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GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT*Nagpur, the 30th August 1935.*

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RESOLUTION

The economic conditions during the year were unfavourable as prices continued low and it was only in the rice districts that a full crop was reaped. Other factors which affect police administration were favourable. The political situation was quiet, and conditions in the labour market were undisturbed except for one strike in the Empress Mills, Nagpur, which lasted 2½ months; moreover there was no serious communal trouble. The Governor in Council is pleased to observe that relations with the magistracy continued to be excellent and with the public were even better than in the previous year. The Constables' Training School was opened during the year. The school marks an important reform and will it is hoped promote the efficiency of the constabulary.

2. The conditions of the year were reflected on the statistics. Serious offences against the State, against persons and against property showed a slight fall at 13,449 (13,889) and although minor offences against property increased to 24,091 (23,551) the total number of offences registered fell to 42,192 (43,021). A satisfactory feature is the fall in dacoities from 43 to 27, at least half of which were of a very petty nature. This form of crime is almost entirely confined to border districts and is rare in the interior of the province. Burglaries decreased slightly to 8,118 (8,427) and the high record of detection which had been set up in the previous year was maintained. The Governor in Council is confident that the police force will not be satisfied to leave its

previous records unbeaten. Good use continued to be made of the preventive sections and 1,125 (1,337) prosecutions were launched under sections 109 and 110, Criminal Procedure Code. Resort to these sections for the reason that the proof of a substantive offence is lacking must be discouraged, but it is unnecessary to stress the desirability of using them in suitable cases, that is, for the prevention of crime which otherwise is likely to occur.

3. Discipline has been well maintained and the conduct of the police force as a whole has been well up to the high standard of the past. The steady decline in the number of resignations, discharges and desertions during the past 4 years indicates that a high standard of discipline is not incompatible with a spirit of contentment among the force. In particular Government attaches much importance to the provision of comfortable quarters, on which, in spite of the unfavourable condition of the provincial finances, considerable sums have been spent recently. The completion of the building programme is a matter of considerable importance for maintaining the morale of the police. Mr. Chitham, the Inspector-General, was in charge of the department throughout the year. The Governor in Council desires to take this opportunity to acknowledge the good work done by him and all other ranks, the result of which has been another year of successful police administration.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the resolution be submitted to the Government of India, Home Department, and a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, Central Provinces, for information of the Judicial Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Police, Central Provinces, for information and guidance, also that it be published in Part I of the *Central Provinces Gazette*.

By order of the Governor in Council,
N. J. ROUGHTON,

Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces.