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PRISON AND DETENTION CAMP POPULATION										
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Admissions	<u>1</u> 927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932				
32,000						1				
31,000										
30,000										
29,000										
28,000						-				
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18,000										
17,000			1							
16,000										
15,000										
14,000										
13,000										
12,000										

STRENGTH OF PRISONS AND DETENTION CAMP STAFF (Including all European, Asian and African Staff and Depot Recruits under training) [To nearest 10] Graph 2.									
Total Strength of Staff	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932			
500						•			
490									
480	•								
470									
460									
450									
440									
430									
420									

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL COST PER HEAD OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES To nearest 5/- Graph 3.										
Cost in £	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932				
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PRISONS DEPARTMENT

The three comparative graphs on pages iii, iv and v show rapid rise in the Prisons and Detention Camps population during the past six years, the comparatively small increase in staff for the same period, and the drop in the average annual total cost per head of prisoners and detainees since 1929.

During the years 1927 to 1932 the number of committals to prisons and detention camps has risen by 20,000; the staff of European prison officers has been increased by three; and the strength of the Asian clerical and technical staff has remained the same. The European and Asian staff is now inadequate efficiently to cope with the increased amount of work involved.

I.-STAFF.

1. The authorized establishment of European Staff for European staff. the year was nineteen-one less than for 1931-the number of Technical Instructors being reduced from four to three as a measure of economy.

2. The vacancy in the rank of Assistant Superintendent created by the death of Mr. Jordan in 1931 has remained unfilled, and during the year two further vacancies occurredthat of Senior Superintendent, by the retirement of Mr. Poulden in February and that of Superintendent, by the transfer of Mr. Robertson to Uganda in June.

Instructions were received to the effect that these 3. vacant posts must remain unfilled pending the Report of the Expenditure Advisory Committee; but as it was manifestly impossible to carry on the work of the Department satisfactorily unless the total strength of European officers was kept up to establishment sanction was given to engage three further Chief Officers-one on agreement and two on temporary appointments.

4. The Superintendents of the three first-class prisons throughout the year were as follows :---

Nairobi: Mr. H. P. Robertson, from 1-1-32 to 5-6-32; Capt. J. H. Frank, M.C., from 6-6-32 to 16-9-32; Mr. M. Dards, from 17-9-32 to 31-12-32.

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Mombasa : Mr. B. B. Donald.

Kisumu: Mr. M. Dards, from 1-1-32 to 11-9-32; Mr. A. H. Marshall, from 12-9-32 to 31-12-32.

5. Of the three Technical Instructors two have been stationed at Nairobi throughout the year—one in charge of the workshops and the other in charge of building operations. The third has been moved from place to place, generally with a small gang of convict artisans, where building has been in progress, notably Eldama Ravine, Kisumu, Kericho, Kakamega and Kisii.

6. On the departure of the Commissioner in November on leave pending retirement a reshuffle of officers became necessary. Capt. J. H. Frank, M.C., Assistant Superintendent, Nairobi Prison, was attached to headquarters for duty and became Acting Quartermaster of Prisons and (in January, 1933) Accounts Officer in addition to his other duties, while the duties of Officer-in-Charge, Prisons Depot, were taken over by the Acting Assistant Superintendent, Nairobi Prison. Thus the work formerly done by three officers at headquarters is now performed by two.

Asian staff.

7. The Asian staff of the Department was reduced by one in January, 1932, for reasons of economy—making the strength of the Asian staff nine clerks and four technical instructors. No great difficulty was experienced in carrying on with this reduced establishment owing to the leave moratorium, and during October it became possible to transfer a second clerk to Kisumu Prison, where the rapid increase in the prison population had doubled the work formerly performed by one clerk. In fact, until a second clerk could be found the time of the two European officers was largely taken up with clerical work to the detriment of their other duties.

African staff.

8. The African establishment of the Department for the year was:--

Chief Warders	••		••	••	5	
Sergeant Warders	••	- ••	••		9	
Corporal Warders	••	••	••		47	
Lance Corporal Warder	5	••	••	••	84	
Warders	••	••	••	••	251	,
Recruits	••	••	••		40	
Female Warders	••	••	••	· • •	4	
African Schoolmaster	••	••	••		1	
Anical Schooldaster	••	••	••	••	•	

At the end of October Chief Warder Ngere s/o Ajwaan took his discharge after completing over twenty-one years' service on the warder staff. He had been a Chief Warder since 1924.

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9. In the Report for 1931 mention was made of steps that were being taken to obtain a better type of recruit and to train him into a better warder. As far as can be seen in so short a time these steps have proved most successful. Formerly, a recruit who passed a height standard and the medical officer and received a "clean" report from the Central Finger Print Bureau, entered the Department and went through a short course of drill, musketry and training in prison duties. Now, endeavour is made, with fair success, to secure for each training course, which lasts six months, a mixture of ex-soldiers of the King's African Rifles, exconstables of the Kenya Police, trained artisans-principally boys from the N.I.T.D., Kabete and Government School, Machakos-and literary natives from such schools as the Government African School, Kapsabet. After going through the recruits course, which in addition to drill, prison training and musketry now includes one hour a day in school and three hours a week in the prison workshops, artisan recruits are posted to the prison workshops, where they act not only as warders, but also as instructors. In the carpenters' shop in Nairobi Prison, for instance, each (carpenter) warder is given charge of four benches and is expected by the Technical Instructor to see that the work on these benches is properly carried out. As at each bench there are generally at least two untrained convicts under instruction the warder's time is fully occupied.

As an example the recruits training course commencing in March, 1932, may be cited :---

Total number of recruits on the course : 40; of these :---

Literates			19
Illiterates	•••		21
Ex-police	•••	•••	5
Ex-K.A.R.	•••	•••	4
Trained carpenters	•••	•••	5
Trained tailors	•••	•••	2
Brickmaker	•••		1
Agricultural training			2
Motor mechanic			-
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The chief difficulty in obtaining recruits of a good type is that with the existing establishment the average warder at one of the larger prisons is required to perform ten to twelve hours duty a day, and that during the whole of that time it is necessary for him to be alert and vigilant. Sentry duty at night, especially when it is cold or wet, has no attractions for the African.

Sixty-two African warders were discharged during the year, and eighty recruits were enlisted for training at the depot. Of the latter, twenty-four recruits were discharged as unlikely to become efficient.

II.-POPULATION.

10. It has been found in England, as recently stated by the Home Secretary, that, "almost exactly as unemployment rises and falls, crime rises and falls." Although this may not apply with equal force in Kenya, more especially among the native population, there is little doubt that financial adversity tends to fill the prisons and prosperity helps to empty them. As the year has been one of extreme economic depression the general increase in the number of committals to prison and detention was to be expected and may be regarded as "normal".

Committals. 11. The total number of committals during the year was (Appendix I.) 31,542.

This may be analysed as follows :---

7,054 or 22 per cent were sentenced to imprisonment.

7,813 or 25 per cent were on remand (excluding those subsequently sentenced to imprisonment).

162 or 1 per cent were lunatics 279 or 1 per cent were civil debtors } to nearest unit.

16,234 or 51 per cent were sentenced to detention.

The following is a comparative table of committals during the past five years :---

	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928
On Conviction *On Remand Lunatics Civil Debtors	7,054 7,813 162 279	6,757 6,668 202 302	6,762 5,588 164 187	6,385 5,315 151 144	5,975 3,719 132 159
TOTAL	15,308	13,928	12,701	11,995	9,985
Sentenced to Detention	16,234	12.977	8,746	5,431	3,566
GRAND TOTAL	31,542	26,905	21,447	17,426	13,551

* Excluding those subsequently sentenced to imprisonment.

It will be observed that the total number of persons dealt with has increased by 17 per cent in the past year, and that the increase in four years has been over 100 per cent.

12.The daily average of prisoners in all the prisons Daily average. combined increased from 2,508 in 1931 to 2,642 in 1932 and, owing to the increase in the daily average of persons sentenced to detention, the total average of all persons in confinement during 1932 was much higher than in any previous year. This is illustrated in the following table :--

1932	1931	1930	1929	1928
2,340	2,234	2,145	2,077	2 _. 147
302	274	235	251	221
1,079	798	573	318	211
3,721	3,306	2,953	2,646	2,579
	2,340 302	2,340 2,234 302 274 1,079 798	2,340 2,234 2,145 302 274 235 1,079 798 573	2,340 2,234 2,145 2,077 302 274 235 251 1,079 798 573 318

Appendix II contains a statement of the daily average population of each prison for the last five years.

13. The nationalities of the 7,054 persons committed to Nationalities. prison to serve sentences of imprisonment during 1932 compared with the three preceding years were as follows :----

÷			19	32	19	31	19	30	19	929
EUROPEANS			18		18		28 j		17	
EURASIANS	••	•••	5		•••		••		••	
SEYCHELLES	••		1		• •		••		••	
GOANS			- 4	234	11	220	10	203	8	152
INDIANS	••		9 2	1	9 2		84		44	
ARABS		•••	71		66		49		50	
SOMALIS	••		43		33		32		33	
AFRICANS				6,820		6,536	(5,559	(5,233

(Appendix II.)

The nationalities and tribes of the 6,820 Africans committed to undergo sentence of penal imprisonment in 1932 compared with 6,536 so committed during 1931, were as follows :---

						1932	19 31
1) UP-COUNTI	RY TRIB	ES			-		
Kikuyu				••		1,248	1.589
Kavirondo	Luo .					1,038	934
Kavirondo	Bantu .	•				939	817
Akamba			••			492	563
Nandi			••	••		455	319
Lumbwa			••	••	!	451	340
Kisii	•• •		••	·		249	301
Masai		•		••		120	127
Meru			••	••		116	149
Suk	•• •		••			90	37
Elgeyo		•				87	38
Embu		•	••	••	•	64	54
Kamasia			••	••		63	52
Turkana						17	••
Ndorobo			••	• •		10	
Various			••	••		90	51
•					- 1-		
						5,529	5,371
2) COAST TRI	BES-						
Swahili	•• •	•	••	••		393	174
Giriama						125	135
Digo			••	••		52	2 2
Pokomo		• ·		••		33	108
Taita			••	••		33 42	78
Various	•• •	•	••	••		42	109
						683	626
3) NATIVES OF			RING		-		
	ORIES-					005	004
Natives of			- •	••	••	235	234
Natives of			••	••	••	313	194
Natives of	-	na	••	••	••	30	41
Nubians	•• •	•	••	••	••	23 7	62
Various	•• •	•	• •	••	••	1	8
					-	608	539

Female and juvenile prisoners. 14. The following comparative table indicates the position with regard to female and juvenile convicted prisoners :----

	1932	1931	1930	1929
Female convicts	 231	193	19 5	168 👈
Juvenile convicts	 357	316	298	245

The steady increase of juvenile prisoners continues. Of the 357 who passed through the prisons, 30 were sentenced to terms of from three to five years in a reformatory and were transferred to Kabete, 44 served short sentences of imprisonment, and 283 underwent sentences of caning only. Out of the total, 58 had been previously convicted.

Of the 231 female convicts, four were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to three years and 227 to short terms of imprisonment not exceeding six months. Twelve had been previously convicted.

15. There was an increase in recidivism during 1932 as Recidivists. compared with 1931, the figures for the year under review being the highest hitherto recorded, as shown below :---

•		Once	Twice	Thrice or more	Total	Percentage of total Committals
1932		712	305	411	1,428	20.2%
1931	••	603	227	356	1,186	17.5%
1930	••	617	182	287	1,036	16.0%
1929		463	159	258	860	13-0%
1928	••	353	112	202	£67	11.2%
1927		472	169	213	874	10.8%
1926		439	139	148	726	9.6%

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As usual, the great majority of the recidivists were convicted in the towns, the actual figures being as under :---

	DISTRICT		1 otal Convicted	No. of Recidivists	Per cent		
Nairobi Mombasa Kisumu Eldoret Nakuru	 	 	•••	•••	742 933 863 426 423	376 324 284 94 64	51 35 33 22 15
	Town other I		 5		3,392 3,662	1,142 286	34 8
-				_	7.054	1,428	20

16. The number of debtors committed to prison de-Civil debtors. creased from 302 in 1931 to 279 in 1932. Of these 172 were committed at Mombasa (of whom ninety-seven were Arab non-native poll tax defaulters), forty-one at Nairobi, and twenty-eight at Lamu.

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Remand prisoners. 17. The total number of prisoners admitted on remand during 1932 was 11,077, as compared with 9,875 in 1931. The disposal of these prisoners was as follows :---

Remaining on Remand at end of 1931 Admitted on Remand during 1932	••••••	• ••	282 11,077
	TOTAL.	• ••	11,359
Convicted and Sentenced to Imprisonment Convicted and Sentenced to Detention			3,386 2,502
Discharged from Prison Custody Escaped or Died	•••••	• ••	4,569 13
Transferred	•••••	• ••	666
Remaining on Remand at end of 1932	•• •	• ••	223
•	TOTAL.		11,359

The daily average number of remand prisoners, including lunatics and debtors, in all prisons throughout the year was 302 and the following table shows in which districts the largest numbers of admissions occurred :---

DISTRICT	Admitted	Sentenced to Impri- sonment	Sentenced to Detention	Discharged from Prison Custody or Transferred
Kisumu	1,195	509	103	577
Nairobi	1,099	324	323	468
Kitale	938	149	368	430
Kiambu	867	294	281	287
Nakuru	756	264	160	322
Mombasa	592	296	66	230
7 hika	590	86	189	315
Nyeri	408	141	88	.189

Lunatics.

18. There was a decrease in the number of lunatics admitted to prison during 1932 over the previous year, the total being 136 males and 26 females, as compared with 168 males and 40 females in 1931.

The confinement of and accommodation for certified lunatics has been receiving the close attention of Government, and the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and Commissioner of Prisons were instructed to submit joint proposals as to their disposal pending the construction of sufficient accommodation at Mathari Mental Hospital. At the time of writing these proposals are under consideration.

The confinement of certified lunatics in prison presents a very serious problem to Superintendents. In the first place . prison officers are not qualified, nor have they the time, to give special attention to mental cases. Secondly, the lack of sufficient single cellular accommodation at all the first-class prisons (the only prisons gazetted as lunatic asylums) often necesitates the use of makeshift accommodation, which is highly unsatisfactory. On several occasions Superintendents have had no cells available for the punishment of prisoners convicted of serious offences against prison discipline because all the cells which should have been available for this purpose were being occupied by lunatics.

The following is a statement of admissions and their disposal :---

	M	Males		ALES	TOTAL	
	Ordi- nary	Crimi- nal	Ordi- nary	Crimi- nal	Ordi- nary	Crimi- nal
Remaining from 1931 Admitted, 1932	16 114	3 22	3 26	••	19 140	3 22
TOTAL	130	25	29	••	159	25
Discharged Died or Trans- ferred	97	7	19	••	116	. 7
Hospital	17 16	7 11	4 6	••	21 22	7 11
TOTAL	130	25	29		159	25

LUNATICS.

Appendix III contains a statement showing the Class of crime. 19. class of offence of which prisoners were convicted and in (Appendix III.) respect of which 7,054 were sentenced to imprisonment.

The number of sentences of imprisonment under the Penal Code was 4,303, as compared with 3,906 in 1931.

As regards contraventions of local Ordinances, imprisonments for this class of offence totalled 2,751 as compared with 2,850 in 1931.

Forty-six prisoners (fifteen medium-term, nineteen Escapes. 20.short-term, and twelve remands) escaped from custody during the year, as compared with forty-three in 1931. Of the fortysix escapes, eleven were from within prison enclosures or

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hospitals, and thirty-five were prisoners at work outside the prisons. Twenty-two were recaptured and twenty-four were still at large at the end of the year.

Two prisoners who escaped in 1931 were recaptured in 1932.

			Me- dium Term	Short Term	Re- mands			Not re- captured
From Inside	•••	••	4	2	5	11]	-	
" Outside		••	11	17	7	35)	22	24
	TOTAL	••	15	19	12	46	22	24

The figures may be summarized as follows :---

The escapes occurred at the following prisons :---

Five each from Nairobi, Kisumu and Narok; four from Kwale; three each from Nakuru, Kisii and Meru; two each from Eldama Ravine, Kakamega and Kapenguria; one each from Mombasa, Nyeri, Fort Hall, Kericho, Kilifi, Kipini, Kitui, Lamu, Malindi, Rumuruti, Thika and Voi.

Punishments.

21. The total number of punishments awarded to prisoners for prison offences during 1932 was higher than in 1931, but there was a reduction in the awards of corporal punishment, the number of which was the lowest on record.

The following is a summary for all prisons :--

	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927
Corporal Punishment	. 17	35	40	71	47	39
Penal Diet	1 1 1 1	39	44	56	172	43
Reduced Diet	1	17				
Solitary Confinement	1	2	19	5	10	5
Solitary Confinement and Pena	1					
Diet	001	328	252	295	184	202
Loss of Remission	. 29	22	12	16	15	10
Loss of Remission and Pena	3					
Diet	. 48	4	15	83	90	62
Loss of Remission, Penal Die	t					
and Solitary Confinement .	. 101	38	97			••
Leg Irons	1 44	17	13	33	18	9
Reprimanded	. 49	119	61	99	55	9
Extra Imprisonment	1 2	4	5	••	6	10
TOTAL	706	625	553	658	597	389

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In thirteen of the smaller prisons no punishments were awarded. As usual, the majority of the punishments were inflicted in the three first-class prisons, where long-sentence convicts are imprisoned, the numbers being as follows :----

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			1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927
Nairobi			315	301	247	324	357	148
Mombasa		••	194	182	171	173	130	119
Kisumu			91	62	68	53	34	64
	TOTAL		600	545	486	550	521	331

Under the provisions of the Prisons Ordinance, 1930, Licences to be 22.at large. which permits of the release on licence of certain offenders on completion of two-thirds of their sentences of not less than three years, sixty-seven convicts were released on licence during 1932, as compared with eighty-one in 1931. Three licences were revoked for breach of conditions.

Four long-term convicts were released on medical Release on 23.medical grounds, on the recommendation of medical officers. grounds.

III.---INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR.

The fact that the workshops at Nairobi Prison are Workshops. 24. situated a quarter-of-a-mile from the Prison is a severe handicap to production, and disciplinary supervision by European officers is necessarily scanty and spasmodic. It is hoped during 1933 to build workshops as an integral part of the The only industry carried on in the Prison itself is Prison. basket making by female convicts.

At Mombasa Prison the carpenters' shop which was closed in 1929 was re-opened during November. This was made possible by the new arrangement whereby in the Nairobi Prison workshops trained (carpenter) warders act as instructors as well as guards, thereby releasing the Indian master carpenter for duty at Mombasa.

At Kisumu Prison a small general workshop was built during the year. All industries at this Prison had previously been carried on in the prison yard or in shady spots under the prison wall.

Industries.

25. The revenue-earning industries at present undertaken

are :—

At Nairobi Prison— Tailoring. Carpentry. Sisal mat, string and rope making.

At Mombasa Prison— Tailoring. Carpentry. Coir mat making. Broom and basket making.

At Kisumu Prison— Sisal mat and rope making. Basket making. Grass mat making.

The carpentry industry at present suffers from a multitude of small orders of great diversity. Each of these orders has to be set out separately by the instructor, and requires his constant attention. The present need, with the small technical staff available, is for larger orders for work which involves repetition so that the convicts can get to know what is required of them and continue their work with the minimum of attention and explanation. Efforts are now being made to secure orders of this description from Government Departments.

It is satisfactory to be able to record that most visitors to the carpenters' shops express astonishment at the quality and variety of the work produced.

26. The Colony's estimates of expenditure for 1932 provided a sum of £5,000 for the purchase of raw materials for prison industries. This was later reduced to £4,816. Of this sum £3,318 was actually expended.

The revenue estimates showed an anticipated revenue from this source for the year of £9,000. The amount paid into the Treasury was £7,575. Of this sum £2,434 was obtained from the hire of convict labour.

The permanent gang of 180 convicts employed in the Kenya and Uganda Railways and Harbours quarry was reduced to 100 in March, and further reduced to 25 in November, in accordance with economy measures taken by the Railway Administration. As payment is made for the gang by

Revenue.

Similar loss of revenue from the hire of convict labour, but to a lesser degree, occurred at Mombasa and Kisumu Prisons.

The following extract from the Home Office " Report of the Departmental Committee on Persistent Offenders " is notable :----

" Most of the other industries, however, are of kinds which do not stimulate the workers' interest, call for little muscular exertion and are apt to be regarded by the prisoners rather as prison-invented tasks than as serious work. If a labouring man is employed for a long time on sewing mail bags, he becomes 'soft' and incapable of doing a day's labour on discharge. Governors frequently try to find for such men in the last weeks of their sentences outside jobs in the garden or in the coaling party to ' tone them up ', but there are not enough such jobs to go round."

These remarks apply particularly to this country, where the majority of the prisoners are employed upon labouring jobs when out of prison. To harden up a long-term prisoner who has been employed on tailoring for a number of years by giving him six months' labouring employment prior to discharge may even tend to reduce recidivism. It is possible that many a discharged convict returning in this " soft " condition after years of sedentary work in the tailors' shop or on sisal work finds the task of making himself fit for heavy labouring work too arduous, and reverts to crime as the easiest way out of the difficulty of earning his living.

Superintendents of the three first-class prisons have now been instructed to introduce, as far as possible, this hardening process during the last few months of the term of all longterm prisoners who have been employed in sedentary occupations. It is hoped, moreover, that this period of hard manual labour coming immediately prior to discharge will tend to remain in the memory rather than the easier time experienced earlier in the sentence.

27. The following buildings and works were constructed Buildings. by convict labour under the supervision of Prisons Technical Instructors during the year :---

Nairobi Prison.

(a) Chief officers' office, clothing store, reception room, prisoners' property store and records room in concrete block in place of the old wood and iron buildings.

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(b) An inner gate together with two concrete block walls —thus shutting off the penal part from the administrative part of the Prison.

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(c) New guard room.

(d) Four new association wards (each with interior lavatory) to accommodate fourteen convicts each. The back portion of these wards now forms part of the new outer wall of the Prison.

(e) A concrete block sentry box, fitted with electric alarm bell, on the roof of A Block.

(f) Old kitchen converted into a workshop for European prisoners.

(g) A new visiting room in concrete block.

(h) Four association wards in the old "temporary" portion of the Prison converted into a Civil Prison with its own cook house, lavatory, etc.

(i) A new stone lavatory at the workshops.

(j) Two cells in the European division converted into a dining room.

(k) New lavatory in concrete block for Asian staff.

(l) New native prisoners' kitchen.

(m) The whole of the front of the Prison has been cement washed, and

(n) A new stone drain to replace the old earth drain from the warders' lines is under construction and is nearing completion.

Mombasa Prison.

Only minor repairs to Prison buildings.

Kisumu Prison.

(a) A new association ward in concrete block, to accommodate thirty-five convicts, complete with observation cells, punishment cells and an interior lavatory.

(b) Two stone huts in the warders' lines, each to accommodate six single warders.

(c) All wards and cells mosquito-proofed with gauze wire.

Other Prisons.

Minor works of a widely differing character, from the construction of new association wards, cells, kitchens and latrines to the repainting of wood and iron prison buildings and rethatching huts in warders' lines, were carried out by convict labour during the year.

The temporary nature of many of the buildings in the smaller prisons necessitates work on repairs and renewals almost yearly which in the end is probably more expensive than the erection of permanent buildings in stone, brick or concrete block would be. Lack of funds, however, generally precludes the allocation to Superintendents of the smaller prisons of sums sufficient to do more than patch up old buildings which, in many cases, are hardly worth the small sums spent on their annual upkeep.

28.At nineteen of the thirty prisons, the cultivation of Prison farms. foodstuffs for prisoners' food is undertaken. At such places as Mombasa, Lamu, etc., the lack of suitable ground precludes this industry.

The total quantity of foodstuffs grown in prison farms during 1932 was as follows :---~

			Tota	2	£1,117
lemons, e	etc.	••	•••	•••	114
Other produ	ce — mu	ihogo,	mba	zi,	
Potatoes, 381				•••	178
Beans, $18\frac{1}{4}$ t		••	•••	•••	97
Maize, 193 <u>1</u>		••	•••	•••	728
					£

An exceptionally good maize crop was grown at the Kakamega Prison farm during the year, 782 bags of maize being produced. The maize was planted in three fields. Field I and Field III each gave a yield of 25 bags per acre. Field II, which was interplanted with trees, gave a yield of 15 bags per acre.

The prisons which were most successful in this direction, and in reducing the cost of feeding prisoners, were :---

				£
Kakamega	•••			412
Nakuru	•••			171
Kitui ·	•••	•••	•••	114
Kitale	•••	•••	•••	71
Kisumu	•••	•••	•••	44

Distribution of convict labour.

29. The distribution of convict labour in the three firstclass prisons at Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu, and in the second-class prisons at Nakuru, Eldoret and Nyeri, was as follows :---

-	D	AILY AVE	RAGE O	F PRISON	ERS EMI	PLOYED	
	Nairo- bi	Momba- sa	Kisu- mu	Naku- ru	Eldoret	Nyeri	Total
On Prison do- mestic duties On Prison	50	35	27	11	3	12	138
grounds and farms	47		60	8		7	122
On light duties and females	39	20	22	1	3	í	£6
On Prison indus- tries On New Prison Buildings (including stone and concrete	307	116	71			••	494
work) On payment By Government Departments	150 109	 19	23 48	21 21	 44	3	194 244
(free of charge)	84	21	184	9	37	19	354
TOTAL	786	211	435	71	87	42	1,632

In the smaller prisons, prisoners are usually employed on prison domestic duties, on prison farms, and on general township conservancy work.

Excluding prison domestic service and labour on prison industries and farms, the employers of convict labour without payment during 1932 were :---

		Units
District Officers	••	99,631
Public Works Department		11,551
Various Government Departments	••	45,911
Government House (Nairobi and Mombasa)		9,845
M. O. H. and Township	••	24,865
New Prison Buildings	••	27,637
Murram digging	••	42,829
Total		262,269
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IV.-CLASSIFICATION.

The present system of classification differentiates 30. first offenders from recidivists and juveniles from adults.

Further divisions separate the prisoners according to the length of their sentences into short term, medium term and long term.

Distinguishing marks are worn upon the clothing which show at a glance the particular category to which a prisoner belongs.

Every effort is made to segregate the different categories but under existing conditions it is not possible in practice to effect such a complete separation as is desirable, especially during working hours.

The following table which refers only to the three main prisons, shows the classified distribution :---

	First Offenders	Recidivists	Total	Juveniles
Short Term (6 months or less)	200 .	151	351	
Medium Term (Over 6 months but under 3 years)	344	250	594	56
Long Term (3 years and over)	335	230	565	
Total daily average in three main prisons	879	631	1,510	56
			1,5	666

V.-EXPENDITURE.

In Appendix IV will be found a statement showing Total 31. the total expenditure of the Prisons Department in 1932 as expenditure. compared with the previous year.

(Appendix IV.)

The total expenditure of the Prisons Department for 1932, excluding Raw Materials and Tools and Plant, Prison Industries, was £41,152, which, divided by a daily average prison

population of 2,642, plus an average daily population in detention camps of 1,079, making a total of 3,721, gives a gross cost per head of $\pounds 11/1/2$, the lowest figure on record.

YEAR	Daily average in Prison and Detention	Cost per Head
1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932	2,135 2,243 2,606 2,579 2,646 2,953 3,306 3,721	£ 16 13 00 16 15 00 15 0 00 15 14 00 17 1 00 15 2 00 12 13 00 11 1 00

The figures for the past eight years are shown below :---

The daily average cost per head of feeding prisoners dropped from Cents 18 in 1931 to Cents 17 in 1932.

VI.-HEALTH.

32. The improvement in the general health of prisoners shown in 1931 was maintained in 1932, and the total number of deaths fell from 56 to 33.

A comparison of health statistics in 1932 with the four preceding years is shown below :---

	YEAR Daily Average in Prison 2,642 2,508 2,380 2,328		Admis- sions to Hospital	Daily Average on Sick List	Per cent of total Inmates	Deaths		
1932		••	2,642	1,882	93	3.5	33	
1931			2,508	1,612	90	3.6	56	
1930		••	2,380	1,729	95	4.0	29	
1929		• •	2,328	1,671	81	3.5	83	
1928	••	••	2,368	2,202	98	4.1	82	

33. The thirty-three deaths were from natural causes, and were due to the following diseases :---

		Nairobi Prison	All other Prisons	Total
Pneumonia Tuberculosis Dysentery etc. Other Diseases	 	5 2 1 2	8 2 1 12	13 4 2 14
TOTAL	••	10	23	33

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Of the above, seven were certified lunatics.

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In addition, twenty-two convicts were executed-seventeen at Nairobi and five at Kisumu.

Prisoners are weighed weekly, and the following is 34. an analysis of 5,564 prisoners in the six largest prisons during 1932 :---

Prisone	
weight	records.

LONG-TERM PRISONERS.			
Increased in weight—an average of 7.7 lb. each	••		1,170
Decreased in weight-an average of 3.9 lb. each	• •		462
No change	••	•••	438
NET GAIN-3.5 lb. each. Total Prisoners	••	•••	2,070
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SHORT-TERM PRISONERS.			
Increased in weight-an average of 4.8 lb. each			1,401
Decreased in weight-an average of 4.6 lb. each	••		837
No change	••	••	1,256
NET GAIN-0-8 lb. each Total Prisoners	••	•••	3,494
	••		0,17

1932. Total 5,564 prisoners—Net gain 1.8 lb. each 1931. Total 4,456 prisoners—Net gain 11 lb. each 1930. Total 4,674 prisoners—Net gain 1 lb. each 1929. Total 3,841 prisoners—Net gain over 11 lb. each

35. There was a large increase in 1932, compared with Vagrants. previous years, in the number of persons committed to houses of detention for vagrancy, the total being as follows :---

(Appendix V.)

Europeans Asiatics	1932 11 14 1,053	1931 15 11 51 851	1930 32 17 15 258 273	1929 18 6 112
TOTAL	1,078	877	322	136

Of the eleven male (including two remaining from 1931) one female and one juvenile European vagrants, employment was found for two, whilst six were repatriated at Government expense, three were handed over to friends and two to the Salvation Army. None remained at the end of the year.

Of the sixteen (including two remaining from 1931) Asian vagrants, fifteen males and one female, employment was found for one, whilst four were repatriated at Government expense, one was repatriated by friends, three were handed over to friends, one was sent to a lunatic asylum and six remained at the end of the year.

Of the 1,078 (including twenty-five remaining from 1931) African vagrants, employment was found for 230, whilst 190 were repatriated at Government expense, twelve were handed over to friends, 601 were returned to their reserves, one was sent to a lunatic asylum, two died, seventeen escaped and twenty-five remained at the end of the year.

VIII.-GENERAL.

European staff,

36. On the 19th November, Mr. C. E. Spencer, I.S.O., proceeded on leave pending retirement after forty-one years' Colonial Service and nine years as Commissioner of Kenya Prisons. After a farewell parade of the Nairobi Prison Staff Mr. Spencer was presented by the European and Asian Staff of the Department, as a small token of their esteem, with an electric standard lamp made of East African timber in the prison workshops.

The following is quoted from the Annual Report of an Administrative Officer : "The retirement of the Commissioner of Prisons at the end of the year will, I feel sure, be a cause of general regret among Administrative officers in charge of prisons, who will long remember his charming and courteous personality and help ".

37. In 1931 a system of periodical review of all sentences, including commuted death sentences, of ten years and over, was instituted by direction of His Excellency the Governor. All such sentences are brought up for review by His Excellency at intervals of five years during the currency of the sentence, and a complete report together with the recommendations of the Commissioner of Prisons is submitted in each case. It was decided at the same time that, subject to the provisions of sections 41 and 42 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1930, commuted, death sentences should be subject to normal release on licence as well as to ordinary remission for good conduct.

Up to the end of 1932 the cases of twenty-nine convicts had been submitted for review. Of these :---

Seventeen convicts were promised accelerated release subject to continued good behaviour.

Periodical review of sentences.

The cases of twelve convicts were deferred for reconsideration at a later date.

During the year one convict was released under this scheme after serving fifteen years of his sentence of twenty-two years.

A convict on being informed that the Governor has approved of his accelerated release, subject to his continued good behaviour, on a date which is specified at the time, is issued with a red cloth star which is worn on the right breast of the clothing during the remainder of his sentence. adverse report on a "star" convict's subsequent conduct results in the forfeiture of his star and the cancellation of the promise of accelerated release.

It is as yet early to say how far this scheme will affect the general conduct of long-term prisoners. Those who are " bad prisoners " will probably remain so; but it gives hope and something to live and work for to the "good prisoner" who has long years of his sentence still to serve. As is well known to prison officers generally, however, a good prisoner is not necessarily a good citizen after release.

Bernard Shaw has said : " Nothing can kill the Recreation for 38. passion for crime except the passion for something more whole- Africans. some ". There is little reason to doubt that every European who interests himself in football and sports for Africans is helping, more than a little, to keep down crime and the population of the prisons.

As stated elsewhere in this report the average warder at one of the larger prisons works from ten to twelve hours a day, and yet Nairobi Prison has its football team which competes with fair success in many local matches. This prison also contributed a number of entries for the District Sports held in November, a few of which found their way into the Olympic Sports in December. Prison officers who devote a considerable portion of their spare time in organizing and training the warder staff football and sports teams are deserving of commendation. Organized games are a feature of the recruits training course.

It is a debatable point whether African prisoners should be permitted and encouraged, say at the week-ends, to play football. Idleness in prison leads to trouble. A larger number of prisoners appear before the Superintendent for adjudication on Monday morning than on any other day of the week. With

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Justices.

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this in view physical training and organized games were introduced towards the end of the year for juvenile convicts in Nairobi Prison. If this experiment proves successful it may be extended to include football at some future date.

Rewards and fines fund. 39. The Prison Rewards and Fines Fund was credited with the sum of Sh. 497/04 being the total of fines imposed on warders during the year for breaches of discipline. Grants from the fund totalling Sh. 891/18 were made, leaving a credit balance in the fund at the end of the year of Sh. 7,917/49. The grants made from the fund were chiefly for footballs, football and athletic clothing, educational books and materials for the warders' evening classes.

Depot school. 40. The engagement of an African teacher at the end of 1931 for the Prisons Depot has proved a success. The recruits are divided into three sections for all training, and each section attends school for one hour daily, where reading, writing, simple arithmetic and a little geography are taught. In the afternoons the teacher takes sections in baton drill and musketry instruction and assists in the supervision of organized games. In the evenings he holds voluntary classes in the school. These classes are well attended by the Prison N.C.O.'s and warders, many of whom exhibit a surprising keenness to educate themselves in spite of long hours on duty in the Prison and with outside parties.

41. At the three first-class prisons visits by Visiting Justices are frequent and regular. At the second-class prisons such visits are somewhat spasmodic, while at the majority of the third-class prisons a visit from a Visiting Justice is a rare occurrence. The remarks made in the Visiting Justices' Book are of great value to Departmental Headquarters, as aspects of prison administration are often observed by these occasional visitors which escape the attention of a prison Superintendent who is in and out of the prison daily. The observations of Visiting Justices are forwarded, as a matter of routine, to Headquarters in every case, and action is often taken upon them. The remarks of Lady Visiting Justices are of particulár assistance in a service where there are no European Matrons and all the permanent female warders are Africans.

42. A Prison Officers' Library was started during the year to enable officers to study the theory of their profession and benefit by the experiences of others. Books are kept at Headquarters and are available to officers in any part of the

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country. Until this innovation many officers seemed to be unaware of the absorbingly interesting literature to be had on the subject of penology.

43. Mombasa Prison is situated in the Old Fort Jesus Visits by built by the Portuguese. The interior of the Prison contains much of historical interest and some fine examples of old Prison. Arab carving and Arabic inscriptions. Formerly, sightseers were shown round the Fort by the Superintendent or Chief Officer at all hours of the day; this seriously interfered with the work of these officers. Instructions have now been issued that the Prison is open to sightseers only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., and a notice to this effect has been placed outside the main gate. During the year 670 visitors were conducted over the Fort by the two European prison officers quartered there.

44. All prisons except Kipini and Lamu were inspected by the Commissioner of Prisons during the year, the number of inspections totalling 56.

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Inspections.

J. L. WILLCOCKS, Acting Commissioner of Prisons.

Nairobi,

7th April, 1933.

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APPENDIX I.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PRISONS OF KENYA FOR 1932

· •· ··	suos	Num	ber com	nitted	pr	evious	ly			f perscr mprisc	nment			List	ions)
PRISONS	Total number of persons committed in 1932	For dubt	For aafe custody (including discharged, detention, and trans- forred Lunatics)	For Imprisonment	Once	Twice	Thrice or more	5 years or more	1 to 5 years	Over 3 months but less than one year	Three months or less (includes catting only)	Daily Average in Prison	Admissions to Hospital	Daily Average on Sick]	Dentlis (excluding executions)
Nairobi Mombasa Kisumu Eldoret Nakuru	1,609 1,416 1,567 6 ⁵ 1 931	41 172 3	826 311 701 225 495	742 933 853 426 429	139 160 195 53 40	92 55 51 25 9	145 109 48 16 15	18 10 20 11 1	55 47 135 70 54	186 130 101 108 73	482 746 607 237 300	936 266 430 119 125	1,003 215 160 51 30	60 7 8 2 1	10 6 12 2
Nyeri Eldama Ravin Embu Fort Hall . Kakamega .	. 534 188 . 151 . 385 . 637	1	292 55 105 254 332	241 133 46 131 305	27 6 4 8	6 3 2 1	23 1 1 5 	4	19 5 3 2 26	67 32 25 22 64	151 96 18 107 214	66 25 11 29 56	6 .1 20	1 1 1	 1
Kapsabet . Kericho . Kiambu . Kilifi .	189 338 526 967 414	 i ii	97 169 201 590 283	92 169 324 377 120		4 8 15	 7 11	4 23 3	2 42 83 20 4	10 23 70 88 19	80 100 148 266 97	13 30 65 41 24	1 136 114	2	1 1
Kitale	. 112 490 1,000 225 253	1	55 219 792 117 86	56 271 208 108 167	1 3 3 14	 5 2 3		5 2 	2 43 31 1 4	10 90 92 37 23	44 133 83 70 140	16 75 67 29 23	37 2	2 4 	
Malindi . Maisabit .	. 163 . 565 . 122 . 60 . 190	25 1 10 1	103 341 56 8 92	32 223 56 51 98	1 3 2 3 2	84	1 7 		io 2 ii	9 84 22 10 35	23 129 31 41 52	12 42 19 9 29	69 17	1 1 2	
Thika	439 128 260 627 171	i 	297 81 176 506 110	142 46 84 121 61		1 2 5 1	3 1 3 10 2	4	23 23 4 12 6	51 10 27 3 10	68 9 53 105 45	31 11 17 16 11	5 7	•••	
TOTAL .	., 15,308	279	7,975	7,054	712	305	411	103	739	1,531	4,676	2,642	1,882	93	33
	. 14,542 . 367 . 399	276 3 	7,800 133 42	6,466 231 357		283 3 19	390 3 18	102	711 4 24	1,501 24 6	4,152 203 321				

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APPENDIX II.

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TABLE SHOWING DAILY AVERAGE POPULATION OF THE VARIOUS PRISONS IN KENYA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Pris	ON		1923	1929	1930	1931	1932
Nairobi Mombasa Kisumu Eldoret Nakuru	••• •• ••	••• ••• •••	830 275 295 83 106	828 221 281 92 126	913 225 296 74 107	879 248 381 103 93	936 266 430 119 125
Nyeri Eldama Ravine Embu Fort Hall Kakamega	•••	• · · • · • ·	63 15 16 52 50	79 27 16 48 39	58 23 14 47 71	78 23 8 32 78	66 25 11 29 56
Kapenguria Kapsabet Kericho Kyambu Kilifi	 	 	24 16 27 29 21	24 11 28 40 20	3 9 47 46 19	5 16 42 40 27	13 30 65 41 24
Kipini Kisii Kitale Kitui Kwale	• • • • • •	 	16 62 66 31 13	6 58 83 45 18	7 63 44 49 20	33 74 47 40 20	16 75 67 29 23
Lamu Machakos Malindi Marsabit Meru	••• •• ••	 	17 18 28 48	14 48 19 47	22 50 17 24	15 44 19 6 32	12 42 18 9 29
Naivasha Narok Rumuruti Thika Voi Special Prisons	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	29 20 25 13 80	28 21 21 12 46	23 19 30 46 14 	29 15 30 24 27 	31 11 17 16 11
Ungazettee lock-ups		 and	2,368	2,328 54	2,380 47	2,508	2,642
	•• 、	••	2,368	2,382	2,427	2,562	2,694

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APPENDIX III.

STATEMENT SHOWING OFFENCES FOR WHICH PRISONERS WERE COMMITTED TO SERVE SENTENCES DURING 1932

Class	Offences for which Received	Imprisonmen
	PENAL CODE.	
I.	Order and Administration of Lawful Authority	356
II,	Offences injurious to Public in general	159
III.	Offences against the Person	622
IV,	Offences relating to Property	3,105
v.	Forgery, Coining, etc	45
VI.	Attempts and Conspiracies to commit crimes	16
	TOTAL UNDER PENAL CODES	4 303
	LOCAL ORDINANCES.	
	1. Native Authority	465
	2. Hut and Poll Tax	627
	3. Liquor Ordinances	117
	4. Employment of Natives	169
	5. Opiates	114
	6. Native Registration.	165
	7. Various	1,094
	TOTAL UNDER LOCAL ORDINANCES	2,751
	GRAND TCTAL OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO	
	PENAL IMPRISONMENT	7 054

APPENDIX IV.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR YEARS 1931 AND 1932.

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			-	1932	1931	Increase	Decrease
				£	£	£	£
Personal Emolu	ments .		·••	22,895	22,630	265	••
Warders' Unifo	orms .			842	1,272		430
Prisoners' Food	l			8,320	9,979		1,659
Detainees' Food	i			1,993	••	1,993	
Prisoners' Cloth	ing and	Bedding		2,032	2,401		369
Detainees' Clot				37		37	
Local Travellin		•		1,858	2,138		280
Travelling Allo				-,	42		42
Passages				499	597		98
Stores				1,161	1,167		6
Contingencies				451	464		13
Water Rates				593	585	8	
Gratuities to I			-	6	17		
Photographs	-			18.	20	1	2
Telephones	•• •	• ••		133	115		-
Telegrams	•• •		••	8	113	10	
	•• •		••	306	378	••	72
Electric Light	•• •	• ••	•••	200	3/8		12
		TOTALS	£	41.152	41.817	Net decrea	se £.665

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APPENDIX V.

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KENYA PRISONS, VAGRANCY ORDINANCE (No. 9 OF 1920). STATISTICAL RETURN OF THE HOUSES OF DETENTION OF KENYA COLONY AND PROTECTORATE FOR 1932

	y of	1932			Hov	V Dis	POSEI	OF			y of	
NATIONALITY	Remaining on last day of year 1931	Total committed in 19	Found work	Repatriated at Govt. expense	Repatriated by frie- nds or relatives	Handed over to friends	Returned to reserve	Sent to Lunatic Asylum	Handed over to Salvation Army	Otherwise	Remaining on last day of year 1932	Remarks
EUROPEAN- Men Women Juveniles	. 2	9 1 1	2 	6 	•••	3	•••	••	1	••		
Women	. 1	14	1	4	1	3	•••		••	 	6	
NATIVES OF KENYA								1				
Transmiller	. 14 . 1	794 3 	28 	163 		4	597 3	1	 	*11 *1	4	*Escaped *Died
Tummilan	9 	253 1 2	201 1	26 1		8	1	••	••	*5 *1 *1	21	*Escaped *Died *Escaped
	29	1,078	233	200	1	18	601	2	2	19	31	

(All Prisons and Detention Camps Combined)

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PART II

Kenya Detention Camps Annual Report

During 1932 there were thirty-four detention camps in operation; a new camp at Baumo being opened on 27th Sep-1 tember, 1932.

Committals. (Appendix A.) 2. There was again a large increase in sentences of detention, the total for the year being 16,234, as against 12,977 in 1931, an increase of 25 per cent. Appendix A shows at which places these 16,234 committals occurred and the sentences imposed. Thus, for the first time, the number of committals to detention exceeded the total number of committals to prison.

3. Sentences of detention are usually imposed in default of payment of fine, and it frequently happens that the fine or a part thereof is paid, enabling the detainee to be released.

4. The following table shows the enactments for breaches of which sentences of detention were passed in 1932 :---

ORDINANCE	1	Numb Sentend Detent	ces to
	· <u> </u>	1932	1931
Hut and Poll Tax		3,719	2,035
Townships		2,457	2,054
Native Registration		1,484	1,492
Native Authority		1,449	1,416
Vagrancy		1,002	800
Native Liquor and Liquor		789	586
Employment of Natives		651	712
Trespass		612	436
Resident Native Labourers		491	416
Native Passes		403	279
Outlying Districts		297	231
Diseases of Animals		283	208
Game		150	275
Opiates		179	732
Various		882	155
Penal Code		1,386	1,150
TOTAL		16,234	12,977

Detention instead of imprisonment. (Appendix B.) 5. Although during 1932 detention was so largely used as a punishment for contraventions of local Ordinances, sentences of imprisonment for such offences were still numerous, totalling 2,751 during the twelve months.

Daily average number in detention. (Appendix C.) 6. The daily average number of persons in detention in 1932 was 1,079, as against 798 in 1931. At the beginning of the year the number was about 900, but rose to over 1,200 before the end of 1932.

7. Of the 16,234 persons committed to detention during Escapes. 1932, 172 absconded, of whom fifty-eight have been recaptured. These escapes occurred at the following places : Meru, twentyeight; Nairobi, twenty-two; Kisumu, eighteen; Mombasa, seventeen; Kakamega, fourteen; Kitale, ten; Kiambu and Kilifi, nine each; Eldoret, Nakuru and Nyeri, five each; Keruguya and Kwale, four each; Fort Hall, Kisii, Kapenguria and Voi. three each; Thika and Baumo, two each; Kapsabet, Kajiado, Kericho, Kitui, Machakos and Narok, one each.

The fifty-nine detainees who escaped and were recaptured were prosecuted for escape from lawful custody and sentenced to imprisonment for an average period of nearly two-and-a-half months.

There is practically nothing, except the fear of further punishment if recaptured, to prevent the escapes of detainees while at work. In most cases no blame can be attached to the overseer who may be responsible for as many as sixty detainees spread about in several working parties. In fact, in the circumstances, it seems surprising that half the detention camp population does not simply walk away. It is unfortunately generally the worst characters and those serving the longer terms of detention who escape, only about one-third of whom are recaptured.

As the only existing deterrent to escape is the probability of imprisonment on recapture, it seems that an average period of two-and-a-half months' imprisonment to which the fiftynine recaptured escapees were sentenced during the year is a very light punishment and one which must make the chances of getting away altogether appear to be worth the risk. Heavier sentences for this offence might have a salutary effect on detainees in general.

At the time of writing measures for augmenting the Overseer Staff of some of the larger Detention Camps by a few Detention Camp Warders are under consideration.

The general health of inmates of detention camps Health. · 8. appears to have been good. It will be seen from Appendix C (Appendix C., that for all the camps combined the daily average on the sick list was 25.86, giving a daily sick rate of 2.40 per cent, as against a sick rate in 1931 of 2.16 per cent.

Thirteen deaths occured in 1932 : four at Kisumu, two at Nairobi, and one each at Eldama Ravine, Fort Hall, Kakamega, Kitale, Lamu, Machakos and Meru. Ten of these deaths were due to pneumonia.

9. The scale of diet adopted for detainees was laid down in the Rules dated 28th May, 1926, and is practically identical

with the dietary for short-term prisoners which was in force in all prisons from 1918 to 1925. The average cost of this diet in 1932 was Cents 10 a head per diem, or Sh. 37 per annum, as compared with Cents 11 a day, or Sh. 40 per annum, in 1931.

Employment.

10. In 1932, with a daily average population of 1,079, less an average of twenty-six sick, and reckoning 300 working days at only Cents 30 a day, the value of detainees' labour amounted to just over $\pounds 4,790$.

Except at Nairobi, where £152 was credited to Prison Industries for use of detainee labour by the Municipality, no payment was made by anyone utilizing the labour of the detainees. They were mainly employed as station hands, and their employment in this capacity no doubt enabled the Provincial Administration to reduce considerably the votes for station hands.

Expenditure.

11. The cost of feeding a daily average of 1,079 detainees throughout the year was £1,993, equivalent to Cents 10 a day. A sum of £544 was expended on wages of overseers. Other charges, for bedding, equipment, etc., amounted to £161, so that the total expenditure was £2,698. Against this may be set the value of detainees' labour, assessed at £4,791 (see paragraph 10 above).

Inspections.

12. The Ordinance provides that detention camps shall be under the control and direction of the Commissioner of Prisons, and in furtherance of this provision inspections of thirty-two camps were carried out by the Commissioner of Prisons during 1932. A comprehensive form of inspection report has been adopted for detention camps, similar to that in use for inspections of prisons.

13. The number of native vagrants received into detention camps during 1932 reached the high total of 1,002.

Whether a native vagrant shall be confined in a prison or a detontion camp is at the discretion of the committing magistrate. Many vagrants sent to detention camps have undergone previous sentences of imprisonment. In one case a vagrant with seventeen previous convictions totalling eight years' imprisonment was an inmate of a detention camp for six weeks.

The prevention of contamination in such circumstances becomes impossible.

J. L. WILLCOCKS. Acting Commissioner of Prisons.

Nairobi, 7th April, 1933.

Detention of vagrants.

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APPENDIX A

KENYA DETENTION CAMPS, 1932

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	mitted 1932	SENTENCES OF DETENTION					
NAME OF CA	MP	Total number committed to detention in 1932	6 months or less but over 5	5 months or less but over 2	2 months or less but over 1	1 month or less	
Nairobi Mombasa Nakuru Eldoret Kisumu	•••	2,120 1,472 1,309 1,180 1,147	2 1 1 2	44 9 36 36 64	59 8 43 41 96	2,015 1,454 1,230 1,102 985	
Kitale Kiambu Kilifi Kakamega Kitui	 	893 715 645 576 522	2 5 3 1	131 37 60 33 37	75 79 219 170 361	685 594 366 370 123	
Kisii Machakos Fort Hall Naivasha Kericho	••• •• ••	517 443 370 359 337	2	39 80 3 16 23	128 132 136 13 114	348 231 231 330 194	
Tambach Thika Baumo Meru Keruguya	••• •• ••	327 320 317 300 285	 1	113 .79 107	116 4 247 70 10	98 316 70 151 167	
Kapsabet Rumuruti Nyeri Kwale Malindi	• • • • • •	270 261 244 207 170	 3 	14 12 18 21	58 69 30 96 42	198 192 199 93 107	
Kapenguria Eldama Ravine Narok Kajiado Ngong	•• •• ••	147 134 119 101 99	 1 2 1	3 5 12 30 9	69 33 63 18 17	75 95 44 51 72	
Lamu Voi Kabarnet Embu	•••	95 91 79 63	 1 1	82 3 10 8	3 11 48 31	10 76 21 23	
TOTAL	•••	16,234	35	1,174	2,709	12,316	

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APPENDIX B

KENYA DETENTION CAMPS OFFENCES AGAINST LOCAL ORDINANCES-1932 COMPARED WITH

1931

Ordinance	1932 Sentences Awarded	1931 Sentences Awarded
Townships	2,457	2,054
Hut and Poll Tax	3,719	2,035
Native Registration	1,484	1,492
Native Authority	1,449	1,416
Employment of Natives	651	712
Liquor	789	586
Opiates	179	155
Various	4,120	3,377
Total under Local Ordinances	14,848	11,827
Under Penal Codes	1,386	1,150
GRAND TOTAL	16,234	12,977

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APPENDIX C

DETENTION CAMPS, 1932 DAILY AVERAGE POPULATION AND SICK RATE

Самр	·	Daily Average in Detention	Daily Average Sick
Baumo Nairobi Kakamega Kitale Kilifi	•	113* 71 62 60 58	5-23* 2 53 2 01 3 63 0-61
Kisumu Kitu Kyambu Kisii Mombasa		52 50 44 43 43	1.35 0.56 0.20 0.36 0.75
Meru Nakuru Tambach Eldoret Machakos	•	42 42 41 39	2 56 0-14 0-02 1-81 0-58
Kericho Fort Hall Kwale Maurdi Kapsabet	•	27 26 22 21 19	0 90 0·72 0·19 0·22
Keruguya Naivasha Lamu Nyeri Thika	•	17 16 14 14 14	0.77 0.06
Kajiado Rumuruti Kabarnet Narok Kapenguria		13 13 12 12 9	0 01 0 06 0 24 0 18
Ngong Embu Eldama Ravine Voi	•	9 8 6 5	0 15 0.02
TOTAL .	•	1,079	25.86=2.40%

*October, November and December only.