

Regulations under the Police Force Act, 1913.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this fifteenth day of September, 1919.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section fourteen of the Police Force Act, 1913, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the regulations made on the eighth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, under the Police Force Act, 1908, and the regulations made on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, under the Police Force Act, 1913, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations set forth hereunder; and doth declare that such revocation and the regulations hereby made shall take effect on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

REGULATIONS.

Constitution of the Force.

1. THE present establishment of the New Zealand Police Force consists of the following ranks, viz. :—

Commissioner,	
Superintendents,	
Inspectors,	
Sub-Inspectors,	
Senior Sergeants,	Senior Detectives,
Sergeants,	Detective-Sergeants,
Constables,	Detectives.

2. Members of the Force above the rank of Senior Sergeant and Senior Detective are designated "commissioned officers," whilst Senior Sergeants, Senior Detectives, Sergeants, and Detective-Sergeants are designated "non-commissioned officers." The term "officer" when used alone in these regulations means a commissioned officer.

3. The Police Force will be divided into two branches, the Uniform Branch and the Detective Branch.

4. Every member of the Force is bound to serve in whatsoever capacity he may, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these regulations, be required to serve, and at the current rate of pay of any rank to which he may be appointed or reduced, until he is legally discharged.

5. For the purpose of interchange any member of the Force may at any time, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be transferred from one branch of the service to a corresponding rank in the other, and there receive the pay and allowances of the branch to which he is so transferred.

General Duties of the Different Ranks.

Commissioner.

6. The Commissioner shall be directly responsible to the Minister in charge of the Police Department.

7. The Commissioner has, subject to the directions of the Minister, the superintendence and control of the Force.

8. He shall take every step in his power to cause all under his control to discharge their duties both to the Government and to the public satisfactorily and efficiently.

He must approve all expenditure, the ordering of supplies, the renting of premises for Police purposes, the acceptance of outside appointments or gratuities, the formation or abolition of stations, the increase or reduction of strength in districts and sub-districts, and all general instructions issued to members of the Force; and such approval must be obtained prior to any such action being taken, or, in cases of emergency, as soon after as circumstances permit.

He is empowered to issue or approve such directions for the government of the Force as circumstances may demand, provided such directions are in consonance with the existing Acts of Parliament regulating the superintendence and control of the Force.

Superintendents.

9. The officers in charge of each of the four principal Police districts—viz., Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin—shall hold the rank of "Superintendent," and it shall be their duty to superintend and control the members of the Force in their districts in accordance with Acts, regulations, and departmental directions, subject to the approval of the Commissioner in all instances.

10. A Superintendent shall be responsible for the prevention of crime, the detection of criminals, and the general preservation of peace in his district.

11. He must make himself acquainted with the various stations in his district and their requirements generally, and shall from time to time grant immediate Police protection to any locality that may require it, if it is apparent that the peace of such locality would be endangered by the delay consequent upon his referring the matter to the Commissioner.

12. He shall report on applications for the forming of new police-stations, and furnish the fullest possible information on the subject.

13. He shall make a proper division of such cities, boroughs, or towns, &c., as may be in his district into beats, and issue the necessary instructions for the proper working of such beats.

14. He shall inspect all officers, non-commissioned officers, and Constables under his charge, and maintain proper discipline over and amongst them.

15. He shall inspect barracks, stations, quarters, stables, paddocks, horses, arms, clothing, appointments, and equipments of the Force committed to his charge.

16. He shall make a thorough inspection, external and internal, of police dwellings the property of the Department, at intervals not exceeding six months, to see that they are properly cared for, and if it is found that they have suffered damage through negligence or other culpable cause, the member of the Force occupying them shall be held responsible.

17. He shall see that all members of the Force are well acquainted with the regulations, that they regularly peruse and make themselves acquainted with the contents of the *Police Gazette*, and that they copy into their memorandum-books such extracts therefrom as they are more particularly interested in, and that they note in the same manner the particulars of crime reports forwarded to their stations for their information and attention.

18. He shall cause the men to be instructed, when they have cases to bring before the Court, how to obtain evidence and conduct the cases so as to present the particulars to the Court as clearly and as intelligently as possible.

19. He shall promptly report to the Commissioner the occurrence in the district of any event of public importance, especially such events as may affect the public peace.