NEW SOUTH WALES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(REPORT FOR 1878.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Inspector General of Police to The Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Department.

Sir, Police Department, Inspector General's Office, Sydney, 31 January, 1879.

In compliance with the instructions of the Colonial Secretary, contained in your circular letter of the 9th July, 1873, No. 71, I do myself the honor to furnish a brief report of the operations of the Department under my control, during the year 1878.

Annexed hereto will be found a tabulated statement showing the strength and distribution of the

Police Force on the 30th September last, in the form laid before Parliament.

Although the number of vacancies which occurred in the Force during the past year was almost the same as in 1877, the difficulties in obtaining eligible candidates to fill the vacancies have not been so great as they were when I last reported on the subject.

The following is a detail of the vacancies which have occurred during the year:-

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Resignations		 	 	81
Discharges		 	 	17
Dismissals		 	 	48
Deaths		 	 	10
Superannuati	ons	 	 	13
	Total	 	 	169

Amongst the above deaths is included that of Senior-sergeant Wallings, who was shot by the offender Law, alias Gibson, alias Henry, at "Wonbobbie Inn," on the 20th September, 1878.

The late Senior-sergeant Wallings had served twenty-three years in the Police Force, and by his death the Service has lost a most zealous and efficient officer. His widow has been provided for by pension

Three Police Pensioners have also died during the year.

New Police Stations have been formed at the following places:—

	Station.
 	 Blick's River.
	Palmer's Island.
 	 Frogmore.
	Bethungra.
 	 Cobar.
	Louth.
	Eringonia.
 	 Back Creek.
	Bullock Island.
	Wickham.
	Tighe's Hill.
	Gloucester.
 	 Breeza.
 	 Mathoura.
	Darlington Point.
	Gilgunyah.
 	 North Wagga Wagga.
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Several other Stations have been authorized, and will be formed very shortly.

The new Stations formed, and additional Police supplied throughout the Colony, have far from satisfied the demands for increased Police protection which are continually being made, which will only be partially met by the provision asked for on this year's Estimates. 443-A

In the Metropolitan District alone a hundred more constables could be usefully employed, and with that considerable addition, the proportion of Police to the population would be below that of other cities in England and elsewhere.

Many of the complaints made to me, and through the Press, of inattention or inefficiency on the part of the Police, are referable simply to the inadequacy of the Force numerically to perform the duties required.

The various Metropolitan Police Stations have recently been connected by telegraph wire,—a convenience which I anticipate will prove advantageous in securing prompt transmission of information, and save a good deal of time hitherto occupied by constables conveying messages, &c., from one place to another.

No one can read the complaints and comments in the Press respecting the increasing annoyance suffered by the public from the disorderly conduct and petty misdemeanours of youths who assemble together in large numbers not only in this city and suburbs but in country towns, without being aware that the nuisance of the so-called "larrikin" element is greatly on the increase, and becoming almost insupportable in all populous towns in this Colony and elsewhere.

The Police are naturally appealed to to provide a remedy, but nothing can be done efficaciously in the present state of the law. The Police Act fixes a penalty for "riotous" or indecent behaviour in towns, but the misconduct so frequently complained of can scarcely be deemed to come within the above category. It is rather "disorderly behaviour," which should be made (in my opinion) an offence by enactment; and in order that such a growing evil may be firmly repressed, it will, I believe, be found necessary to authorize whipping in certain cases after repeated convictions.

The increase in the constabulary would partially suppress the nuisance, but with such extensive beats much disorder may occur before constables can be present to check it.

The evil, as a matter of course, is one to which some social remedy should also be applied, and upon that chiefly must depend the permanent improvement in the behaviour of those who will become the future citizens, and as such should be expected to uphold law and order.

Crime of a serious nature has not increased generally. There have, however, been a good many cases of infanticide,—a crime which, I regret to say, is on the increase. Stock-stealing is also still very prevalent. It is noticeable that of 283 committals for trial during the year for horse, cattle, and sheep stealing there were only 123 convictions. In many of the cases in which the accused were acquitted, my opinion that there has been a failure of justice would, I think, be indorsed by the Judges and Crown Prosecutors.

Upon examination of the Police reports in cases of inquests and magisterial inquiries it is ascertained that out of a total of 1,114 deaths, the subject of inquiry, 144 have been attributable directly or indirectly to the prevailing vice of intemperance.

I give hereunder a comparative return of the population of the Colony, number of Police Stations, number of Police, and expenditure of this Department, for the years 1855, 1863, 1869, and 1876, which will serve to show that the increased expenditure has by no means kept pace with the population, or the rapid settlement in the country districts:—

Year.	Population.	No. of Stations.	No. of Police.	Expenditure
855	277,579	161	889	£ 168,774
863	378,934	234	1,003	210,777
.869	485,356	245	902	146,013
.876	629,776	297	969	171,229

In conclusion, I am happy to be able to report that my favourable opinion of the conduct of the members of the Force generally has been confirmed by the testimony frequently borne by Magistrates and other influential gentlemen as to the efficiency, zeal, and good behaviour of the men coming under their more immediate observation.

I have, &c., EDMUND FOSBERY,

Inspector General of Police.

RETURN showing the Strength and Distribution of the Police Force on the 30th September, 1878.

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

EDMUND FOSBERY, Inspector General of Police.