

great extent be left to his own discretion, but he will be held responsible if the public interest suffers through undue reticence on his part. He must conduct his business in such a manner as not to clash with the action of the local Police, and also, as far as practicable, keep the officer in charge of the district informed of his movements.

223. If the members of the Detective Branch act in such a way as to deserve and obtain the aid and co-operation of the general Police, there should be no difficulty in detecting crime and tracing out offenders who, to escape detection, have fled from town to country or from one part of the Dominion to the other; and it is expected that the general Police will consider it imperative upon them to afford every information in their power to the Detective Police, and to facilitate in every possible way the proper discharge of their particular duties.

224. With a view to the detection of crime, members of the Detective Branch must endeavour to acquire a knowledge of the members of the criminal class, must watch their movements, and promptly communicate particulars of the same and other necessary information to their officers.

225. In reporting the particulars of inquiries conducted and arrests made, and generally of the steps they have taken, they must not omit to include the names of other members of the Force who have been engaged with them in the same duties, or on whose information they have effected the arrest.

226. Senior Detectives shall be located at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, and the Senior Detective in charge shall be designated "Chief Detective." It shall be their duty to arrange and supervise the work of their staff; to conduct all detective cases in Court, unless the Inspector (or in his absence the Sub-Inspector) desires to do so; to transmit all reports to the Inspector, and report daily to that officer all offences or other matters that have come under their notice.

227. While it is essential that the most suitable officer should be detailed for special cases, members in charge of the Detective Branch must be particularly careful to so apportion the work as not to give rise to any suspicion of favouritism. They shall at all times strongly discountenance any friction amongst their staff or between their staff and the general Police, as, unless the two branches work harmoniously together, the public interests must suffer.

228. The Senior Detective, Detective-Sergeant, or Detective in charge shall keep a diary of the duties performed by each man under his charge. The duties may be posted up by each man, but the Senior or other Detective in charge shall see that they are properly posted and details of duty fully stated. At stations where there is a commissioned officer the diary shall be placed before him for inspection every week.

229. Promotions to the rank of Senior Detective shall be made from among Detective-Sergeants and Sergeants in the Uniform Branch who have passed the examination qualifying for promotion to the rank of Senior Sergeant, but no Detective-Sergeant or Sergeant shall be promoted to the rank of Senior Detective unless he is considered fit to perform the duties of Chief Detective.

230. No Detective shall be promoted to the rank of Detective-Sergeant until he has passed the examination qualifying for such promotion.

231. The total number of Detective-Sergeants shall not exceed the number of Detectives and Acting-Detectives.

232. For the purposes of promotion and transfer a Senior Detective shall be equal in rank to a Senior Sergeant, a Detective-Sergeant to a Sergeant, and a Detective to a Constable.

For the purposes of detective duty a Detective shall be senior to all other Constables.

233. As vacancies occur in the Detective Branch Constables of exemplary conduct who have two years' service and who appear to have the prescribed qualifications for detectives will be detailed for duty in that branch under a Senior Detective, on probation for six months. After that time, if favourably reported upon by the officer in charge of the district, they may be further employed on detective duties under the name of "Acting-Detectives." As such they will continue duty under a Senior Detective for a period of two years, and if their work gives satisfaction they may after the expiry of that time be appointed Detectives.

In making selections for the Detective Branch preference should be given to the younger and more energetic men.

234. Members of the Detective Branch shall be under the control of the officer in charge of the stations at which they are doing duty, and as, being dressed in plain clothes, they may be required to produce the authority under which they are acting, each shall be furnished with a warrant-card for the purpose, signed by the Commissioner.

235. A warrant-card must on no account be transferred from one member of the Detective Branch to another. They shall be numbered consecutively as issued, and on any member of the Detective Branch leaving that branch of the Force his warrant-card shall be cancelled. Each member of the Force shall be held strictly responsible for the proper care of the warrant-card issued to him, and upon no account is he to let it go out of his possession.

Any member who through neglect or carelessness loses his warrant-card shall be severely punished. He must immediately report the loss to his officer, and unless he gives a satisfactory explanation as to the cause of the loss he shall be at once suspended from duty until the charge against him of neglect has been disposed of.

Warrant-cards are the property of the Government, and must be returned with other appointments by members leaving the Force. In the event of the death of any member of the Detective Branch care must be taken to secure his warrant-card and transmit it to the Commissioner without delay.

236. Warrant-cards shall be issued only to members of the Force who have been appointed to a rank in the Detective Branch. To those on probation or employed on occasional duty in the Detective Branch an identification-card shall be given by the officer in charge. The card must be given up by the holder on his returning to ordinary duty or when he receives a warrant-card.

237. Any instance in which improper use has been made of the documents thus issued to members of the Detective Branch shall be at once reported to the Commissioner.

#### Deaths.

238. The death of any member of the Force shall be promptly notified to the Commissioner by the officer in charge of the district.

239. The officer in charge of a station shall take charge of the private effects of any unmarried member of the Force who dies thereat, and shall make a careful inventory of the same in the presence of a subscribing witness, and shall forward a true copy of