors, 3rd Class.....	36	Inspectors, 3rd Class .....	4		
Acting Inspector .....	1	Sergeants, 1st Class .....	7		
Sergeants, 1st Class .....	93	Sergeants, 2nd Class.....	6		
Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	154	Sergeants, 3rd Class.....	12	Trackers .....	20
Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	347	Constables, 1st Class.....	27		
Constables, 1st Class .....	759	Constables, Ordinary .....	44		
Constables, Ordinary .....	1,558	Total .....	101		
Probationary Constables .....	3				
Trainee .....	1				
Total.....	2,994				
<i>Water Police.</i>		<i>Other Detective and Plain Clothes Police employed on Detective Work.</i>			
Inspector, 2nd Class .....	1	Sergeants, 1st Class .....	4		
Sergeants, 1st Class .....	2	Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	9		
Sergeants, 2nd Class .....	2	Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	24		
Sergeants, 3rd Class .....	6	Constables, 1st Class.....	71		
Constables, 1st Class.....	14	Constables, Ordinary .....	67		
Constables, Ordinary.....	27	Total.....	175		
Total.....	52				

Total strength, including Trackers..... 3,602.

\* Includes Licensing Inspector.

## APPENDIX F.

NATIONALITIES of Police in the State of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1932.

Actual Strength.	Australian States and New Zealand.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Welsh.	Other parts British Empire.	Other Countries.	Total.	Remarks.
3,582	3,176	211	88	83	4	13	7	3,582	Australian States and New Zealand, 88·665 per cent. English, 5·891 per cent. Scotch, 2·457 per cent. Irish, 2·318 per cent. Welsh, ·111 per cent. Other parts British Empire, ·366 per cent. Other countries, ·195 per cent.

TABLE of Ages of members of the Police Force of New South Wales on the 31st December, 1932.

Ages.		Detective Police.														Totals.								
		Superintendents, 1st class.	Superintendents, 2nd class.	Superintendents, 3rd class.	Superintendents, Acting.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Inspectors, Acting.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Probationary Constables.		Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	
20 to 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	
25 " 30 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	833	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	838	
30 " 35 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	595	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	689	
35 " 40 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	266	231	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	543	
40 " 45 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	92	323	21	...	...	...	1	3	15	20	...	477	
45 " 50 "	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	7	44	163	119	5	...	...	...	2	5	15	4	...	...	367	
50 " 55 "	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	17	1	40	67	85	50	4	...	1	3	7	2	1	...	...	293	
55 " 60 "	...	...	5	2	5	1	8	14	18	47	47	21	25	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	194	
Totals...	...	...	6	2	6	1	10	19	37	1	95	149	365	862	1,867	4	1	3	11	15	33	65	19	3,581

## APPENDIX H.

LENGTH of Service of members of Police Force of New South Wales actually serving on the 31st December, 1932.

Various Services.	Superintend'ts, 1st class.	Superintend'ts, 2nd class.	Superintend'ts, 3rd class.	Superintendents, Acting.	Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Inspectors, Acting.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Probationary Constables.	Detective Police.							Totals.			
	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Inspectors, 3rd class.	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Sergeants, 3rd class.	Constables, 1st class.	Constables.											
Of and under 1 year...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
From 1 to 5 years...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	867	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	868
„ 5 „ 10 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	743	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	752
„ 10 „ 15 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	363	239	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	650
„ 15 „ 20 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	48	360	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	455
„ 20 „ 25 „	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	21	292	73	6	...	...	...	1	8	29	...	...	...	...	...	362
„ 25 „ 30 „	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	...	33	101	78	43	4	...	...	...	10	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	235
„ 30 „ 35 „	2	...	3	1	6	11	21	1	57	35	16	19	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
„ 35 „ 40 „	3	2	2	...	3	6	6	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
„ 40 „ 45 „	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Totals .....	6	2	6	1	10	19	37	1	95	159	365	862	1,867	4	1	3	11	15	33	65	19	...	...	3,581	

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