

NEW SOUTH WALES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT FOR 1891.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

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

Sir, Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 8 January, 1892.

In compliance with the regulations and special instructions, I do myself the honor to submit the following Report respecting the Department under my control, for the year 1891.

The strength and distribution of the Establishment on the 31st ultimo is shown in the accompanying Return.

The additional force provided for the year consisted of four sergeants, five senior-constables, and sixty-four constables.

This addition was greater than usual, and allowed of an increase in the strength of the Police in the Metropolitan Division, and also in a number of the country districts.

New stations were formed at:—

West Hillgrove	...	...	...	...	...	Northern District.
Yowaka	...	...	...	...	...	Southern District.
Rooty Hill, North Richmond	...	...	...	...	...	Eastern District.
Nambucca Heads	...	...	...	...	...	North-eastern District.
Rywang (Swamp Oak), Welbondongah	...	...	...	...	...	North-western District.
Tilpa (46-mile camp), Nyngan-Cobar Railway Works,	...	...	...	...	...	Bourke District.
Tatalla (Re-formed).	...	...	...	...	...
Berrigan	...	...	...	...	...	South-western District.

Additional constables have also been stationed at Newcastle, Penrith, Armidale, Uralla, Coraki, Wallerawang, Lismore, Katoomba, Berry, Charlestown, Boggabilla, Mungindi, Broken Hill, Richmond, Cudgellico, and Molong.

The following stations have been broken up:—

Melrose	...	...	...	...	...	Northern District.
Tomingley	...	...	...	...	...	Western District.
Kunopia (temporarily)	...	...	...	...	...	North-western District.
Curranyalpa	...	...	...	...	...	Bourke District.

230 appointments were made to complete the Establishment as voted, and to fill up vacancies caused as under:—

Resignations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Discharges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Dismissals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Superannuations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

The charges upon the Police Superannuation Fund are continually increasing, and there are many officers and men who from age and length of service must in the near future be placed on the pension list, but considering the unsatisfactory state of the fund, the delay in their retirement is advantageous in that regard.

A Bill, however, having now been prepared to place the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds on a more satisfactory footing, I trust that it will before long receive the sanction of Parliament, as such a measure is of public importance, irrespective of the interests of the police themselves.

The funds, which were established forty years ago, have been entirely self-supporting, meeting heavy claims, in many instances of an exceptional character, such as provision for widows and families of public servants (of whom there were many) who lost their lives in the execution of duty.

During the past year the charges have been increased by nineteen members of the force being superannuated on pensions varying from £68 8s. 9d. to £337 10s. per annum, and aggregating to an annual charge of £3,272 7s. 5d.; and four gratuities have been granted on discharge of men certified to be unfit for further service, the total grants amounting to £204. £1,759 13s. 4d. has been appropriated in gratuities to widows and orphans.

Eight pensioners died during the year, whose pensions amounted in the aggregate to £997 9s. 7d. per annum.

Crime.

The advance figures taken out, as usual, from the records of the Metropolitan District for the year 1891, exhibit a serious increase in the number of apprehensions, due in part, however, to the fact that during some months of the previous year the majority of the police in Sydney were constantly engaged in special duties during the strike; the arrests during that period were consequently less than usual.

The figures, with comparisons, are given below :—

Year.	Number of arrests for drunkenness.	Number of arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.	Number of arrests for riotous or indecent behaviour.	Number of arrests for obscene language.
1890	7,304	2,547	1,068	1,661
1891	8,507	2,877	1,218	1,824
Increase	1,203	330	150	163

The reports of crime for the Colony generally do not present any special features, with the exception of the following :—

An increase in the number of homicide cases.

A marked increase (from 42 in 1890 to 73 in 1891) of charges of “Carnally knowing” and “Indecent assault.”

The same as regards “Abandoned children found,” which in 1891 numbered 26,—more than double the record of the previous year.

And cases of embezzlement, reported in 1890 as 78, increased to 111 in the following year.

It is noticeable, however, that the number of incendiary fires during the past year has been far below the average.

Beyond the following statement of prosecutions I have nothing special to report regarding the Licensing Act.

RETURN of Prosecutions under the Licensing Act in the Metropolitan District during the year 1891.

Sunday selling.	Other offences by licensees.	Persons leaving licensed premises with liquor during prohibited hours.	Persons drinking liquor in licensed premises during prohibited hours.	Persons selling liquor without holding a license.	Total.	Total, year 1890.	Increase.
216	151	71	126	25	589	431	158

Number of public-houses refused a license last annual licensing meeting, 37.

Number of such public-houses since granted a license, 19.

The shearers' strike during last year involved not only considerable extra expenditure but entailed inconvenience and risk by the withdrawal of large bodies of police from the metropolis and country districts generally, the difficulty of the situation being enhanced by the large area of country covered by the pastoral holdings, and consequently heavy charges in moving detachments of police to remote districts.

There were 1,261 inquests held during the year, as compared with 1,263 in 1890, a decrease of two. The number of cases in which death was attributable either directly or indirectly to intemperance, however, shows an increase on the previous year from 102 in 1890 to 164 in 1891.

The undermentioned buildings have been erected for the Department during the year :—

Bathurst	Police barracks (nearly completed).
Uralla	Lockup.
Wellington	Police barracks.
Robertson	Lockup.
Obley	Court and watch-house.
Menindie	Police barracks.
Jugiong	Court and watch-house.
Cudgen	Police barracks.
Corowa	Sergeant's quarters.
Byron Bay	Police barracks (nearly completed).
Bombala	Lockup.
Emmaville	Police barracks.
Tingha	Police barracks.
Peak Hill... ..	Police barracks.

As regards buildings in Sydney, the lockups for Central Police Station and Clarence-street are approaching completion, and when occupied the accommodation provided will meet the requirements of the city, being fully equal, if not superior, to the buildings erected for similar purposes in any city I have visited; indeed the same may be said of the police buildings generally in New South Wales, our stations at all inland towns and villages having a most creditable appearance.

A further improvement is contemplated by the erection of a watch-house in Regent-street, to replace that at the intersection of George and Pitt streets, which is not equal to modern requirements in any respect, and most unsuitably situated. The cost of the new building and site will amount to a small sum compared with that which the sale of the present site will realise.

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The present Police Regulation Act has now been in operation for thirty years, during which period the Police Force has undergone many changes, which will be apparent from the fact that about six thousand recruits have been passed through the dépôt drilled and instructed in the rudiments of their duties.

Amongst the changes referred to there has been a marked improvement in the character, status, and education of constables, the latter being essential in consequence of the numerous functions now discharged by the police beyond their ordinary duties, and requiring considerable intelligence and education of a far higher standard than was formerly deemed necessary.

When the present Act was passed there were constables in the service who could not read or write. Now, constables must be competent to act as Clerks of Petty Sessions, and among other duties are required to act as—

Wardens' Clerks.

Agents for the Curator of Intestate Estates.

Agents for the Master in Lunacy.

Agents for the Collector of Customs.

Agents for the Aborigines Protection Board.

Agents for the Board of Health.

Collectors of the Electoral Lists.

Collectors of Statistics.

Collectors of Jury Lists.

Bailiffs of Crown Lands.

Bailiffs for the Small Debts Courts.

Inspectors under Dairies Supervision Act.

Inspectors of Slaughter Houses.

Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

Inspectors under the Licensing Act.

Inspectors of Distilleries.

Inspectors under Explosives Act.

Inspectors under Fisheries Act.

Inquiry Agents for the State Children's Relief Department.

Acting Gaolers.

Acting Forest Rangers.

Mining Bailiffs and Registrars.

Notice-servers under Land Act.

Gold Receivers.

Receivers and Disbursers of Moneys under the Deserted Wives and Children Act.

I am gratified to be able to add that I have the assurance of the Treasury Inspectors of Government accounts, and the heads of all the departments who make use of the services of the police, that their duties are performed with intelligence and promptitude, their books of accounts and records being as a rule kept both with accuracy and neatness.

Such work has, of course, at times borne heavily upon both men and horses, and interfered with more legitimate duty, but the advantages to the public service have no doubt more than counterbalanced these disadvantages.

The length of service of the officers and men now on the establishment is shown on the table appended hereto.

It is worthy of notice that all the officers on the establishment at present, with the exception of four, have earned their promotion grade by grade from the subordinate rank.

During the year, 154 police voluntarily attended courses of Ambulance Institution under the St. John Ambulance Association, of whom ninety-two have passed and received certificates.

Pressure of official business in Sydney (which is steadily increasing) has prevented me from devoting much time to country inspections, but in the districts I have been able to visit I have found the stations generally in admirable order, and the police efficient and well behaved, being held in favourable estimation by the Magistracy and respectable residents.

I have, &c.,

EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector-General of Police.

DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-inspectors.	Senior-sergeants.	Ser-geants.	Senior-constables.	Con-stables.	Senior-ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior-constables.	Con-stables.
Metropolitan— <i>continued.</i>	No. 5 Head Station	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	5	6	20
	Cook's River	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Concord	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Petersham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8
	Manly Beach	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4
	Leichhardt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
	Camperdown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
	Ashfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
	Enfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Canterbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Marrickville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5
	Burwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	4
	Macdonald Town	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Kogarah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Five Dock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Stanmore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Summer Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Homebush	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Strathfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hurstville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Belmore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Croydon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Mortlake	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Annandale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Drummoyne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	St. Peter's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
	Helsarmel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Rockdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peakhurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Arncliffe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Dulwich Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Rosedale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	North Sydney	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	15
North Willoughby..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Neutral Bay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Lane Cove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Mossman's Bay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Greenwich	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Water Police	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	17	
Northern	Armidale	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	5
	Do West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Uralla	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Walcha Road	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walcha	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Bendemeer	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Guyra	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Glen Innes	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Kookabookra	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Deepwater	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emmaville	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Tenterfield	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Wilson's Downfall	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Drake	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Bundarra	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tingha	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Inverell	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Ashford	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hillgrove	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
	Do West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Grafton	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	5
	Do South	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
	Woogoolga	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ulmarra	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Brushgrove	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Lawrence	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Maclean	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Palmer's Island	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Yamba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Copmanhurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dalmorton	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Blick's River	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Lismore	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	3
Casino	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
Coraki	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Woodburn	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Broadwater	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Wardell	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Ballina	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	
Woodenbong	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Brunswick	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Murwillumbah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Tumbulgum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cudgen	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Byron Bay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Harwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Chatsworth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Rous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	

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.
Southern	Goulburn	1	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	2	2	11
	Collector .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bungonia .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Marulan .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Crookwell .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Taralga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Yass .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	2
	Gunning .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Dalton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Gundaroo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Ginninderra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Burrowa .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Binalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Frogmore .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Reid's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pudman Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wee Jasper .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Young .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	3
	Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
	Temora .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Murrumburrah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Marengo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Wombat .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Wallendbeen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Morangarell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Barmednan .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Harden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Braidwood .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	2
	Queanbeyan .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Moruya .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Araluen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Bungendore .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tarago .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bateman's Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Nelligen .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Major's Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Eurobodalla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emu Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Mongarlowe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Captain's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nerrigundah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Cooma .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Bega .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Bombala .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Panbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Eden .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Candelo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobargo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Buckley's Crossing .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Michelago .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Adaminaby .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Kiandra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Delegate .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Nimitybelle .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Jindabyne .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wolumla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyndham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Animbo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Colombo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Merimbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Yowoka .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eastern	Depôt	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Parramatta .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	11
	Granville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Rookwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Prospect .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Auburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Potts' Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ryde .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Hunter's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hornsby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gladesville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peat's Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Penrith .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Emu Plains .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	St. Mary's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Springwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Katoomba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Windsor .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Wilberforce .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Richmond .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Richmond North .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	St. Alban's	1
	Rouse Hill	1
	Riverstone	1
	Liverpool	1	1	1
	Smithfield	1
	Campbelltown	1	2

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Eastern— <i>continued.</i>	Appin	1
	Camden	1	...	1	1
	Picton	1	1	1
	Berrima	1	1	1
	Moss Vale	1	1
	Bowral	2
	Mittagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Robertson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollongong .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3
	Dapto .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Fig-tree .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bulli .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Clifton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Helensburgh .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Kiama .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Shellharbour .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Jamberoo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Albion Park .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gerrington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nowra .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Terrara .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Berry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Kangaroo Valley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Milton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rooty Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Sutherland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Western	Bathurst	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	2	10
	Kelso .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Milltown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Oberon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Sunny Corner .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Rydal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wallerawang .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Lithgow .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Hartley Vale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hartley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Mount Victoria .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hill End .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Sofala .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyagdon .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rockley .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Burruga .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	O'Connell .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mudgee .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	3
	Gulgong .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Coolah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mundooran .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Denison Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Rylstone .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Ilford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hargraves .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Windeyer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollar .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobborah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Orange .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	6
	Do East .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Molong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Cowra .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Blayney .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Carcoar .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Canowindra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Cudal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Toogong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount McDonald .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Goolagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Trunkay .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandurama .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tuena .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Manildra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Forbes .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	3
	Condobolin .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Eugowra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Parkes .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
	Grenfell .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Marsden .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Wollongough .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Alectown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dubbo .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	6
	Wellington .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Coonamble .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Obley	1
	Warren	1	...	1	1
	Dandaloo	2
	Nevertire	1
	Narramine	1
	Collie	1
	Gilgandra	2

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Western— <i>continued.</i>	Quambone	1
	Stuart Town	1
	Peak Hill	1	...	1	2
	Trangie	1
	Cargo	1
	Cumnock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Bourke	Bourke .....	...	1	...	1	...	1	5	...	...	...	6
	Brewarrina .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Cobar .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	3
	Byrock .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gongolgan .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Louth .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Curranyalpa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Enngonia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nymagee .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Cannonbar .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Yantabulla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Barrington .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wanaaring .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walgett .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	2
	Collarendabri .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Mogil Mogil .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Mungindi .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Angledool .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Goodooga .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Grawin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pilliga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Carinda .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Coolabah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	46-mile (Nyngan to Cobar Railway.) .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nyngan .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
North-eastern	West Maitland	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	2	12
	Branxton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Lochinvar .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Greta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Cessnock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	East Maitland .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Mulbring .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cooranbong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Swansea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Catherine Hill Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Largs .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Morpeth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
	Hinton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Paterson .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gresford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Raymond Terrace .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Clarence Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Dungog .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Stroud .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gloucester .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Copeland .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Bullahdelah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tea Gardens .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Forster .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyang .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gosford .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Newcastle .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	4	24
	Point Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Lake Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Glebe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Charlestown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Teralba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hamilton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Adamstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Waratah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Carrington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	New Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
	West Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Stockton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wickham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Islington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Tighe's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Minni .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Wollombi .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Ellalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Howe's Valley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Singleton .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Goorangoola	1
	Broke	1
	Muswellbrook	1	...	1	2
	Jerry's Plains	1
	Denman	1
	Merriwa	1	1	1

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North-eastern —continued.	Kerrabee.....	1
	Cassilis	1	1
	Scone	1	1	1
	Stewart's Brook	1
	Kempsey .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Gladstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Fredericktown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Arakoon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Macksville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowraville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Taree .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
	Cundletown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wingham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tinonee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Coopernook .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Port Macquarie.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Wauchope .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Camden Haven .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Fernmount .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Smithtown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bellinger.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Nambucca Heads .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bungwall Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
North-western	Tamworth	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	1	...	...	4
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Murrurundi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1
	Blackville .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gunnedah .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Barraba .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Manilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Nundle .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Quirindi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Somerton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moonbi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Carroll.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Werris Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Boggabri .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Tambar Springs.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Baradine .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Coonabarabran .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Narrabri .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	3
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wee Waa .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Keramingby .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Meroe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Moree .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Eulowrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bingera.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Warialda.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Yetman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Boggabilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Pallamallawa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Welbongondah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Swamp Oak .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
South-western	Deniliquin	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	5
	Mathoura .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Moama .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Jerilderie .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Tocumwal .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Hay .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Maude .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Oxley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Carathool .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Darlington Point .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Whitton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Booligal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mossgiel .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ivanhoe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hillston .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Euabalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gilgunnia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount Hope .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cudgellico .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moulamein .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Balranald .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Hatfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Clare .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Euston .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wentworth.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Salt Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pooncarie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Menindie.....	1
	Thackaringa	1
	Silverton	1	...	1	3
	Eurourie	1
	Purnamoota	1
	Broken Hill	1	1	10

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South-western —continued.	Pinnacles.....	1	
	South Broken Hill..	2	
	Round Hill.....	1	
	Wilcannia	1	...	1	...	2	3	
	Milparinka .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tibooburra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Murray	Albury	1	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	1	1	6
	Bowna .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Germanton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Walbundrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Corowa .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Howlong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mulwala .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tumbarumba .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Wetaragang .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gerogery.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jindera .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gundagai .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	3
	Tumut.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Yarrangobilly.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Adelong .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Shepherdstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Batlow.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Jugiong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Coolac.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wagga Wagga .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	5
	Junee .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
	Urana .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Narrandera.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Tarcutta .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kyamba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	The Rock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Coolaman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Culcairn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
BELMORE BARRACKS.													
Constables in course of instruction, under orders for transfer .....		...	1	...	1	...	2	27	...	1	...	6
Orderlies to His Excellency the Governor .....		...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Armourer .....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Police Storekeeper .....		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
DETECTIVES.													
Inspector in charge .....		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspector .....		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acting Sub-Inspector .....		...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
First-class Detectives		2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second-class do		6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Third-class do		6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL.....		14	9	13	32	25	55	130	381	26	47	120	813
Total of all ranks..							1,665.						