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NEW SOUTH WALES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT FOR 1877.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Inspector General of Police to The Principal Under Secretary.

Sir, Police Department, Inspector General's Office, Sydney, 29 January, 1878.

In accordance with the Police Regulations (clause 43), and in compliance with the Colonial Secretary's instructions conveyed in your circular letter of the 9th July, 1873, No. 71, I have the honor to submit this my Annual Report of the working of this Department during the past year (1877).

The strength and distribution of the Police Force will be found in the tabulated statement A hereto annexed, in the form usually laid before Parliament.

The number of vacancies which have occurred in the Force during the year has been larger than any previous year, attributable probably to the greater attractions of other employment; many of the men who resigned having alleged as a reason for their doing so that they could procure better paid employment, and that the wages in the Police Service were inadequate for their support. This I trust will be remedied to some extent by granting a small lodging allowance to men unprovided with quarters (as recommended in my letter of the 21st August last, No. 77,867), and also by increasing the rate of travelling allowance from 3s. to 4s. per diem, as already approved, subject to the necessary vote being passed by Parliament.

The detail of vacancies is as follows:—

Resignations	90
Discharges	24
Dismissals	43
Deaths	9
Superannuations	6
Total	172

Three Police Pensioners have also died during the year.

The following new Police Stations have been formed:—

DISTRICT.	STATION.
Metropolitan	Stanmore.
Southern	Pudman's Creek.
"	Candelo.
Eastern	Moss Vale.
"	Gerrington.
Western	Louth.
North-eastern	Howe's Valley.
"	Gladstone.
"	Camden Haven.
North-western	Quirindi.
"	Warrah.

Several other new Stations have also been approved and are in progress of establishment, but retarded by the difficulty in having the necessary buildings erected, and in providing other requisites, owing to the adverse season.

A new Police District, which has been designated the Namoi District, comprising the undermentioned Police Stations, has been formed for Departmental purposes, and placed in charge of Inspector Charles Sanderson, with head quarters at Narrabri:—

Narrabri.	Goodooga.	Bingera.
Boggabri.	Yetman.	Baradine.
Wee Waa.	Meroe.	Mogil Mogil.
Pilliga.	Moree.	Tambar Springs, and
Walgett.	Wyallda.	Coonabarabran.

Numerous applications for Police protection in the interior have been received, the consideration of which stand over until the Estimates for the current year have been passed.

During the year I have been able to revise the book of Police Regulations, framed in accordance with the Police Act, appended to which are legal instructions to Constables to assist them in acquiring a knowledge of their powers and duties, such instructions having been carefully compiled by Mr. District Court Judge Wilkinson. The Regulations having now been approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council, will be distributed, and should prove of great service to the members of the Force generally.

The very serious and protracted drought in several districts of the Colony has not only seriously hindered the Police in the performance of their duties, but has made it a matter of extreme difficulty to maintain them in a state of efficiency, or to provide horse-flesh and forage, even at a large increase in the ordinary expenditure for the latter.

Serious crime has, however, not been prevalent. The records show but a trifling increase in the number of cases, chiefly under the head of Incendiarism, to which also I specially referred in my Report for the year 1876.

It may not be out of place here to refer to the pressing necessity which exists for the amendment of the Licensed Publicans Act. It is notorious that licenses have been granted far in excess of the legitimate requirements of the public, in some instances to persons whose characters were such as to render it undesirable that they should hold publicans' licenses, which were granted in the face of objections lodged by the Police.

The substitution of a Licensing Board would in my opinion be productive of great improvement. I think also that extended powers should be given to members of the Police Force (holding certain ranks) empowering them to enter licensed houses, and that any amendment of the law should provide for the cancellation of licenses, upon complaint to the Board that the holders had been convicted a certain number of times of offences under the Act.

As regards Sunday trading, though I cannot say that I am in favour of the entire closing of licensed houses on Sundays, I should be glad to see the offence of trading during prohibited hours dealt with more severely.

In 394 prosecutions in Sydney, for breaches of the Act in that respect during the past year, there were 360 convictions, in 266 of which the fines inflicted were 10s. or under. It will be readily understood that the profits by the sale of liquors throughout the Sunday would be sufficient to render the payment of so small a fine a matter of little moment.

Upon referring to the Police reports of Inquests for the past year, I find that in 119 cases of sudden or violent deaths, in which Inquests or Magisterial Inquiries have been held, the deaths were immediately referable to the effects of intoxicating drink.

The conduct of the members of the Police Force generally has been good, and making allowances for the number of inexperienced men newly appointed to fill vacancies, there is I think no reason for complaint of a want of zeal and efficiency in the Service.

I have, &c.,

EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector General of Police.

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RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Police Force on the 31st December, 1877.

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspec-tors.	Sub-Inspec-tors.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.
Metropolitan...	No. 1 Head Station	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	7	5	49
	Pymont .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Glebe Island .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	General Post Office .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
	Mint .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
	No. 2 Head Station	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	1	4	40
	Newtown .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
	Redfern .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Waterloo .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Cook's River .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	Concord .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	Petersham .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Camperdown .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Ashfield .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Bark Huts .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Glebe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
	Canterbury .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Marriekville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Burwood .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Macdonald Town ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Kogarah .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Five Dock .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Stanmore .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	No. 3 Head Station	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	6	32
	Watson's Bay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Waverley .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Paddington .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	Botany Bay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Coogee .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Rushcutters Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Double Bay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Woollahra .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
	No. 4 Head Station..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	23
	Balmain .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
	North Shore.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	Lane Cove .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Manly Beach .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	Water Police .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	11

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.
Northern	Armidale	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	3
	Bendemeer .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Uralla .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Walcha .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
	Tenterfield .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
	Wilson's Downfall ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Inverell .....	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
	Tingha .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Ashford .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Bundarra .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Glen Innes .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
	Vegetable Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Grafton .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	4
	South Grafton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Maclean .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Solferino .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Lawrence .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Dalmorton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Casino .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Ballina .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	Lismore .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Tweed .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Drake .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Ulmara .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Wardell .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Chatsworth .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Woodburn .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Southern	Goulburn	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	..	1	5
	Marulan .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Bungonia .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Tarago .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Collector .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Crookwell .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Taralga .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Binda .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Tuena .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Yass .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1
	Gunning .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Binalong .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Burrowa .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Dryburgh .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Pudman Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Gundaroo .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Young .....	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	4
	Marengo .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Wombat .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Cootamundry .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Murrumburrah .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Morangarell .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Braidwood .....	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1
	Mongarlowe .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Campbell's Springs ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Major's Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Nelligen .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Bateman's Bay .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Araluen .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Queanbeyan .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
	Bungendore .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Moruya .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Nerrigundah .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Cooma .....	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	2
	Nimitybelle .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Buckley's Crossing ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Bombala .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Delegate .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Bega .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Candelo .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Michelago .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Eden .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Merimbula .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Panbula .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Seymour .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Kiandra .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Eastern	Depôt .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	Parramatta .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	6
	Smithfield .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Ryde .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Hunter's Hill .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Windsor .....	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
	Richmond .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Rouse Hill .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Wilberforce .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	St. Albans .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Penrith .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	St. Mary's .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Emu Plains .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Liverpool .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Campbelltown .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
	Appin .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Camden .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super inten- dents.	Inspec- tors.	Sub- inspec- tors.	Senior Ser- geants.	Ser- geants.	Senior Con- stables.	Con- stables.	Senior Ser- geants.	Ser- geants.	Senior Con- stables.	Con- stables.
Eastern— continued.	Picton .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Berrima .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
	Sutton Forest .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Mittagong .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Moss Vale .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Wollongong .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
	Dapto .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Woonona .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Kiama .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Shellharbour .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Jamberoo .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Gerrington .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Nowra .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Terrara .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Western	Broughton Creek ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Ulladulla .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Bathurst	1	..	..	1	1	1	4	1	..	..	7
	Kelso .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Oberon .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Hartley .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Rockley .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Wyagdon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	O'Connell Plains ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Trunk Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Rydal .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Lithgow .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Wallerawang .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	North-eastern	Orange	1	1	2
Stoney Creek .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Molong .....		..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Toogong .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Cowra .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
Carcoar .....		..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Blayney .....		..	..	1 actg.	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Bourke .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
Gongolgon .....		..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Brewarrina .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Louth .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Mudgee .....		..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	4
Gulgong .....		..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	2
Home Rule .....		..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Talbragar .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.
North-eastern <i>continued.</i>	Lambton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	New Lambton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Wallsend .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Stockton .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Gosford .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
	Wollombi .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Howe's Valley .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Singleton .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
	Broke .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Jerry's Plains .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Muswellbrook .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
	Denman .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Merriwa .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Cassilis .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Scone .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Kempsey .....	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Gladstone .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Port Macquarie .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
	Camden Haven .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Taree .....	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Tinonee .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Cundletown .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Wingham .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Nambucca .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Bellinger .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
North-western	Tamworth	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	1	..	..	2
	Murrumbidgee .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1
	Black Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Gunnedah .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Barraba .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Manilla .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Wallabadah .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Nundle .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Quirindi .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Warrah .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Namoi	Narrabri .....	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	3
	Boggabri .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Wee Waa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Pilliga .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Pilliga .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1
	Walgett .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Goodooga .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Yetman .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Moree .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Moree .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Wyallda .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Bingera .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Barradine .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Mogil Mogil .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
South-western	Tambar Springs .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Coonabarabran .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Deniliquin	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	5
	Moama .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Jerilderie .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Tocumwal .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Hay .....	..	..	1 actg.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
	Maude .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Mossgiel .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Booligal .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Hillston .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Euabalong .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Wentworth .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
	Pooncarra .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Salt Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Murray	Euston .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Balranald .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Moulamein .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Wilcannia .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1
	Menindie .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Mount Gipps .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Albury	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	5
	Ten-mile Creek .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Walbundrie .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Yarrara .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Corowa .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Howlong .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Mulwala .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Tumbarumba .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Greg Greg .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Gundagai .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	3
	Tumut .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Adelong .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
	Shepherdstown .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Reedy Flat .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Jugiong .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	Clarendon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Wagga Wagga .....	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	6
	Urana .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Narandera .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Kyamba .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	Tarcutta .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..

DETÔT, BELMORE BARRACKS.	MOUNTED.								FOOT.			
	Sergeant-major and Drill Instructor.	Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.	Senior Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Senior Constables.	Constables.
Constables in course of instruction, under orders for transfers, &c., &c. ... }	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	24	1	..	..	23
On Sick Leave .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Gold Escort Conductor....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orderlies to His Excellency the Governor .. }	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	8	3	20	18	27	110	285	22	22	51	427

Police Department,
Inspector General's Office,
Sydney, January, 1878.

EDMUND FOSBERY,
Inspector General of Police.