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NEW SOUTH WALES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT FOR 1889.)

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

Sir, Police Department, Inspector-General's Office, Sydney, 11 January, 1890.

In accordance with instructions and Police Regulations, I have the honor to submit the following Report respecting the Police Service for the year 1889, for the Colonial Secretary's information.

Appended will be found the usual statement of the strength and distribution of the force in each district.

The thirty additional constables provided on the Estimates for 1889 were disposed of in augmenting the force performing duty in the suburbs of Sydney, and in the formation of new stations at the following places :—

District.							Station.
Northern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Kookabookera and Bare Hill.
Southern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Melrose.
							{ Tarago (from Lake Bathurst).
Western...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Cumnock.
							{ Aleck Town (gold-fields).
							{ Peak Hill (do.)
North-eastern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Wauchope.
							{ West Wallsend.
North-western...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Wyong.
South-western...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Kunopia.
							{ Round Hill.
Metropolitan...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Arncliffe.
							{ Dulwich Hill.
							{ Rosedale.

The following stations were discontinued during the year :—

District.							Station.
Southern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lake Bathurst.
Eastern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Otford.
Western...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cordillera.
North-eastern...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mullet Creek.

Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

Six police pensioners died in 1889 who had been in receipt of pensions amounting in the aggregate to £1,039 12s. 1d. per annum.

Twenty-five members of the force of various ranks were superannuated during the year, fourteen receiving pensions at rates varying between £109 10s. and £191 12s. 6d. per annum, amounting in all to £2,059 12s. 11d. per annum; and eleven members were granted gratuities upon their discharge on certificate of unfitness for further service, which entailed a charge of £1,351 upon the Fund.

Seven widows and two mothers of members of the force, and the daughters of a deceased sergeant, received gratuities amounting in all to £1,529 18s. 4d.

The following information regarding the ages and length of service of all the members of the Police Force has been prepared in order to show the present condition of the police, and to enable the Colonial Secretary to form an idea of the number of men who will be shortly retiring on pension. A third table is also added showing their nationality.

1. STATEMENT of Ages of members of Police Force, 1889.

Under 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	Over 60.	Total.
576	483	179	95	83	98	42	11	1,567

2. LENGTH of Service of members of Police Force, 1889.

Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	Over 30.	Total.
682	406	188	74	79	109	29	1,567

3. COUNTRY where born.

England.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Australian Colonies.	Other Nationalities.	Total.
383	461	164	539	20	1,567

Tables 1 and 2 confirm the reports I have separately made respecting the necessity for an alteration in the Act affecting the administration of the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

By an examination of the Treasury accounts of these funds, it appears that in consequence of the increased charges for pensions to police worn out in the service, without any corresponding increase in the revenue, the funds exhibit a deficiency on the year's transactions of over £2,000, which will have to be met by realizing portion of the invested funds.

Crime.

In the country districts there has been comparatively an immunity from serious crime. A good season, however, has opened the country generally to admit of stock being travelled in every direction, it has therefore been necessary to give the police instructions to be specially active to prevent stock-stealers from successfully pursuing their nefarious practices, more difficult to detect than formerly, as runs being now fenced, musters are infrequent,—though it would be conducive to the interests of stock-owners were they more careful in this latter regard.

During the winter the burglaries and house-robberies in the Metropolitan area created considerable alarm, though the number of offences of that character was not larger than is usually expected by the police during that season; but the use of firearms by the offenders in two or three instances (with fatal effect unfortunately in the case of a determined and efficient officer, Constable Sutherland) enhanced the feeling of alarm and insecurity.

The police were active in their efforts to suppress the crime, and a large number of apprehensions and convictions followed, many of dangerous and habitual criminals of whom there are always necessarily a considerable number at large.

The system of extending the beats in the suburbs, and placing two constables on duty in company, or within hail of each other, which has always been the practice on a limited scale, was more generally resorted to; but it has the disadvantage of lessening the extent of police supervision. This will be corrected as far as possible by adding to the strength of the force to the full limit authorized.

The following figures show the mileage of the streets, lanes, and thoroughfares patrolled by the police in the city and suburbs, and the average number of constables on duty at any one time, which will serve as a reply to the inquiries so repeatedly made why the police are not more frequently seen:—

Locality.	Mileage of Streets, Lanes, or Thoroughfares.	Average number of Constables on duty at one time.	
		Day.	Night.
City... ..	124 $\frac{3}{4}$	66	85
Suburbs	1,467 $\frac{1}{4}$	59	109
Total	1,592	125	194

The usual advance figures relating to criminal statistics in the Metropolitan District for the year 1889 have been prepared.

The total number of arrests for all offences amount to 18,970, whilst for the previous year the number was 20,906, a decrease of 1,936, chiefly under the head of drunkenness, for which there were 1,627 less arrests than during the previous year.

It would be unsafe, however, to attribute too confidently such decrease to any marked improvement in the habits of the community, as I have good reason for concluding that it is due rather to the times having been hard, and labour with good wages not being generally easy to procure, which contributed to some extent to enforced abstinence.

The number of publicans' licenses issued throughout the Colony in 1889 was, approximately, 3,420, whilst, before the present Licensing Act became law in 1881 the number was 3,436. This decrease, though slight, may be considered satisfactory, having in view the very large increase in population.

Complaints are still very numerous regarding Sunday trading by publicans, though the number of prosecutions by the police was less by eight than in the previous year. This I attribute to the increasing difficulties thrown in the way of the police in obtaining evidence to support prosecutions. License-holders, well knowing the severe penalties and other serious consequences that follow conviction, take every precaution to avoid detection in this illicit, though lucrative, part of their business.

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DISTRICT.	STATION.	MOUNTED.							FOOT.			
		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.
Metropolitan— <i>continued.</i>	Peakhurst .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	North Shore .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	14
	North Willoughby..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Neutral Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Lane Cove .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Mossman's Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Water Police .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	18
	Arncliffe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Dulwich Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Rosedale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Australian Museum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Technological Museum...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Northern	Armidale .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	5
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hillgrove .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Uralla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walcha Road.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walcha .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Bendemeer .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bundarra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tingha .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Inverell .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Ashford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Guyra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Glen Innes .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Deepwater .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emmaville .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Tenterfield .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Drake .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wilson's Downfall...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Woodenbong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Grafton, North .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	5
	Do South.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Ulmara .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Brushgrove.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Lawrence .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Maclean .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Harwood Island ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Palmer's Island .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Yamba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Copmanhurst .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Dalmorton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Blick's River .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Casino .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Lismore .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
	Coraki .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Woodburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Broadwater.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Wardell .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ballina .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Murwillumbah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cudgen .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Brunswick .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kookabookera .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Melrose .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tumbulgun .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Southern	Goulburn	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	12
	Goulburn North .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Collector .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bungonia.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Tarago .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Marulan .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Crookwell .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Taralga .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Yass .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	2
	Gunning .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Dalton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Gundaroo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Burrowa .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Binalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Frogmore .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Reid's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pudman's Creek.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wee Jasper .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowning .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Young .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	3
	Cootamundra .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
	Temora .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Murrumburrah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Marengo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wombat .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Wallendbeen	1
	Morangarell	1
	Barmedman	1
	Harden	1
	Braidwood	1	1	2	2
	Queanbeyan	1	3

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		Super-intendents.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.	Senior Ser-geants.	Ser-geants.	Senior Con-stables.	Con-stables.
Southern— <i>continued.</i>	Moruya .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Araluen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Bungendore .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Bateman's Bay .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Nelligen .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Major's Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Eurobodalla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Emu Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Mongarlowe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Ginninderra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Captain's Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nerrigundah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Cooma .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
	Bega .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Bombala .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Panbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Eden .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Candelo .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobargo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Buckley's Crossing .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Michelago .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Adaminaby .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Kiandra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Delegate .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Nimitybelle .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Jindabyne .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wolumla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wyndham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Animbo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Colombo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Merimbula .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eastern.....	Depôt	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Parramatta .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	10
	Granville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Rookwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Auburn .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Prospect .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ryde .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Gladesville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hornsby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hunter's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Peat's Ferry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Penrith .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Emu Plains .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	St. Mary's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Springwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Katoomba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Windsor .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Wilberforce .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	St. Alban's .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Richmond .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Rouse Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Riverstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Liverpool .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Smithfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Campbelltown .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Appin .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Camden .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Picton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Berrima .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Moss Vale .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Bowral .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Mittagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Robertson .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollongong .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
	Dapto .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Fig-tree .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bulli .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Clifton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cawley's Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Kiama .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Shellharbour .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Jamberoo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Albion Park .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gerringong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nowra .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Terrara .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Berry .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kangaroo Valley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Milton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bankstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Western	Bathurst	1	2	4	2	...	1	11
	Kelso	1
	Milltown	1
	Oberon	1	1
	Sunny Corner	1	1	1
	Wallerawang	1
	Rydal	1

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		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.
Western— <i>continued.</i>	Lithgow .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Hartley Vale.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Hartley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Mount Victoria.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Hill End.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Sofala .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Wyagdon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Rockley .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Burrage .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	O'Connell .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mudgee	1	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	3
	Gulgong .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Coolah.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mundooran.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
	Denison Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Rylstone .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Iford .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Hargraves .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Windeyer .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wollar.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cobborah .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Forbes .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	3
	Condobolin.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Eugowra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Parkes.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
	Grenfell.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Marsden.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Wollongough.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6
	Orange .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	6
	Stuart Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Molong .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Cowra .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Blayney .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Carcoar .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Canowindra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cudal .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Toogong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount McDonald .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Goolagong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Trunkey .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Cargo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mandurama .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tuena .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	5
	Dubbo .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	2
	Wellington.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Coonamble .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Obley.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Warren .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Tomingley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Dandaloo.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Nevertire .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Narramine .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Collie .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Gilgandra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Quambone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	
Peak Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Alec Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cumnock .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Bourke	Bourke .....	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	1	4	
	Brewarrina.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
	Cobar .....	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	
	Byerock .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gongolgon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Louth .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Barrington .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Wanaaring .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Curranyalpa .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Enngonia.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nymagee.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
	Nyngan .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
	Cannonbar .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Yantabulla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Walgett .....	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	
	Collarendabri .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mogil Mogil .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mungindi .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Angledool .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Goodooga .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Grawin .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tatalla.....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Pilliga .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Carinda	1	1
	North-eastern	West Maitland	1	...	1	1	...	3	...	1	2	11
		Braxton	1	1	...
		Lochinvar	1
		Greta	2

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North-eastern —continued.	Cessnock	1
	East Maitland	1	...	2	3
	Mulbring	1
	Cooranbong	1
	Swansea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Largs .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Morpeth .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
	Hinton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Paterson .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gresford .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Raymond Terrace .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Clarence Town .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Dungog .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	Stroud .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Gloucester .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Copeland .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Bullahdelah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bungwall Flat .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tea Gardens .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Forster .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gosford .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Newcastle .....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	4	19
	Point Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Lake Road .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	The Glebe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Charlestown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Teralba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Hamilton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Adamstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Waratah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Carrington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	New Lambton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
	West Wallsend .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Stockton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wickham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Islington .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Tighe's Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Minmi .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wollombi .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Ellalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Howe's Valley .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Singleton .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Goorangoola .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Broke .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Jerry's Plains .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Muswellbrook .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Denman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Merriwa .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Kerrabee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Cassilis .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Scone .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Kempsey .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Gladstone .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Frederickton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Arakoon .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Nambuccra .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bowraville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Taree .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
	Cundletown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wingham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Tinonee .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Coopersnook .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Port Macquarie .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Camden Haven .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Boat Harbour .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Fernmount .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Smithtown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wauchope .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
North-western	Tamworth .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	1	5
	Do West .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Murrurundi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
	Blackville .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gunnedah .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Barraba .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Manilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Nundle .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Quirindi .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Somerton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moonbi	1
	Carroll	1
	Werris Creek	1
	Boggabri	1	1
	Tambar Springs	1
	Baradine	1

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North-western —continued.	Coonabarabran	1	...	1	1
	Narrabri	1	1	1	3
	Do West	1
	Wee Waa	1
	Keramingby .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Meroe .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moree .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Eulowrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Bingera .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Warialda .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
South-western	Yetman .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Boggabilla .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Kunopia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Deniliquin	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	3
	Mathoura .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Moama .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Jerilderie .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
	Tocumwal .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Hay .....	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Maude .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Oxley .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Carathool .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Darlington Point .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Whitton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Booligal .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mossiel .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Ivanhoe .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Hillston .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Euabalong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Gilgunnia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Mount Hope .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Cudgellico .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Moulamein .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Balranald .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Euston .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Clare .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Hatfield .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wentworth .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
	Salt Creek .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Pooncarie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Menindie .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Silverton .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Thackaringa .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Eurourie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Purnamoota .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Broken Hill .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	10
	Broken Hill South .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Round Hill .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Wilcannia .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Milparinka .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Tibooburra .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Murray	Albury	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	1	1	1	6
	Bowna .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Germanton .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Walbundrie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Corowa .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Howlong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
	Mulwala .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
	Tumbarumba .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Ournie .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gerogery .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Gundagai .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	3
	Tumut .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
	Yarrangobilly .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Adelong .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Shepherdstown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Batlow .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Jugiong .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Coolac .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Wagga Wagga .....	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	1	...	2	6
	Junee	1	1	2
	Urana	1	...	1	1
	Narrandera	1	2	2
	Tarcutta	1
	Kyamba	1
	The Rock	1
	Coolaman	1

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BELMORE BARRACKS.													
Constables in course of instruction, under orders for transfer	1	1	25	1	16	
Orderlies to His Excellency the Governor	1	1	2	
Armourer	1	
Storekeeper	1	
DETECTIVES.													
Inspector in charge	1	
Acting Sub-Inspector	1	
First-class Detectives..... 3		
Second-class do. 5		
Third-class do. 5		
TOTAL..... 13		7	13	28	26	53	119	366	26	38	121	757	
Total of all ranks..... 1,567.													

Police Department, Inspector-General's Office,
Sydney, 11th January, 1890.