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## ON TIIE

## POLICE OF THE TOWN AND ISLAND OF BOMIBAY, FOR 1899.

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: From
TIIE COMMISSIONER or POLICE,
Bumbay;
To
The SECRETARY tu GOVERNMENT, Judicial Department, - J3ombay. Police Commissioncr's Office, Bombay, 12th May 1900.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit herowith the Annual Police Report for the Town and Island of Bombay for the year 1809.
2. In conformity with the instructions contained in Government lesoliction, Judicial Department, No. 4075, dated the 14th July 1856, I forwarded the report to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and beg to attach hereto, for the information of Government, a copy of letter No. 845, dated 0th May 1000, from that officer.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,
> Your most obedient servant, H. KE.NNEDY, Commiss:oner of Police.

No. 845 of 1900.
From

> J. SANDERS SLATER, EsQ.,
> Chief Presidency Magistrate, and Revenue Judge ;

To
TIE COMMISSIONER of POLICE,

## Bombay.

> Chief Presidency Magislrale's Cuurt, Bombay, 9/h Nay 1900.

## Sin,

I have the honour to return herewith, with thanks, the Annual Roport on the working of the Bombay City Police for the year 1899, forwarded to me with your letter No. $\frac{4119}{7}$, dated the 4th instant. I should like to remark, with reference- to paragraph 61 of your report, that in many cases the Magistrates cannot do more than inflict very triting penalties. Where professional ablebodied beggars are concerned, I have no lesitation iu inflicting a s.ntence of imprisonment, but it scems harsh to do so in cases where tho halt, maimed, arnd blind are concerned, unless such people have thrust their allictions (as frequent. ly is the case) upon passers-by. I do not consider that persons so afllicted, wh, $\pm 235-1$
simply sit by the road-side, should be committed to prison for their inoffensive appeals for aid; but there are many who infest the roads and thrust a hideous deformity or the stump of an amputated limb upon the notice of all who approach, and who follow carriages, tram-cars or foot-passengers with an insistency which proclaims their ability to do some manual labour. Those I think are proper subjects for imprisument. Again, frequently children of very tender age are arrested for begging, and I think it very inadvisable to send children to prison, even for a few days, but it is indeed difficult to know what to do with them.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the good feeling and harmony which continues to prevail between the Presidency Magistrates and the l'olice.

I have, \&c.,<br>(Signed) J. SANDERS SLATER,<br>Chief Presidency Magistrate, and Revenue Judjo. (True copy)

H. KENNEDY,

Commissioner of Police.

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\text { No. } \frac{62 \cdot 5}{7} \text { of } 1900 .
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From

> II. KENNEDY, EsQ.,
> Commissioner of Police, Bombay ;

To, W. T. MORISON, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to Government, .Judicial Department, Bombay.

Police Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 12th May 1000.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Roport on the working of the Bombay City Police for the year 1899.
2. I took charge of the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, on the 9 th of January 1899 from Mr. R. H. Vincent, O.I.E., who retired on pinsion from that date. Mr. Herbert George Gell was in charge of the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, throughout the year.
3. In accordance with the instructions contained in Government Rosolution No. 8720, dated the 16 th December 1896, in the Judicial Department, the following Statemints are apponded :-

> (a)-Statements furnished by the Chief Presidency Mayistrate.

Statements A-I and A-II; Statements B-I and B-II, and Statement C (furnished in accordance with Government Rosolution, Judicial Department, No. 387, dated the 9th January 1899) ; and

> (b)-Pulice Statements.

Statements A-III and A-IV, and Statements C, D, E, F and G; as also the following extra local Statement-

Coroner's Inquests.
4. The submission of the Supplementary Statement No. I has been discontinued in accordance with the orders contained in Governmont Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 936, dated the 7th F'ebruary 1900.

## Carme.

5. There were 34,669 cognizable offences during the year, of which 30,732 were reported to the Police and 3,937 to the Magistrates direct. There were also 30 pending cases from the provious year, making a total of 31,699 cases for the year. Thus there is an increase of 7,092 as compared with tho figures for 1898, and an increase of 4,001 as compared with the average of the last three years. The causes of this increase and the fluctuations contributin: thereto will be dealt with hercafter.
6. The following table shows broadly the details of reported crime, including Magisterial cases for 1808 and 1890, under cach class comparatively :-

| Offences. |  |  | 1898. | 1899. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Murders <br> Attempts at murder and culpable homicide $\quad \cdots$ <br> ... |  |  | 9 | 10 |
|  |  |  | 8 | 6 |
| Dacoitics | ... | ... | 1 | 3 |
| Iobberics | ... | ... | 25 | 20 |
| IIouse-breaking | ... | ... | 344 | 373 |
| Thefts ... | ... | ... | 2,587 | 2,632 |
| Recoiving stolen property |  |  | 76 | 85 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Class } \frac{I}{} \\ \text { "II } \\ \text { "I II } \\ " \text { IV } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | 65 | 29 |
|  | ... |  | 447 | 526 |
|  | ..' | ... | 380 | 439 |
|  | ... | ... | 66 | 50 |
|  | ... |  | 3,103 | 3,269 |
|  | Tota | ges | 4,077 | 4,313 |
| Class VI <br> Miscellaneous |  |  | 340 | 483 |
|  |  |  | 22,266 | [9,873 |
| 'L'otal Class VI, aud Miscellaneous |  |  | 22,606 | 30,356 |
| Grand Total |  |  | 26,683 | 34,669 |

7. It will be observed that the net increase of about 8,000 cases this year is due almost entirely to miscellaneous or petty offences falling under Local Acts.

## Pending Cases.

8. There were 22 Police cases pending at the end of the year as compared with 28 at the end of the previous year. There were also 23 Magistrates' cases pending at the ond of the year as compared with two in 1898.
9. The number under each head is small and not worthy of comment, especially as there were no cases of long standing among them.
10. The subjoined statement shows under what classes the increase and decreaso of Police reported crime fall as compared with last year :-

11. In a similar manner the following statement shows the increase and docrease in Magisterial cases:-

|  | Clanes. |  |  | 1898. |  | 1899. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class I ... . ... |  |  |  | 338 |  $\begin{array}{r}2 \\ \mathbf{3 6}\end{array}$ |  |
| , II | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |
| n III | ... |  |  | $\cdots{ }^{\text {- }} 12$ | 21 |  |
| " IV | ... ... -... |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% V |  | $\ldots$ | ... | 12 194 | 205 |  |
| $\because$ VI |  | ... | ... | 65 |  | 50 |
| Miscollancous | ... | ... | ... | 3,736 |  | 3,623 |

12. As will be scen, there is a general increase in the number of Police cases, that under the head of Miscellaneous offences alone amounting to ncurly 10,000 cases ; on the other hand there is a decrease of nearly 2,000 nungisterial cases under the same head. The fall under tho latter is not easily accounted for, except under the supposition that it may be attributed to the large increase in Police cases of this kind, and the latter is not unnatural when it is considered that such offences are mostly street offences committed within view of the lolice, which having been taken up more largely by the lolice, left less scope for complaints to be made to the Magistrates.
13. The variations under some of the heads of Indian Penal Codo Police cases, though noticeable, are not such as to require special remarks, but the general increase in such cases may be attributed partly to the incidenco of famine towards the close of the yoar, and partly to greater facilities alforded each year for committing crime owing to the temporary migration of the popilation to suburban camps on account of the plague.
14. Under the head of miscellaneous offences and offences falling under Class VI, the increase is undoubtedly due to greater activity on tho part of the .Police in taking.up street offences." In a large and populous city there is of course great scope for Police action in such cases. Their number is controlled entirely by the way in which Magistrates deal ${ }^{2}$ with them and the capabilities of the Police in taking cognizance of them by the numerical strongth of the force. The large number of such cases taken up by the Police is no criterion of what could be done if I luad a larger force to deal with them. . There are many such caşes which escape attention for want of men.

- 15. A great deal might be done to. checi. the prevalence of such petty offences if more substantial, punishments were inflicted, but the latter are generally so light, even for repeated offences, that they make no impression and have no deterrent effect. I have already drawn the attention of the Chief. Presidency Magistrate to this matter, but it seems that the views of some o! the Magistrates are not calculated to bring about any diminution in the number of such offences. It may be a question of policy as to whether sevority in the ' matter of punishment should be exercised in such petty cases, but then it must also be a question of expediency as to whether the Police should waste so mucl: time in prosecuting for these offences when prosecution has so little effuct. .


## Police Cognizable Cáses, all Classes, including undetected $\therefore \quad \because \because \quad$ AND ExCLLDED Cases.

16. The number of cases of all descriptions taken up by tho Polico under the above was 30,732 , and there were 28 cases pending from the previous ycar, making a total of 30,760 , of which, 28,495 ended in conviction, giving a per-- centage of $92 \cdot 63$, as compared with 88.65 for last ycar, and an average of 00.61 . for the last-3'yoars.
17. The actual nuniber of cases reported is 10,000 in excess of last ycar and 6,000 in excess of the last 3. years' average.
(a)-Penal Code.
18. Of the offences dealt with in the foregoing piaragraph, 4,053 fell under the Indian Penal Code, including 4 p mding cases of last year, and 2,586 of them resulted in conviction, giving a percentage of $63 \cdot 80$, as compared with $62 \cdot 37$ last year and the 3 years' average of $62 \cdot 8.1$.

There has been an increase of about 200 cases under the Indian Penal Code as compared with former years, which will be explained further on.

## (b)-Class VI and Miscellaneous.

19. There were 26,707 offences of this nature, including 24 of the former year, and 25,909 of these ended in conviction, or a percentage of 07.01 , as against 94.65 last year, the arerage percentage for the last 3 years being 95.74.
20. The number of such cases taken up in 1898 was 16,810 and the average for the last 3 years is $20,7 \mathrm{C9}$, so tlat the year under report shows the
very large increase of nearly 10,000 cases as compared with 1898 and about 6,000 aliove the average of the past 3 years. I have in another paragraph explained gencrally the reason for this increase which will be referred to in detail later on in the report.

## Excluded cases roith details.

21. I gire below the details of excluded cases:-

|  | Heale of Crimen | Malicional false. | Filse malice | Totail. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | IIurt by dangerous weapon . ... ... ... | 1 | 2 | $3:$ |
| 21 | Kidnapping or abduction ... ... .... ... ... |  | $1 ;$ |  |
| $3: 3$ | Robbery on the lighway between sunset and sunrise' | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 36 | Lurking house-treespase or house-breaking. ... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 40 | Wrongfil ristraint or confinement ... |  | 1 |  |
| 14 | Theft (ordinary) ... ... ... :. | 24 | 27 | $\therefore 51$ |
| 4.5 | Criminal breach of trust ... | 1. | 4 | $\bullet .5$ |
| 17 | Criminal or house-trespass ... '... $\cdot$. ... ... ... |  | 1 | 1 |
|  |  | ; 31 | $\because 39$ | 70. |

22. It will be secn that all these cases twere decided to be false and 31 of them to be maliciously false. Of the latter, 23 were decided by Magistrates to he vexatious complaints, and under Section 553, C. P. C., compensation was awarded to the accused in sums ranging from Rs. 6 to Rs. 45. Thers is a tendency on the part of Magistrates not to make use largely of the section abovo quoted, but to leave the accused to his own remedy, which, of ten results in his not taking the trouble to prosecute the complainant.
23. That so small a number of cases out of so large a total placed before the Courts should have bcen declared to be false speaks well for the discrimination of the Police in sending up offenders for trial. All the false and excluded cases fell under the Indian Penal Code and the proportion to the actual number dealt with undor that head is small-less than 2 per cent.
24. In 8 cases during the year the Magistrates, and in 6 cases 1 myself, sanctionod the prosccution for false complaints. Ten of the accused were convicted and 2 acquitted, while in the remaining 2 cases the accused could not be found.

## Total Real Cases.

2 J . The total number of real cases in all classes is 30,630 , ineluding 28 pending easos from the provious yenr. Of this number, 23,495 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of $92 \%$, Last year the number was 20,605 , of which 18,314 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of $88 \cdot 88$. The average number of real cases for the last 3 years is 24,553 and the percentage of convictions is 90.30 .
(a)-Penal Code.
26. The total number of real cases under the Indian Penal Code was 3,953 , of which 2,586 conded in conviction, giving a percentage of 64.92 . The number of cases for the last year was 3,789 , of which 2,396 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of $63 \cdots 23$. The average number of such cases for the last 3 years is 3,786 and the percentage of convictions 63.65 .

## (b)-Cliss VI and Miscell,neous.

27 . There were $\because 6,707$ cases undor Class VI and miscellaneous offences, including 24 pending cases from the provious year, of which 25,909 ended in conviction, giving a percentago of 9701 . The number of cases for 1898 was

16, 816 , of which 15,915 ended in conviction, giving a perentage of 9.6 .0 . Th. average number of cases for the last 3 years is 20,769 and the prrentaye of convietions 95.74.

Real and false cases and their phoporthon to cases remoritid.
28. From the foregoing paragraphs it will be seen that pract cally all th, cases reported to the Polico during the year wero real cases, there hoing only 71 false cases out of 30,732 reported, and these all under the Penal Cinle. The proportion of false cases to those reported was 1 in wery 433 . The proporion of true crime to population was as 1 to 26.77 , and that of crime to Police a $\therefore 13.79$ to 1.

## Result of trial of persons fy Classes of cases.

29. Class I.-In this class there were 27 cascs no compared with 6i2 of the previons year, showing a decrease of 35 . The decrease is noticeable chieth under ‘ Rioting or unlawful assembly,' which is accountable for 32 casev , ani is due to the fact that there were plague riots in 1595, which sent up the fifurs' for that year. There was also a decrease of 4 cases under the head of "I'rsonating a public servant', which is due to the fact that in 1898 thero were several cases of personation in connection with plarue measures. On the other hand, minor offences against the public show an increase of 4 cases only. In addition to the 27 cases of the year there was one belonging to latt yrar, miaking 28 , out of which 19 or 67.85 per cent. ended in conviction. Last je:rr, the percentage was 7741. The average number of cases and percentage of convictions during the last 3 years are 36 and 80.55 , respectively.
30. The fall in percentage this year is due principally to the waut of success in offences relating to coin, rioting or unlawiful assembly and perionating a publio servant; but the number of cases is very small, and a case or two makes all the difference. .
31. Class II.-This class shows an increase of 83 cases as compared with the figures for 1898 and 157 as compared with the average number reported for. the last 3 years. The increase falls principally under the following heads : -

| ! | Exposure of infants | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Grievous hurt - ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 11 |
|  | Hurt by dangerous weapon | ... | ... | ... | 3) |
| Against | se- there, is a decrease of - |  |  |  |  |
|  | Attempts at murder ... : | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| . | Culpable homicide ... | ... |  | ... | 1 |

32. The rise in the number of cases of exposure of infants is partly due to the famine, which had driven a large number of beggars into the city during the closing months of the year; many of the infants found being, it is supposed. the offspring of such poople. Grievous hurt and liurt by dangerous weaponv are cognate offences, the latter being peculiarly common in Bombay, as all cases of hurt in which an ordinary stick has been used are classed under this head. The increase in such crimes is of au orlinary nature for which no reasou can ine assigned.
33. Of the 490 cases under Class II that were reported durine the your plus one pending from previous year, 470 were placel before the Courts nind 381 ended in conviction, giving a percentago of 7775 to cases repurted and 81.06 to cases brought to trial as compared with 78.37 and $80 \cdot 10$, revpretively, for the year 1898 .
34. The arerage number of cases under this class for the last 3 years is 3.33 , and the average percentage of convictions for the same period $7 \leqslant 77$ aud ic. 61 under the two tests applied aboye.
35. In 5 casces for the year under report, 4 of which were murders, the: accused committed suicide, and $t$ cases of the year were proding at its clowe.
36. Class III.-In this class there is an increase of 49 cases as comparcul with the figures for the previous yar and an increase of 33 cases a4 compard
with the averago of the last 3 years. The increase is noticeable under the followint heads of crime:-

| . Dacoity... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $2^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Serious mischief ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$. |  |
| Lurking house-trespass | ... | ... | $\cdot$ | 29 |
| above there is a decrease in the following- |  |  |  |  |
| Rublery on highway | ... | ... | ... | 8 |

37. The increase under the head of Dacoity is small, but I mention it because dacoity is an uncommon head of crime in Bombay. There were 3 cases. reported during the year, of which one was not a dacoity at all, but a case of cheating in which the complainant was hustled by a gang of confederates after he had parted with his money in order to enable the accused to decamp. This ruso is one which is often played in Bombay with success. The other two dacoitios were bout fide ones, and evidently committed by old hands from the Deccan, the Sitára and Wái Mángs being strongly suspected. They were committed on succossive nights in the suburbs of Bombay, just as the monsoon was settine in, and there is little doubt that they were the work of men employed in the Bombay Workshops and on the Kailway who were about to return to their country for the rains. Very little property was taken, and it is supposed that the gang disappearod by train with the property before the Police could get on to their tracks. A prolonged enquiry took place and every effort was made to apprehend the offenders and it alterwards turned out that some of the men suspected were wanted in Sátíra for dacoity in that district, but as regards our two local offences no property was found, and there was nothing by which tobring the offences home to the right persons. Since these dacoities there has beon a nightly patrol of Foot and Mounted Police in the suburbs of Bombay, which offur special facilities for this class of crime.
38. The increase in cases of serious mischief, Section 282, Indian Penal Code, if over-loading of boats in the harbour can be called by such a term, is entirely due to greater activity on the part of the Water Police in hauling up before Macistrates cases in which an excess number of passengers was being carried. They were none of them serious casos themselves.
39. The increase in the number of cases of house-trespass is due to the sencral and yearly increasing exodus. of people from Bombay into suburban caips during the plague season, learing their property unprotected in Bombay, thus furnishing extra opportunities for the thieving propensities of bad characters. In fact both the evacuation of houses in the city and the taking up of teruporary habitations in the suburbs contribute to the increase in offences of this class.
40. Of the 439 casos reportod under Class III, 221 wera placed before the Courts and 186 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of $42 \cdot 32$ to cases reported and 81.10 to cases put on trial as compared with $46^{\circ} \cdot 31$ and 80.36 for the year 1 sios.
41. The average number of cases in this class is 406 for the last 3 years and the average percentage of convictions for the same period $33^{\circ} 59$ and $57 \cdot 42$, respectively.
42. Class IV.-This class shows a decrease of 25 cases as compared with 1898 and also a decrease of 2 cases as compared with the average of the last 3 years. The decrease of 25 is obsorvable under Serial No. 41 , "Rash act causing hurt or endangering life," under which there is a fall of 27 cases as compared wih the last juar.
43. These are principally casos of furious driving under Sections 336, 337, Indian Penal Code, in which injury is done and prosecutions follow. The diminution of such cases is satisfactory as showing greater caution on the part of
the public.
44. The 20 cases of the year undor Class IV, plus one, that was pending at the end of last year, were all placed before the Courts, and 16 of them ended in conviction, the percentage being 53.33 as compared with 75.92 for the previous
yar. ycar.
45. The average number of cases reported in this class for the last 3 years is 31 and the average perecntare of convictions to cases reported and hrought t. trial stands at $7+19$ under each of theso tents.
46. Under both tho serial numbers of this class, namely, " Wronerful restraint and confincment" and "rash act causing hurt $\mathbb{S}$ e.," against which th" cases appear, there bas been a drop in the percentase of convictions. tha number of such cases being small; no reason can be assigncd for the difference in results obtained.
47. Class $V^{\prime}$.-There is in this class an increase of 117 casos ar eomparmil with last year, which is larjely due to Sections 619 and $6: 0$ of the Indian Penal Code being in cperation throughout the gear, whereas they wern wily in foren for 6 months of the previous year. The other variations do not require any special mention. There was an increase, of 73 cases owins to the caltsi" above alluded to and an increase of 64 thefts, which may be put down partly tin the influx of destitute people owing to famine and the gencral rive in popibation at the end of the year, and partly to the greater activity on tho part of th. Police in arresting bazár thieres and pick-pockcts.
48. The average number of cases reported under Class $V$ for the hast :: years is 3,018. During the year under report thero were 3,065 cases, includin: one that was pending for the last year.

Of this number 2,359 were brought to trial and 1,984 resulted in eomic. tions, giving the following percentages:-

| 'Io cases reported |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Do. brought to trial | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... |

Last year the percentages were $62 \cdot 11$ and 8.91 , respoctively, while the average percentages of the 3 past ycars work out to $61 \cdot 7.5$ and $79^{\circ} 52$ under thr two tests.

No less than 69 cases are included in those referred to above ns reportel and brought to trial, which wore excluded as false, withdrawn, transforred, dic., or in which the accused died or became in-ane or in which the complainant was absent, and 90 cases turned out to be mistakes of fact, but have not been classed as excluded.
49. Clinss VI.-There is an increase of 145 cases under this class as compared with 1898 and of 168 cases as compares with the averace of the last : years. The increase is noticcable unler the following heads:-

| Vagrancy and bad character | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gaming.... | $\ldots$ | .. | 21 |
| Public and local nuisances | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| 8. |  |  |  |

50. There were also 3 cases under the Arms Act during the year as con. pared with ove last year.
51. The average number of enses reported under Class VI for the past :3 years is 265 . During the year undor report there were $4: 33$ cases; of his number 431 were brought to trial and 404 ended in conviction, giving tho followin: percentages:-.

| To cases reported |  |  | .. | $93 \cdot 20$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Do. brought to trial | $\ldots$ | .. | ... | $93 \cdot 27$ |

Last year the percentages were 9409 and $93 \cdot 44$, respectively. Tho averare p:rcentages for the past 3 years under the same tests were $04 \% 3$ and 03.18 .

5\%. Under the head of vagrancy and bad character (Scrial No. 50) are included 42 cases of had character. Of theee, 32 ended in conviction and $\$$ in acquittal, one caso was struck out as an irregularity of prociliure and ous: remained undetected.
83. The action of the Police in cases of this description is altogether a new departure and may be said to have been inaugurated during the year, there being few, if any, cases of the kind in previous years. The city is full of bulliey в 235-3
and bad characters with savaral pravious convictions and with no homes or ostensible means of subsistence. 'The Police have apparently been under the impression that the Magistrates wero averss to such cases being taken up. This, lowever, has been prored to be a fallacy, and I find the Magistrates are as ready to deal with such cases in Bombay as they are in the Mofussil. The proceedings taken by the Police during tho year have had the best possible effect, notwithstanding the general increase in crime as shown by the statistics, since irrespective of the cases actually prosecuted, a number of well known budmashes have left the city of their own accord or have been induced to leave by the knowledge that they could bo arrested for bad character. Many, on the other hand, that remain have mended their manners and ceased to trouble the public and the Policc. In spite of all this, however, much remains to be done in a large city which attracts men of evil reputation from all parts of India who are not known to the Polico at onco, and for some time can carry on their nefarious practicewith comparative safety. I trust now that a beginning has been made, the Police will see what a powerful instrument they have in Chapter VIII, Criminal Pros celure Code, for kseping the bad characters of the city in order.
54. The number of European vagrants dealt with during the year was 63.
55. The increase of 82 cases 'under the Gambling Act is entirely due to greater activity on the part of the Police in dealing with such offences. The li,illiard and bagatelle tables, of which there were many in some of the lowest parts of Bombay, have been more or less stopped by means of some salutary prosecutions and a better tone is observable among the damaged characters of the city. Not only has gambling on bagatelle tables been practically stopped, but there has been very much less of card and dice playing, especially during fairs and festivals, than was tha case in former years, and I have reason to believe that this was entirely due to the Police secretly obtaining information and taking precautions to apprehend those that engaged rooms for the purpose.

## Miscellaneous Offences.

56. These form the bulk of tho offences with which the Police have to deal and may be said to constitute crimes of every day occurrence. There has bern an increase of no less than 9,733 cases in this class as contrasted with 1503, and of 5,751 cases when compared with the average number for the last 3 years.
57. The increase is mainly observable under the Land Conveyance Act and the Police Acts.

There was an increase of nearly 900 cases under the former and 8,900 cases under the latter, arrests for drunk and disorderly' behaviour under the Police Act furnishing ahout 800 cases towards the increase, while the squatter nuisance, viz., the obstruction of the thoroughfares by vegetable sellers and the like has practically contributed the remainder.

58 The rise in the figures does not represent any increase in lawlessness, but, as before explained, the activity of the Police in dealing with offences in the strects has boen more marked.
50. Last year the number of crimes, in this class was 16,537 and the average number for the last 3 years stands at 20,499 , while this year the figures have risen to 20,250 or an average of about 72 cases of this class alone every day throughout the year which will give a very fair idea of the attention that ר1as paid to street offences.

60 . Of the 26,250 cases reported during the year, plus 24 pending. from provious year, $\because 5,505$ ended in conviction, giving a percentage of $97 \cdot 45$. The percentage for the last ycar was 9745 and the average percentage for the past 3 years stands at 0578 .
61. There were no less than 1,095 cases in which beggars were prosecuted, in inearly all of which they were convicted, but in the majorily of cases the punishment wis meroly nominal. In some instances the Chief Presidency Magistrate parsed a sentence of 7 days' imprisonment, but even this has not sorved to prevent bersing in the streets. It is a diflicult question as to what should be
done to stop begging, the jails aro already overfull, and a large increase of prisoners of the begging class who aro always poorly clad and in bad condition is neither desirable from tho jail point of view, nor is there sufficient roon for them. It is also doubtful whether any sort of sentence would deter the confirmed beggar from plying bis calling; but it is quite certain that the sentences usually intlicted, a small tine or one day's impisonment, or very often ouly a " warned and discharged," have no effect upon them whatever.

## Police true cases under tie Penal Code separately.

62. Under tho Indian Penal Code $3,9 \subseteq 3$ cases (including 4 pending from previous year) appear as Police true cases. The following table gives separately the results of trial by classes in these cases :-

63. Class III- comes out badly, but in other respects the figures show a very fair standard of efficiency taking all things into consideration, and the fact that 124 of the Penal Code cases of the year as shown in the remark column do not help the percentage of convictions though appearing as offoncos.
64. Class III contains the head of house-breaking and theft which must always remain the stumbling block to really first class Police results as boing the most difficult class of crine generally with which the Police have to deal and the class in which most offences go undetected.

## Pending Cases.

65. The number of cases pending under all classes decreascl from 28 to 22 , but those under the Indian Penal Code increased from 4 to 12. The following table exhibits separately the number of pending cases under each class:-


The number is so small that no remarks are called for.

## Seriots Cbime-generally.

66. During the year under report there were 13 cases of murder and attempts at murder as compared with 13 of the previous year. There was also

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2 wire due to motives of jealousy.
3 do. dnmestic quarrels.
    do. infidelity.
    was due to resonge.
    motives not known.
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67. Of the above, 6 ended in conviction (including one of previous year), in 4 cases accused committed suicide, 2 were pending at the close of the year and 2 were transferred, ono to Goa; in this case the Police only arrested the prisoner at the request of the Goa Police and made no enquiries, and the other to Jodhpur under the same circumstances. Theso cases should not, properly speaking, appear in the criminal statistics of the Town and Island of Bombay and lave only been shown because the accused were arrested by the Bombay Police. In other respects all the murder cases that could be tried were brought to a successful issue.
68. In these casos 10 persons, including one from the previous year, were implicated, of whom 6 were convicted, 2 were transferred, and 2 were pending at the close of the year. The 4 murderers who committed suicide are not included in the above.
69. There were 3 cascs of culpable homicide against 4 in the previous ycar. Of these, 2 were convicted and one remained pending at the close of the jear. In connection with these offences, 3 persons were arrested, of whom 2 were convicted and one was pending at the close of the year.
70. The following is a comparative statement showing some of the serious offences and the results obtained in them :-

| Ofences. | 1898. |  |  | 1899. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported. | Tried. | Convicted. | Reported. | Tried. | Convicted. |
| Murder ... ... ... | 11 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 4 |
| Attempts to commit inurder ... | 4 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Culpable homicide ... ... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Rape ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Unnatural offences ... ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |
| Grispous hurt ... ... | 79 | 76 | 66 | 89 | 87 | 74 |
| Administering stupefying drugs ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| IIurt for purpose of extortion | $\cdots$ | ... |  | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Hurt by dangerous weapon | 213 | 207 | 170 | $2: 2$ | 251 | 209 |
| Kiduappingr , .0. | 16 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 17 | 10 |
| Selling, \&c., a minor ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . 3 | \% |
| Raslu or negligent act I ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Dacoity ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Robbery with hurt ... , ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Do. in dwelling houso |  | $\ldots$ | ... | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Do. on the highway ... | 24 | 21 | '9 | 16 | 15 | 8 |
| Othor robberies ... . ... | ... |  |  | 1. | 1 | 8 |
| Lurking house-trespass | 346 | 177 | 148 | $373^{\circ}$ | 158 | 130 |
| Ilouso-trespass ... | 16 | 15 | 16 | 24 | 26 | 20 |

## SUICIDE.

71. I subjoin the usual statement compiled by the Coroner:-


During the year under report the Coroner held 562 inquests and bas classified them as under:-

| (a) IIomiciles |  | .. |  | 11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) Death caused by rash and ne culpable honicido ... |  | ... | 6 | 4 |
| (c) Suiciles $\ldots$.. $\quad$. | ... | ... | ... | 96 |
| (d) Accidental deaths ... | ... | ... | ... | 3:0 |
| (e) Deaths from natural causes | ... | ... | ... | $8:$ |
| (f) Deaths from unknown causes | ... | ... | ... | 45 |
| 1g) Exposure of now-born children | ... | ... | ... |  |
| (h) Iremature birth ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| , |  |  | ... | 502 |

There is an increase of 23 cases this year.
Homicides are the same as last jear. Suicides show a decrease of 20 cases. Accidental deaths have gone up 24. Deaths from natural and unknown causes show an increase and decrease, respectively, of 24 and 4 cases.

There were 2 cases of exposure of newly-born infants ngainst nono last year.

## Sessions Cases and Persons.

72. The following table gives the number of Scssions cascs and persons concerned therein :-

| Casia. |  |  |  | Pribong, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tried. | Convicted. | Aoquitted. | Pending. | Tried | Convicted. | Acquitted. | Ponding. |
| 32 | 21 | $11 *$ | , ... | 34 | 23 | 11* | ... |

- In one case the accused turued out to be insane.

The above cases are taken from the poriodical calendar of cascs tried by the Sessions Court, but it is quite possible some of these cases appoar on the returns under different heads of crime, as the offences are shown in the statements under the orders of Government against the sections under which they were taken up by the police. The charge may subsequently bo altorod and finally be disposed of under a completely different section of the Indian Penal Code.
73. The following are the heads of crime under which the Sessions cases appear on the returns:-



- In one case the accused turaed out to be insane.


## Undetected Oases.

74. The following table shows the number of undetected Penal Code cases and the percentages they bear to real cases arranged according to classes :-

75. The figures under Class III confirm what I have already said as regards the difficulty of detecting cases under this class and especially cases of housebreaking and theft, in many of which the culprits have left Bombay brfore the police even tear of the commission of the offence, and in all of which it is almost impossible to obtain a conviction unless property is found. Time, therefore, militates ngainst the efforts of the police more than anything, and it is rarely that a case of old standing can be brought liome to the offenders for want of some identifiable property. The percentage under Class V is also high for the same reason as thefts appear in this class.

## General results of worieing.

76. It will be seen from the foreyoing paragraphs that in Classes I and IV there has been a decrease in the number of offences as compared with former jears, while in the remaining classes of Penal Code offences there has been an increaso.
77. Similarly in Classes $I_{r}$ and IV there has been a decline in the percentage of successful results, while in both classes there has been on the whole an inprovement, though small, both as regards last year and the normal of the past three years.
78. Taken as a mbole, and whether the test is applied to reported or to true crime, the results as judged by the convictions are better than in previous years, both as regards Indian Penal Code cases aud those falling under Class VI and Miscellaneous.

## Action of the Police in dealing vith offeraccs umler A'Ukiri, Sall, Customs, aml Opium Lacs.

79. There has been greater activity this gear in A'bkiri cases, 31 cases appearing on the return as ompared with only 10 cases last yoar. Xearly all these were trivial cases, and the A'bkiri Departinont beine strougly represented in Bombay, most of them emanated from that Department.

Last year all 10 cases ended in conviction, and this year all but one case had a similar termination.

## Persons in Police Cases. Arrested by Police suo motu and disposel of.

80. During the year under report 36,070 persons were concerned in polico cases inciuding 33 pending from previous year. Of these-

> 34,108 were convicted;
> 1,110 acquitted;
> 822 otherwise disposed of ;
> 25 pending at the close of the year ; and
> 5 committed suicide previous to arrest.

The number shown as " Otherwise disposed of " is large. It includes persons transferred to other places for trial, persons concerned in cascs compounded and withdrawn or in cases that turn out to be false either througb malice or mistako of fact, the latter furnishing a large number of persons under this head. Many of the petty cases are struck out by Magistrates, because the accusod do not. respond to their bail and cannot be found.
81. The following comparative table gives the percentago results of the working of the police with regard to persons concerned in cases dealt with during the year, inclading persons pending from the previous year:-

82. The main points to be noticed are that there was a very largo increaso in the number of persons who had to be dealt with, while the percentago of results is better than last year, and in the case of persons convicted to thoso arrested the percentage is above the normal, while the percontare of persens acquitted is about the same as in former years.

## Released without trial-all Ceasses.

83. In Bombay all persons arrested by the polico aro sent before the Magistrates, no persons are therefore released without trial, except such as, under the orders of Government contained in Goverament Rosolution No. 5163, dated 2nd August 1809, conferring on the Commissioner of Polics tho powers of a Presidency Magistrate, are brought up before and released by him. There were not many such cases during the jear.

## Disposed of by trial-all Celsses.

> (a)-Indian Penal Code.
81. Under the Indian Penal Code 3,602 persons were tricd, of whom 2,973 were coaricted, giving a percentage of $80 \div 5$.

The following comparative statement shows the results of trial of persons under the Indian Penal Code:-

|  |  | 1 | Average - of <br> 3 years. | 1898. | 1899. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tried | - $\cdot$ | - | 3,277 | 3,588 | 3,692 |
| Convicted | *- | $\ldots$ | 2,805. | 2,958 | 2,973 |
| Acquitted | -•• | ** | 345 | 415 | 438 |
| Percenlages. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Convicted to tried |  | -•• | 85.59 | 82.44 | $80 \cdot 52$ |
| Acquitted to tried |  |  | 10.52 | 11.56 | 11.86 |

(b)-Class VI and Miscellaneous.
85. The subjoined table gives the percentage results of the trial of persons arrested under the above head for the year 1899 as compared with last year and the average for the past three years :- .

| Peraona. |  |  | Average of 8 years. | 1898. | 1899. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tried <br> Convicted | -•• | . - | 25,385 | 22,046 | 32,348 |
|  | -•• | - 0 | 24,404 | 20,850 | 31,185 |
| Acquitted | " ${ }^{\circ}$ | -** | 457 | 337 | 672 |
|  | Perc |  |  |  |  |
| Convicted to tried |  | * ${ }^{\circ}$ | $96 \cdot 17$ | 94.62 | 96.25 |
| Aequitted to tried |  | - | $18 \cdot 00$ | 10.75 | 20.80 |

From the last two statements it will be observed that as regards Indian l'enal Code cases the percentage of convictions to persons actually put on trial has declined, whereas under Class VI and Miscellaneous offences the percentagt has slightly improved when compared with previous years.

## Direct Cases.

## Total C'ases for disposal.

SG. The total number of cases for disposal before the Magistrates, including ${ }^{2}$ pending cases of 1898 , was 3,937 , of which $3,55 \pm$ ended in conviction, yiving a percentage of 90.27 as compared with 6,048 in 1898. These 3,937 persous were disposed of as follow :-

| Convicted | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Aequitted or discharged | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 554$ |  |  |
| Struck out for want of appearance of complainants and accused | $\ldots$ | 256 |  |  |  |
| Pending at the close of the jear | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 104 |  |  |

## Pending Cases.

87. The Magistrate's Return shows 23 cases as pending at the end of the gear. The number that was pending at the end of 1898 was 2.

## Persons in direct cases.

88. 3,994 persons appeared before the Magistrates, including a pendin; from the previous year, out of 4,132 against whom procoss was issued. Of thuse 3,609 were convicted, giving a percentage of 90.30 as compared with $82 \cdot 73$ for 1898. Of the 3,904 persons:-

3,608 were convicted.
352 were acquitted.
34 were pending at the close of the year.

## Persons pending trial.

89. There were 34 persons awaiting trial at the close of the year 1803. The number pending at the close of the year 1803 was 2 . I am unablo to give any reason for the large increase in peoding cases and porsons for the jear under report as the Police have nothing to do with either.

## Non-cognizable Cbime. <br> Cases.

90. There were in all 8,418 cases including 17 pending from last year, of which 2,149, were under the Indian Penal Code and the remaining 0,269 under Class VI. Of the 8,418 cases :-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 2,243 ended in conviction. } \\
& 823 \text { acquitted. } \\
& 5,298 \text { dismissed without trial. } \\
& 48 \text { pending at the close of the year. } \\
& \text { In } 4 \text { cases persons died. } \\
& 1 \text { pending before the Sessions. } \\
& 1 \text { mistake of law. } \\
& \text {, Persons. }
\end{aligned}
$$

91. In connection with theso cases, 10,260 persons appeared before the Courts including 39 pending from 1898, of whom 2,544 were convicted, giving a percentage of 24.79 . These 10,260 persons mere disposed of as follows :-

2,544 convicted.
1,334 acquitted.
6,239 discharged without trial.
86 pending trial at the close of the year. 5 died.
2 pending trial before the Sessions.

## Caste of Offenders.

2. The fullowing statement shows the different castes to which the $50,2 \tilde{0} 0$ offenders dealt with in both corguizable and nou-cornnizable cases belonged:-'


## Property-stolen and recovered.

93. The following is a comparative statement showing in detail for the years 1898 and 1899 and for the last 3 years the amount of property stolen, the number of cases in which it was stolen, and that in which it was recovered :-


The Police have done slightly better in the recovery of property this year, but the improvement is scarcely worth noticing. In house-breaking and theft the percentage of property recovered is 10 points better than last year. In ordinary thefts the improvement is 5 per cent. and under criminal breach of trust it is a per cent.

Under the following heads the recoveries show a falling off :-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Theft in conjunction with receiving stolen property } \\
& \text { Robbery ... ... } \quad . \quad \text {... } 6 \text { per cent. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Last year there was one dacoity which was transferred, while this year there were 3 cases involving the loss of property valued at Rs. 795, of which only $3 \cdot 27$ per cent. was recovered. As already explained, one of these cases was not dacoity at all and was disposed of as one of cheating. The property involyed in this case was Rs. 700, and it is clear this amount should be eliminated from the return of stolen property altogether. Again this year, under the head of Criminal Breach of Trust by a public servant, banker, \&c., there were 3 cases involving the, loss of property worth Rs. 1,484, of which nothing was recovered. Last year there was no such case.

Nll 3 of the cases reported this year were cases in which postal employés absconded with the contents of registered letters or hoondies. They invariably absconded to Goa, and there is no way of getting them back. In one of the cases the boondy was not cashed, so there was no actual loss of property.

## Arms Act.

9.1. I subjoin the usual statements regarding import, export, transport, \&c., of arms, ammunition and military stores. These do not call for any remarks except that they show a large increase in the number of arms and quantity of ammunition, \&c, that has passed through Bombay during the year and give an idea of the very heavy work that is carried on by the licensing department of my office.

It will be seen by a comparison of the figures for last year, which were 607, that there has been a considerable drop in the number of licenses held in Bombay for the possession of arms during the year. This is due to cancellation of licenses owing to the licensees dying or leaving Bombay and also to licensees. not renewing their licenses in proper time. The number of fresh licenses issued is also smaller than last year.

There were 3 cases under the Arms Act as already detailed. The only one Worthy of notice was a case in which Messrs. Karimji Alibhoy Barodawalla and Sons, well-known dealers in arms and ammunition, were convicted and fined Rs. 250 for illicit sales of bird-shot. The license of this firm was suspended at the end of the year.

Another well-known firm, named Esufally Mahomedally \& Co., came under suspicion for irregular dealing with a native, a Bhora named Abdulali, at Gwalior. The latter and a European named Dillon were prosecuted and convicted at Jhansi, while Esufally Mahomedally \& Co., against whom there was not sutticient evidence for prosecution, had their license suspended for three months as a punishment.

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| Gunpowder． |  |  |  | Blanting Powder． |  |  |  | Sulihar． |  |  |  | Crackron． |  |  |  | Dymatite． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 23 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 39 | 18 | ．． | 0 | 1，883 | 5 | ．．． | 10 | 1，170 | 11 | 1 | $: 1$ | ${ }^{11}$ | 3 | $\cdots$ | $\because$ |
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| 23 | 13 | 3 | 13 | 39 | 13 |  | $\because$ | 1，589 | 6 | ．．． | 18 | 1，170 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 3 | ． | ． |
| 11 | 6 | 2 | 19 | 43 | 13 |  | 12 | 1，604 | 10 | ．．． | 84 | 1，006 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  | 13 | 3 |  |
| 11 | 8 | $\cdots$ | 23 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |  | 28 | 9 | ．．． | 18 | 104 | 11 | ．．． | 21 | 10 | － | －1 | － |
| ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | E3 | 15 | 1 |  |  | $\cdots$ | ．．． | －－ | $\cdots$ |  | ．．． |  |  |  |  |  |


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| 138 | 16 | 1 | 14 | 893，450 | ＂＊ | 1，000 | 8，100 | ．． | 20，600 | B88，800 | 20，009 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 78 | ．．． | － | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\omega 000$ | 1，5301004 | 6. |
| $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ＇．．． | $\cdots$ |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．＂ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 128 | 18 | 1. | 14 | 393，450 | ＂－ | 1，000 | 8，100 |  | 20，500 | 858，800 | 20，018 | $\cdots$ | －＊ | 71 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | － | $\pm 0.0 \times 0$ | 1，3＊1004 | $8, \times \times 1$ |
| 197 | 18 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 356，836 | $\cdots$ | 3，700 | 10，000 | 25，000 | 23，200 | 23，800 | 22，000 | ．．． | － | － | ．．． | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2s，000 | $\cdots$ |  |
| ＂＊ | .$^{18}$ | 1 | 14 | 36，004 |  | $\cdots$ |  |  | ．．． | B33，200 | － | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | － | 25，000 |  | B．a．${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{-} \cdot$ | ．．． |  | 2，700 | 1，000 | 23，000 | 1，700 | ．．． | 1，08s | ．．． | ．．． | $\infty$ | ．．． | 1 | 1 | 16 | － | ．＂ | $\cdots$ |

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The following statement shows the number of licenses and permits issued by this office:-


The following table shows to what sections of the community the licenseholderi belong :-


Explosives Aot.
95. The following is a summary of licenses issued under the Explosives Act during the year 1899 :-

showing an increase of 41 as compared with the figures for 1898.
Four offenoes under this Act were reported as under :-Óne for possessing fireworks for sale without a license ; acoused sentenced to pay fine of Rs. 300 and the fireworks oonfiscated. Three for possessing fireworks without license; acoused in each case fined one rupee.

## Pilerims.

96. Owing to the continuance of plague, the restriotions imposed in pait years upon the embarkation of pilgrims at Bombay for the Hedjaz were main-
tained.- Vide Government Resolution, General Departmont. No. 6333, dated the 19th November 1898.

Hundreds of people came to Bombay again this year, but finding they could not embark went away. 122 of these, howover, remainod for somo time, and eventually 72 of thom who had no means were sent away under lolico arrangements made for the collection of subscriptions for them and for railing them to Chittagong, the Protector of Pilgrims and a party of Polico accompanying them all the way after undergoing ten days' quarantine at Manmad. Thirty-one pilgrims went without such assistance and 10 Javaneso pilgrims rofused to go to Chittagong, so went back to Madros en route to their own country.

During the same period 842 pilgrims returned from the Hedjaz cia Bombay. and the Police had to make arrangements for sending them to their homes in various parts of India. Fifty-three pilgrims bore their own expenses, 383 were allowed to return to their homes in Bombay, and 406 had their passages providel either wholly or in part by Government.

## Transvaal Refugees.

97. In November 1899 a large number of Transvaal rofugecs arrived in Bombay owing to the war. Under the orders of Government, 173 of theso were registered in this office as destitutes, and were paid a subsistonco allowance which amounted in the aggregate to Rs. 1,210-8-0. One hundred of thoso peoplo were subsequently sent to Madras, 35 to Howra, and 0 to different places in Northern India at Government oxpense. The remainder found the ways and means to go back to their homes without Government aid. They all wanted to return to Transvaal, but this was refused.

Ka'thia'wasai Mendicants.
98. There were also 3,754 Káthiáwári mendicants who wore despatched to Bhárnagar and Verával during the year under Police arrangements for their collection and deportation.

These were famine-stricken people who began to flock into the city about September last. The arrangements for the despatch of tho Káthiiswár people were made at the request of the Political Agent of that Province and they continued in foree till 13th February last, when the Political $\Delta$ gent, discovering that under the Famine Relief Code he was not bound to make arrangements for their return, requested me to stop sending them.
99. In connection with these beggars, the Transvaal refugeos, and the usual passage of pilgrims tbrough Bombay, the Yolice have had their hands very full this year, and the whole of the extra work has fallon upon them during the busiost time of the jear, namely, the cold weather.

## Deportation op l'oreigners

100. Under Section 3 of Act III of 186 1,5 forcigners (Arahs) werr, under the orders of Government, deported from British India to Arabia.

The above were also sent away under arrangements which had to be made by the Police for securing passages and secing them on board.

## Firis.

101. During the year under report 108 fires occurred in the city of Bombay, causing a loss of property estimated at ins. 5,03,60t. The figures for 1898 showed 119 fires, lls. $35,34,968$ estimated loss of property.

## Street Accidents.

102. During the year 1800, 514 persons were injured and 28 were killed by being run over- 5 by tram-cars and 23 by other conveyances-showing an increase of 7 in the number of those killed and a decrease of 3 in those injured.

## Conveyances.

103. The number of conveyances, public and private, during the year was as under-

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\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{lllll}
\text { Public conveyances } & \text {... ... } & 8,148 \\
\text { Private }
\end{array} \\
& \text { Private do. } \quad . . \quad \text {... } \quad \cdots \quad . . . . \\
& \text { Total } \quad . . \quad 13,995
\end{aligned}
$$

showing an increase of 501 public and 264 private conveyances as compared with the previous year. Under the latter head are included 1,013 bicycles and tricycles.

The public conveyances consist of 一
857 Victorias.
206 Roklas.
7,085 Labour Carts.
Compared with the yoar 1898 the number of Victorias and Reklas are much the same, while bullock carts have increased by 500 .

The total number of conveyances of all classes and the steadily increasing number of carts give a very fair idea of the traffic with which the Police have to dcal and the arrangements that have to be made for its licensing and control. Considering that 2,752 cases were taken up by the Police during the year as against 1,865 in 1898 under the Land Conveyance Act alone, it will be seen that the supervision was not of a merely nominal character.
$\because$
Habitual Crimes.
101. The following statement exhibits the working of the Criminal Identification Department:-


Romarks.

1. The decrease of Anthro carda received and deapatched is due tc the development of the Finger-tip Impression Eystem, but calculating the work of the two ayatems topether there has bren a marked increses in the tutal namber ae uira whone history has been recorded under Chapters All and XVII.
2. Thore lias aiso beon marked increase in the numb:r of anidentifid persons brought for identification and the number identifiod.

Practically the work done in Bombay is as great, if not greater than in the mofussil and must necossarily, to be of any good, be of an expeditious character, as cases are required to go to Court daily and tho antecelents of prisoners have to be obtained before the cascs are put before tho Courts. It is to be regretted therefore that the Central Burcau for the Presidency has been tixed by Government at Poona, as in the case of mofussil districts, oxcepting Poonaitself, it matters nothing where the Central Burcau is, wharens in Bombay with four Courts sitting daily it is essontial that all information regarding prisoners should be available on the spot. In Bengal and Madras the Prosidontial Buroau is at the Head-quarters of the Presidency, and in Bombay the oflict of haring no local Bureau cannot but make itself folt in time. The Bombay staff consists of an Inspector and two Clerks, one of whom is an operator, and considering the amount of work they have to do, the number of prisoners that have to be inspected, the strength of this department is none too high. The oflicer in charyo has had to attend Court on three different occasions to prove the system under which the identity of prisoners by means of finger-tip impression is ostablished.

## bad Ciaracters.

105. In connection with the 42 cases under this head there were 44 prisoners, of whom 4 furnished the requisite security for good behaviour, 8 were acquitted, and the remainder went to jail in default for torms varying from © months to a year.

I have already referred to the action of the Police and the effect of such action in cases of this description in a preceding para.

## Habitual Ofrenders.

106. As compared with 1808 , when there were 200 persons identified as habituals under the Criminal Identification System, there was an incricase of 55 this year. All the 266 last year were identified by means of the Anthropometrical System; whereas during the year 1899, 53 were identified by means of the Finger-tip Impression System only and the remainder by Anthropometry.

For last year there is no record of the number of cases in which in. adequate sentences were passed on habitual criminals, but for the ycar 1809 a record was establishod in June, and from the 1st of that montl to the ond of the year, 45 cases were reported and 9 of these cases were particularly noticcable. Several of these cases were brought to the notioe of Government and the High Court, and in some cases the sentences were enhanced, whilo in others the orders of the High Court are awaited. Speaking generally, however, it socms that some of the Magistrates do not pay that attention to the nocessity of making an example of criminals who have previous convictions against them that is expected by Government from Magistrates in the mofussil.

There were only 15 cases during the year committed to the Scssions which may be said to have been committed because the accused had previous conriotions requiring sentences which were beyond the ordinary powers of a Magistrate. They were all cases of house-breaking and theft.

## Criminal Classes and Influx of Sespiciots Foreigners.

107. Bombay is of course well represented in the matter of members belonging to the criminal classes and foreigners. It is a haven of refugo and an emporium of labour for such people, though as thoy do not appcar in gangs and cannot locate themselves together in large numbers anywhere, they are lost in the teeming population of the city. Mhar and Mhang dacoits from tho Deccan, Káthiáwádis, Wágris and others are known to be present. Pardesis and Yathans resort to the city in largo numbers, and some of these classes are known housobreakers and thieves, but most of them follow a trado or calling of some sort, and there is not the possibility of that cohesion amons them in the life of a busy city which makes them up-country so formidablo for the Police to deal with.

Many of the burglaries and thefts are committod by Pardesis. The two dacoities of the year were, as already stated, suspected to be the work of Siatíra Mhings, but as a rule there is nothing in the way of crime by which the criminal classes can be identified or be said to make thoir presence in the City felt, and during the year under report there were no crimes which could be attributed to the influx of suspicious foreigners or to any particular class of criminals.

## Police Establisiment.

## Personnel of Officers.

108. There are practically 11 divisions in charge of 10 Superintendents, -the Dock and Harbour Police, though separate divisions, being combined and placed in charge of one officer.

The 11 divisions were held as under at the close of the year :-


The following Superintendents wore away on furlough during the year:Superintendents Ingram and Hack.
Superintondent Brewin is still borne on the strength of the Bombay City Police Force, though he has been away since 4th August 1898 and practically does not belong to it.
Each division has one to three Inspectors according to size, while the Governmont Dockyard, the Sanitary Police, the Criminal Identification'Department and the $\Delta$ rms Department are practically independent charges for Inspectors.

The Pound also has an officer in charge, who though not a Police officer is subordinate to the Commissioner of Polico.

The $\Lambda$ and E Divisions are most strongly represented as regards European and Native officers, while the actual criminal work of the City and Island is heavicst in the B, C and E Divisions. The Detective Branch works indiscriminately in all divisions and has nne Europoan officer attached to it who ranks as an Inspector.

## Strength of Police.

109. There was no change in the permanent strength of the force during the year as will be gathered from the appendices to the report. The City however is gradually expanding, and with the introduction of the City Improvement Trust Schemes will spread over many of the open spaces that bave hitherto bcen unoccupied. The prosent strength of the force will not, however, be able to expand correspondingly so as to give adequate protection to or manage the traffic of a City covering a larger area, and tho time is not far distant when measures for augmenting the lolice force of the Presidency Town will have to be considerca. As it is, with an increasing population the strength of the Police forco is inadequate and unable to attend to all the requirements of the City, some of the outlying parts being very imperfectly protected. The large amount of traffio that has to be controlled, not to mention the ever increasing miscellancous dutics that fall on the Police, will make it quite impossible for the present foree to suffice when any considerable addition to the number of habitations is brought about by the measures that aro being inaugurated, for the improvement of the City.

## Distribution.

110. The folloring table shows the distribution of the Bowlay City Police according to divisions :-

| Division. | Officura. |  | Tutal Omicera | Men. | Grand Tohal. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Europoan. | Native. |  |  |  |
| A | 13 | 23 | 36 | 372 | 408 |
| B | 10 | 14 | 2.4 | 242 | 260 |
| C | 9 | 14 | 23 | 278 | 301 |
| D | 7 | 14 | 21 | 194 | 215 |
| E | 12 | 18 | 30 | 220 | 250 |
| F | 2 | 7 | 9 | 105 | 114 |
| G | 2 | 6 | 8 | 147 | 155 |
| II | 5 | 9 | 14 | 87 | 101 |
| - I | 3 | 8 | 11 | 83 | 100 |
| K | 5 | 18 | 23 | 28 | 51 |
| L | 5 | 17 | 22 | 135 | 157 |
| M | 5 | 17 | 22 | 83 | 10.3 |
| Veterinary | ... | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
|  | 78 | 167. | 245 | 1,985 | 2,230 |

In addition to the permanent strength of the force, 1,018 Yolice Rímosis were employed during the year on behalf of private persons, firms and Government or Municipal Departments ; of these 46 were discontinued during the year, leaving a balance of 1,002 at the close of the ycar. The Ramosis aro emplnyod for guarding property or preventing a breach of the peaco, the majority of them being appointed during the period when plague is prevalont and the occupants of houses in the Oity leave them to go out into the suburbs.

## $P_{\text {unishments. }}$

111. Seren hundred and ninety two officers and men were punished during the year 1899, as under :-

| Departmentally | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 757 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Judicially | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 |
| Dismissed | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 28 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 702 |

The figures for 1898 wore:-

| Departmantally | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 414 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Judicially | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11 |
| Dismissed | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 93 |
|  |  | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

The average number of dismissals for the last 3 years is 31 .
The number of departmental punishments has risen considerably owing to stricter supervision and not because the conduct of the force has materially deteriorated when compared with previous years. On the contrary, I have reason to believe that the genoral conduct of the force has improved owing to the closer supervision that has bcen exercised.

1. Rewards.
2. Altogether $\mathbf{1 7 9}$ officers and men were rewarded during the year as compared with 00 during the preceding year. Of this number, 00 reccived promotion as compared with 61 in 1808.

The remainder rere rewarded as follows :-
40 by good-condact stripes:
49 by money rewards.

In addition to the above, 81 men were rewarded by the issue of Good Service Tickets-the accumulation of which entitles them to the receipt of Good-Conduct stripes according to the number of marks earned by such tickets.

## Mealtif.

113. The number of admissions into hospital was 2,700 as compared with 2,706 in 1808. The daily average on the sick list was 62 as compared with 68 in 1598. The health of the European Police was not so good as usual, while that of the Native members of the Force has improved during the year.

## Cabtalites.

114. The total number of casualties was 233 as compared with 210 in 1593. The different heads under which they are distributed are as under :-

Deaths 66 (including Inspector Hurst). :
Retirement on pension or gratuity 46 (including Inspec-
tors Roshanali and Sultanali).

| Resignations | ... | ... | ... | 73 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Discharged ... | ... | .. | ... | 17 |
| Dismissed ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |
| Reverted to Regiments | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Transferred ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
|  |  |  | ... | 233 |

The avcrage number of casualties for the five years previous to the year of report was 212. Out of the $\mathbf{6 6}$ deaths reported this year, 26 were due to plague as compared with 37 in 1898.

The number of men who died and retired during the year was considerably less than last year, while the number who resigned and were discharged shows a decided increase.

## Education.

115. Two hundred and two officers (European and Native) and 717 men are reported as able to read and write. The figures for 1898 were-

| Officers | .. | ... | .. | ... | 184 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Men | .. | .. | ... | ... | 571 |

This shows a satisfactory improvement so far as figures go, but I am not satisfied that the latter correctly represents the standard of education in the Force. The matter will be looked into before the current year's returns are due.

Castes.
110. The different castes of the officers and men composing the Force for the yeats 1898 and 1899 were as follows:-

| Caster |  |  |  |  | Officera, |  | Men. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1888. | 1899. | 1898. | 1899. |
| Mahomedans ... |  |  |  |  | 72 | 72 | 5 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 44 | 45 | 478 | 456 |
| Bráhinans | ... | ... | ... | . | 4 | 5 | 71 | 73 |
| Rájputs | .'. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Gurthas | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | -.. | ... |  |  |
| Sikbs ... |  | $\cdots$ | ... | . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3 | 3 |
| Maráthas | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 33 | . 41 | 778 | 834 |
|  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |  | 28 | 17 |
| Pardesis <br> Bhandáris | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 8 | 217 | 217 |
| Hindus of all | oth | cast | ... | ... | 3 | 10 | 361 | 314 |
| Pársis | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 5 | - 3 | ... | ... |
| Jews ... | .. |  | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |

The number of Mahomedans in the Force is diminishing gradually, whith Maráthas are enlisting largely to the exclusion of all other castes. A balance of caste in the Police is most difficult to maintain, for the Forco is not large. Vacancies are constantly occurring and have to be filled up without delay, tho first that comes being the first to be employed, provided ho is fit in physique.

## Recreiting.

117. The number of recruits taken on to the strength of tha Force was $\mathbf{2} 21$ as compared with 208 in the prcceding year. As will be gathered from the preceding paragraph, the majority of recruits come from the Hindus and principally from the Maráthas of the Konkan. The number of Mahomedans is small and those that join are drawn perhaps more largely from tho Junnar Tailuka of the Poona District than elsewhere. Nevertheless there is no difficulty in getting recruits except during the rains, when most of the able-bodied who can do so return to their homes.

## Resignations.

118. The number of persons who resigned during the year 1800 was 73 as compared with 35 in 1898. The resignations were due chielly to family troubles and difficulties and ill-health, no less than 30 men having resigned owing to the latter cause alone.

## Drill and Ball Practice.

119. During the year I had revolver practioe for the Europcans and blank and buckshot cartridge practice for the Armed branch of the Native Force. This practice was held for the first time and will be kept up in future as an annual event. Some of the European officers shot very creditably, while oth ers showed that they were absolutely unacquainted with the use of a reyolver. The practice was held on the sands, and both independent and vollcy joining was gone through, the object being to control the fire, and see the effret of volleys of buckshot which would constitute the sort of shooting the men would be called upon to employ if required in an emergency.

There being no range for the Armed Police, and as they are never likely to be required to use ball ammunition, there was no decessity to test their shooting in this respect.

## General Efriciency.

120. The year's returns I think show a fair standard of efficiency, in spite of a very large increase in the number of offences dealt with. This increase, as I have already explained, is due in a great measure to the greater zcal and activity of the Police in taking up cases. With few exceptions this can be said of all my officers and men, who have worked well throughout the year. The Police were relieved of all duties connected with plague about Juno last, except that in connection with the eracuation of houscs, and the change has no doubt contributed to the extra work that has beon turned out by the Force.

Of the Divisional Officers who have dono well during the jear I would specially mention :

| Superintendent Crummy. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\prime \prime$ | McDermott. |
|  | Nolan. |  |
| Acting | $\ddots$ | IIoldwas. |
|  | $\prime \prime$ | Sanderson. |

Also Superintendent Sirdar Mir Abdul Ali, Khan Bahidur, of the Detective Branch.

Of the Inspectors, Messrs. Barnet, Sloane, Williamson, Hamilton, Murray, Walker, Shaik Ibrahim Shaik Imam, Favel, and Mirza Mahomed Ali ; the two latter of the Detectives have dono good work; while among Constables Messrs. Sullivan, Chambers, and Morris, as also Ramchandra Bhimrao and Mahomed Ali (of the Detective Branch) bave been most prominent.

I would also particularly draw attention to the services of 3r. Swecney, an old Bombay Police Omicer, who is now in charge of the Cattle Pound at Girgaon.

During the three years that he has been in charge, the number of cattle impounded as also the pound fees have risen steadily, and for the year under report the figures stood as under :-

| Number of cattle impounded | $\ldots$ | ... | $. . .17,071$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pound fees | ... | ... | ... | Rह. $11,4 \S 4$ |

as compared with 14,872 and Rs. 10,162 , respectively, for the previous year. Whether as a matter of revenue for Government or as an indication of close and diligent attention to his duty, the above results speak very highly for Mr. sweoney's carcful management of the pound, and I have much pleasure in bringing his services to the notice of Government.

The reccipts at the Didar Cattle Pound, which is a smaller one, also show improvement, which is creditable to Acting Superintendent Roberts, the officer in charge.

> Police Buildings.
121. The following in abstract form shows the buildings occupied by the ollicers and men of the Bombay Police:-

| Belonging to |  | Residentisl quarters. | Chowkies. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Government | ..7 . $\cdot \cdot$ | 8 | 5 |
| Municipal ... ... | .. $\quad$. | 6 | 4. |
| City Improvement Tıust... | $\cdots$... | ${ }_{26}^{2}$ | \% |
| Hired ... ... | ... ... | 26 | 5 |
|  | Total ... | 42 | 14 |

In addition to the above, there are 102 wooden and 11 kutcha built tiled chowkios in Police charge. These chowkics are of course not used as residential quarters.

Tho buildings in departmental charge have been repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 485-2-9. The more important buildings have been kept in proper order by the departments and individuals responsible for their maintenance.

The l'olice Lines at Byculla (old Police Lines) and the Crawford Market Police Head Quarters are the only lines the Foot Police have. They provide accommodation for 22 officers and 141 men, while the Mounted Police and their horscs are accommodated partly at Parel in the old Government House Body Guard Lines, at Byculla, and at the Crawford Market Police Head Quarters.

The remainder of the men, which includes all the men of the Force practically, except the leserve and the Mounted Police, draw house-rent and live where they can.

I am glad to say they have now been got to live in their respective Divi-sions-a matter I look uponas one of some importance-as, if required for an emergency, they, or a large majority of them, would be arailable at once in the Dirision; whercas formerly it was the exception, rather than the rule, to find men living in their Dirisions escept in the E Division, where the cheapest and lowest quarters are to be had, and even then not within the rent allowed by Government, and where about two-thirds of the Police Force of the city were located.

The $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ (Fort) Division is the only Division where men cannot find quarters, there are none to be had, and the sooner the new lines are built for the men the better. It is a significant fact, however, that the City Polico have no lines of their own and that the rent allowed them by Government is not ecough to admit of their hiring quarters in any of the Divisions of the City exclusive of the $E, F$, and $G$ Divisions, escept at a considerable personal loss.

## Isspection.

Condition of arms, accoutrements and rmmunilion.
12. These were regularly inspected and kept in proper order.

Inspection of arms and ammunition shops.
123. During the year under report there were 33 license-holders under Rule 11 of the Rules framed under the Indian Arms Act, as arainst $1 t$ in 189!, showing a decrease of 6 , whose licenses were not renorred, as they cither had no business, had closed their business, or had failed to apply for renewal in time.

The stock and sales registors of these license-holders were checked by the Arms and Ammunition Inspector, with the stock in hand once a month at least and found to be correct. There have been no irregularitics except in the case of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society, who have a larger amount of cartridges on hand than they are permitted to store in tho Scrri Magazine. This was brought to the notice of Government during the ycar.

## General Remarks.

124. I would preface my remarks under this head by referring to the excellent relations that have been maintained throughout the year between the Presidency Magistrates and the Police. My thanks in this respectare expecially due to the Chief Presidency Magistrate for the cordial assistanco he has always given me and my subordinates in Police matters. It has been an exceptionally lard year both for Magistrates and Police, never before in fact have there becn so many cases and prisoners placed before the Courts, and the Police have much to be thankful for as regards the patience and regularity with which the Magistrates have disposed of their excessive work. On the other hand, the year has been a comparatively uneventful one, things have gone smoothly, and there have been no cases of great importance or exceptional intercst to record. In the early part of the year there was a typical "Golden Gang" case in which : confederacy of sharpers swindled a respectable firm for some timo out of a sum amounting to Rs. 63,000. This case in which Inspector Sloanc was encriged and in which he obtained the encomiums of the High Court, was an intricate and troublesome one, involving the most persistent and scarching enquiry both in Bombay and up-country. It was, however, successfully worked out by the Inspector, with the result that three of the gang, including a notorious and most expert forger named Bapuji, were convicted and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Some Rs. 25,000 worth of property was recovered in this case.

Another case of some importance was the one in which, under the orders of Government, the Editor and Proprietor of the Gurakli, a native newspapr, and an accomplice'who acted as Sub-Editor were provecuted undor Section 121.A, Indian Penal Code, for seditious writing. The accused wers sentenced by the High Court to one year and six months' simple imprisonment, respectively.

There were several more or less serious cases of house-breaking and theft which were detected, and many well-known and dangerous characters wre removed from society for considerable periods. It is, however, more in cunmertion with the ordinary duties of the Police that I have to commend the work of the year. Much that is uscful was done in putting down certain forms of gambling, in getting a grip of the budmashes of the city, and in making many of them pause to consider, if not to give up, their criminal pursuits. The "Golderi' Gang" has practically ceased to trouble, and cases of organised swindling, which were so rife before, have scarcely been heard of lately, some prominent membera of the fraternity having been called to account during the year.

On the who.e, there is a better tone among the bad characters of the city who are beginning to feel that the Police have got the means ranly to hard if coming down upon them in a way they never experienced before. The lolice themselves sye the benefit of employing the bad character provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, and are more ready to collect information, and put it to some uso. These points are manifestations of a charige, which, I hryp, will continue to bring better results in future as refards the suppreseion of crime.

Owing to the famine which declared itself. towards the close of the year, the Police were much pressed in providing escorts for troasure to up-country stations and in fact to all parts of India, the requisitions for such escorts being of almost daily occurrence and necossitating a serious depletion of the men in the Reserve, which subsequently had to be brought to the notice of Government, with the effect that a special forco of 30 extra armed men had to be sanctioned for this duty.

In conclusion, I must apologise for the delay that has attended the submission of this report. It had to be remodelled after it had been taken in hand, so as to bring it into accord, as far as possible, with the recent orders of Govern-ment-this necessilating an increaso in the volume of the report. I have also been without the services of my IIead Clerk, for about six weeks, which has greatly hampered me in getting the details required for the body of my report ready within the due date.

I have the honor to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>H. KENNEDY,<br>Commissioner of Police.

STATEMENTS.

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## STATEMENT A

Retcre of Cogxizable Càje for tha teab 1890.

- (Part I. - Recturn of Cares instituted by Cumphaint to a Dagistrate or by a Nagistrate suo motu in the year 15:3).)


STATEMENT A-I-continued.


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STATEMENT A-II-concluded.


- STATEMENT B.
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Part I.-Relurn of Non-cogni:able Cases.


S'TATEMENT B-I-continued.


## STATEMENT B.

(Retobn of Non-Cogitzabin Crime yon the rear 18p9.)
Pamt II.-Réturn of Persone conecrned in Non-cognisable Casos.


STATEMENT B-II-continued.


Chitf Presidency Magisifate's Cowrt, Bombay, 21/k Mlarch 1900.
J. SANDERS SLATER,

Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Jadge, Bombay.

## STATEMENT C.

Property Stolen and Recocered during the year 1533.

J. SANDERS SLATER,

Chicf Presidency Maristrate, and Revenue Judge, Romliay.

Part III.-Return of Cases reported at a Police Station, or laken wp ly the Police, in the year $10 \%$.




(Retcen of Cugnizable Crine por the Year 1893.)
Paik IV.-Rithurn of Persons concerned in Cases reported at a Police Station or in Cases taken ap by the Pulice in 1903.

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Property Stolen and Diecovered during the yoar 1893.



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Skouing Strepgth, Cost, Distribution and Employment of the Bombuy Police in the year 1893.


STATEMENT F.
Return showing Equipment, Discipline, and General Internal Management of the Force for 1899.


Return of Inquests held by the Coroner of Bombay during the calendar year 1839.

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| Caures of Deaths. |  |  | Inctu.are. | 1)wr.a. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Brought over ... | 430 | 431 | 33 | ir |
| Natural causes ... Clothes ... ${ }^{\text {caught fire ... }}$ | 58 1 | 82 | 2f | $\cdots$ |
| Found dead ... | 31 | 42 | 11 |  |
| Deaths how or Do. drowned ... |  | 3 |  |  |
| under what Internal injuries $\quad . .$. | 1 | ... | $\cdots$ | 1 |
| - circumstances $\{$ Killed during the riot | 12 | ... | . | 12 |
| caused not Tetanus following abortion - ... | 1 | ... | ... | , |
| known. . Wound on the finger... | 1 | $\ldots$ | - | 1 |
| - Do. ankle... | ... | 1 | 1 |  |
| Exposure of new-born children ... | $\cdots$ | 2 | 2 | ... |
|  |  |  | ... | ... |
| Total ... | 539 | 562 | 111 | 88 |
| Coroner's Office, | (Signed) | ALLA | N F. TU | 1 N |
| Bombay, 17in January 1900.) |  |  | Coroner of | Bumbay. |

(True copy).
II. KENNEDY,

Commissioner of Polico.

