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From

## J. E. DOWN, Esquirs, <br> Inspector-General of Police, Bombay Presidency ;

To
S. W. EDGERLEY, Esquirg, C.I.E., I. C. S.,
Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

Office of the Inspector-General of Police,
Poona, 21st July 1903.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the Annual Police Administration Report for the Bombay Presidency, including Sind and Railwnye,
Submission of the Report, for the year 1902, together with Statements noted below:-
Statement A, Parts I to IV ;
Statement B, Parts I and II;
Statements C, D, E and F;
Supplementary Statement No. II ;
Statement of Infanticide.
Supplementary Statement No. II was not submitted last year, as its abolition was under contemplation, but as the statement has now been retained as one of the appendices to the Police Annual Report (vide item 169 of Statement I, accompanying Government Resolution No. 8151, of 23rd December 1902, Judicial Department) it has been submitted this year in the usual form.
2. I regret the delay in the subiuission of the Report to Government which has been occasioned by the Commissioner,
Delsy explained. Central Division's Report keing receivad 5 weeks overdue in this office.
3. Mr. M. Kennedy acted as Inspector-General of Police from 1st January to 31st August 1902, and during the remainder of the ycar I was in charge. The post of the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Administrative Branch, was held by Sir E. C. Cox from 1st January to 6th August and from 3rd October to 31st December 1902. From 7th August to 2nd October he way appointed a member of the Local Committee appointed under Government Resolution No. 4769 of 26th. July 1902, Judicial Department, to enquire into tho administration of the Police of this Presidency. During this interval, Mr. F. A. M. H. Vincent acted for him. Mr. II. Brewin held the post of the Assistant Inspector-General of Poliee, Criminal Investigation Branch, for the whole year, with the exception of 3 months while on privilege leave from 2 th September to $23 r d$ December 1902, when Mr. J. A. Guider held charge of his office.
4. The officers who held charge of the various Districts and Railways in the Presidency during the year are shown in a statement attached to this Report as an appendix.

Crime. .t
6. The total number of engnizable and non-cognizable offences $n$ ithen during the year was 135,980 as against 142,04 .
Total Crime, Cognizablo and Non-coguizable.
Statement A, Parts I and III; aud Staternent B, Part I. the I ruvious year, showing a net decrease of $\mathbf{6 , h}$ cases. Examining figures by Divisions, the Cen; Division and Southern Division show a decrears, 5,672 and 5,077 oases respectively. In the Nor.

Division, crime rose from 35,547 to 40,054 cases in 1002, an increase of 4,507 . In Sind, the Ggures have remained almost stationary, showing 25,244 cases for the year under report as against 25,237 in the preceding year. - On Railways, the figures have slightly gone up from 4,106 in 1901 to 4,229 in the year under report. The decrease noticed above is chiefly in Class VI, under which the total aniount of crime fell from $\mathbf{7 5 , 6 4 1}$ to $\mathbf{7 0 , 6 7 9}$. Under Indian Penal Code, the decrease amounts to 1,150 only. This is contributed by the Central Division, Southorn Division and Railways. In the Northern Division and Sind, the amsunt of crime has increased by 524 and 1,833 cases respectively.

## Statement A, Part I.

## 6. The total number of cases instituted before or taken up by Magistrates Cogaizable Crime. has decreased from 11,780 in 1901 to 10,366 in 1902. The decrease is general except on Railways, where

 the amount of crime has increased from 53 to 150 in the year under report. The ducrease is most marked in the Oentral Division, vie., of 1,026 cases. The Northern Division shows a decrease of 164 cases, Southern Division of 241 cases, and Sind of 80 only. The increase on Railways is chiefly confined to offences under the Railway Act, especially on the G. I. P. Railway. 953 cases were reforred to the Police for investigation compared to 1,088 in 1901. Of the 053 cases referred to the Police, only 135 ended in conviction. In the Northern Division, out of 129 cases so referred, only 11 ended in conviction. The Commissioner, Northern Division, remarks that Police interference in these cases could have been avoided, had the Magistrates closely examined the complainants. He hopes, however, for an improvement in this respect in the next year's report as the result of orders issued to the District Magistrates in pursuance of Government Resolution No. 6851, dated 31st October 1902, Jadicial Department. Reforring to this subject, the Commissioner, Southern Division, brings to notice that out of 492 cases referred to the Police for investigation in his Division only 45 ended in conviotion. This, he observes, is indicative of want of careful examination by Magistrates of complaints before sending them to the Police. This defect was pointed out by him last year, but no attention seems to have been paid to it, The total number of cases coming before Oourts for trial was 8,798 as agninst 10,040 in the previous year. Of the former number, 3,913 ended in conviction; the percentage of cases convicted to cases triod was 55 as against 57 last year.
## Statement A, Part III.

7. The total number of cognizable cases reported to the Police or taken

Police Cognizable Cases. up by them was under "all classes" 38,634 as cormpared with 40,476 in the previous year. This shows a further decrease of 1,842 cases. The above number is made up of 31,170 cases under the Indian Penal Oode and 7,464 under Class VI as compared with 32,488 and 7,988 , respectively, in the preceding year. The deorease under "all classes" is confined to the Central and Southern Divisions, in which crime has decrensed from 14,438 and 6,815 to 12,417 and 6,741, respectively, in the year under report. In the Northern Division there is an increase from 7,025 cases to 7,155, while in Sind crime has increased from 8,382 to 9,635 cases, On Railways there is a decrease from 8,816 to 8,686 cases. On closer examination of the figures it appears that the increase noticeable in the Northern Division is confined to Ahmedabad and Kaira, chiefly due to the growth of thefts and houseteankings in the City of Ahmedabad and in the Kaira District, and is ascribed to the fauine which prevailed and to the large number of immigrants in and near the City, sone of whom must have resorted to theft to eke out a living. The decrease observed in the Central Division is ascribed to the disappearance of famine con-
litions and to a fall in the number of prosecutions under Chapter VIII, Criminal - nedure Code. The decrease in the Southern Division is commońn to all dis$\$$ Weept Belgaum, where the increase is nominal, and has been attributed to better condition of the lower classes owing to more employment ower pricus and to the establishneent of apecial measures of strengthening frontier posts and special patrols. The increase noticed in Sind is ned to Karáchi, Myderabad and Thar and Parkar. In Karáchi, it is hod partly to strict registration of cattle-theft cases and partly to the cason. In Hyderabad, the inorease which is chiefly in house-breaking
and theft cases is put down to poor inundation and consequent high pricis, prevalence of plague and cholera, which afforded, in the evacuation of housts, an opportunity to offences, and to strict registration of eattle-theft cases. The increase in Thar and P'arkar, which is also under house-breaking and the les is attributed to bumper crops of the Nara Valley, attracting nomadic criminal classes from the descrt.
8. Including pending cases of the previous year, tho complaints for disPolice Cases for disposal. posal totalled 42,051 comprared with 44,100 in the 35 previous year; all but 141 were investigated. In only 35 of these ( 32 in the Northern Division, 1 in tho Central Division and 2 in the Southern Division) was Police action ordered by Magistrates after the Police had refused to investigate. Out of 42,051 scase for disposal 31,459 are Indian Penal Code cases and 7,502 fall under Class VI as compared with $36,0 \leq 7$ and 8,103, respectively, in the previous year. Of the 34,159 Indian Penal Codo cases, the Central Division is accredited with 11,840 cases, Sind with 0,002, the Northern Division with 5,412, the Southern Division with 5,193, and Railways with 3,031 .

The number under Class VI is distributed as under :-

| Northern Division | .. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2,211 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central Division | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,907 |
| Southern Division | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Sind $\ldots .178$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Railways | $\ldots$. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,408 |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | .. | 860 |

9. Cases struck off during the year under report numbered 13,194 as

## Police Conses struck of.

 against 13,445 in the preceding year ; of theso $12,0: 30$ were under Indian Penal Code and 858 under Class VI. The Central Division shows the largest number of cases, viz. 4,728. Sind accounts for 3,933 cases, the Northern Division for 1,044 and the Southern Division for 2,432. Railways contribute only 457 cases. Though the net increaso of 49 in the number of cases struck off is small, the figures taken separately for the Divisions and Sind show a remarkable variation as compared with last ycar, while the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions show a falling off undur this head of 187,565 and 142 cases respectively. Sind shows an increase of 865 cases and Railways of 78. The increase in Sind is mainly attributed to the large increase of these cases in Karáchi, due probably to the registration of all cases of reported disappeurance of cattle, a large proportion of whicb was subsequently ascertained to be cases of cattle straying. Nearly $\frac{1}{1}$ of the cases struck off as false in the whole Presidency were so classed after trial. In $0 j$ per cent. of the cases in which the Police reported the cases to be false or mistaken, the Magistrates accepted their opinions and classifed them accordingly. Out of 419 cases, in which the Magistrates, not satisfied with the Polico reports, ordered a trial, 256 ended in the acquittal or disctharge of the accused. In connection with the classification of final reports of the Police, tho Commissioner, Northern Division, notes that in 59 cases their final reports were nut accepted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrates, whose interference in the matter resulted in securing convictions in 14 cases. This is encouraging, but enough has not been done in this direction. The Magistrates, the Commissioner fears, are too prone to classify cases as the Police dictate, and as showing the recessity for greater vigilance in this respect instances a case of true theft which was reported by the Police for classification as false, but the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, after sifting the whole facts of the case, tried it and convicted the accused. I entirely agree with the above remarks. The too rcady compliance of Magistrates in classifying as the Police suggest constitutes a real danger which will grow if not checked.10. "Maliciously False" cases amount to 050 , showing a decline of 32
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Malicioasly False Cases. cases as compared with the previous year, the lar'c.st } \\ & \text { number being in Sind, riz., } 369 \text { as arainst } 457 \text { in the }\end{aligned}$
for 287, Southern Division for 162, as compared with 167, 100 and 112, revec-
tively, in the previous year. On the Railrags, the number is 19 only. In : 99 p
cases, sanction was accorded to prosecute those who had made false complaint; ;
in 119 by Jagistrates and 275 by Superintendents of Police. In $33 \overline{0}$ caus.
prosecoution was umbertaken but convictions were obtained in 102. In 124 out if 3 ,9 madicionily false cates in sind, sanction to prosecute was applied for, but it was granted in only C0, and in 15 only convictions were obtained.
11. The average ratio of false cases to Police cognizable cases for disposal for the whole Presidency has again risen from 30 per

Iroportion of real and falso chatis to cuisus fur diaidurith. cent. to 32 per cent. in thelyear under review. Except the Northern Division, all the Divisions, Sind and Railwnys contribute to this increase. The Southern Division has the highest percentare of 38 , followed by 37 per cent. in Sind, 34 in the Central Division and 25 in the Northern Division. On Railways, the percentage is 11.
12. This section was made use of in 122 cases as compared with 156 in 1901, of which Sind contributed 65, the Southern

Application of Scetion 2:0 or the U. 1. C. Division 17 casos and the Northern Division 10 as against 106, 21 and 6 in the previous year. The commissioner, Southern Division, considers that more use of this section is desirable as a deterrent to false complaints, and would result in reducing the work both of the Police and Magistrates. The Commissioner, Northern Division, observes that, althourh the tutal number of cases classed after trial as false was 554 in his Division, all do not come within the soope of this section. The remedy would appuar to be for Court Prosecutors and Court Jamadars to bring the provision to the notice of the Ccurts in cases ending in discharge or in all doubtful cases, as pointed out in Governinent Resolution No. 7373 of 18th November 1901 on the l'olice Report for 1900.
13. Elimimating cases "struck off," the total amount of real crime for disposal under "all classes" amounted to 28,557 cases as against 30,745 in the previous year, 21,853 being under Indian Penal Colv and 6,704 under Class VI as compared with 23,516 and $7,2 \% 9$ resprectivoly in the year 1001. These figures show a total decrease of 2,189 canes in the year ander report. The decrease is confined to the Central Division ( 1,765 cases), Southern Division (983 cases) and Railways (151). The Northurn Division and Sind show an increase of 296 and 415 cases respectively. Douling with Indian Penal Code cases alone, there is on the whole a net decreasu of 1,663 cases. Taking Divisions separately, the Central Division shows a durrease of 1,454 cases, Southern Division of 996 and Railways of 298. In tho Northern Division and Sind, there is an inorease of 386 and 699 cases respectively. The decrease in the Central Division is observed in all the Districts of the Division, except Poona and Sholipur, where the figures of real ruine have remaned almost stationary. Undor Class VI, the total decrease mmounty to 525 cases. On Railways, there is an increase of 147 cases, chiefly due to the increase in the number of $\mathbf{A}^{\prime}$ bkiri and Opiunn cases on the B. B. and C. I. Liailway, owing to quantity of gínja and blang that could be carried without a liconse having been reduced from ten to three tolis, without travellers loving at onco aware of tho alteration. The general decrease noticed under Indian Penal Cocle runs throurh all the classes except IV and is remarkable madir Classes III and V. Under Class III, which relates to serious offences ngninst persons and property, the number of real cases for disposal dropped by ti: 3 , and muler Class $V$, which relates to minor offences against property, by 906 caver: The derranse under Class V is confined to the Central Division, Southern Division and lailways, the Northern Division and Sind showing an increase. A further detitiled examination of the figures indicates that real cases of murder includiny attempts at murdor and culpable homicides for disposal numbered 350 ns aysainst 406 in tho previous year. Dacoities numbered 603 as against 1,305, the Central Division alone being responsible for 507 of these, as compared with 1,101 in the previous year when famine conditions prevailed. The number in the Nurthorn livision was 67, in the Southern Division 77, in Sind 7 and on Nuilways 5 , as compured with $62,108,8$ and 6 respectively' in the previous year. Whe total mamber of robberies have fallen from 717 to 502 in the year under report, the latestenthling off being in the Contral Division from 500 to 334. ceses of housi-hreaking and thefts have increased from 5,373 to 5,629 . Those of thelts and rewiviny stulen property have on the other hand decreased from 11, 927 and 722 to 11,035 and 600 respectively in the previous year. Thefts on

Railways have decreased from 2,575 to 2,269 in the year under review, the number including 792 cases of thefts from running trains as compared with 1,103 in the preceding year. This falling of is satisfactory and chiefly noticeable on the Rajputana-Malwa Railway, where the number has fallen from 88: cases to 493. The Rajjputína-Málwa Railway Police are entitled to credit for these results, inasmuch as there was a rush of tratio in passengers and goods at the close of the year under report owing to the Coronation Darbar at Delhi.
14. There is a slight improvement in the measure of success obtained by

Caseos deoided by trial. the Police in dealing with cases before the Courts in the year 1902. Altogether 20,157 cases were disposed of by trial, of which 16,240 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 80.56 as compared with 79.38 in the previous year. This improvement is also noticeable under Indian Penal Code and Class VI. The largest measure of succesa under "all classes" (88.93) was achieved on Railways. Under Indian Penal Code, the percentage of cases ending in conviction to cases disposed of by trial varies from 69 in the Southern Division to 85 on Railways, the average for the entire Presidency being 77 as against 76 in the previous year. Under Clase VI, the average percentage for the whole Presidency has risen from 85 to 87.
15. The general results for the the entire Presidency under the several classes show on the whole an improvenent.

Turning to more important heads of crime, it may be observed that out of 350 real cases of murder and cognate offences for disposal, 331 were brought to trial and convictions were obtained in 56 per cento as against 55 in the previous year. The highest percentage is 66 on Railways, while the lowest is 47 in the Northern Division. The results obtained in the Southern Division in this respect show a marked improvement over those of the previous year, the percentage having risen from 49 to 62 . In Sind on the other hand, the percentage has declined from 59 to 53. Under dacoity, with fewer cases to deal with, the Police have been distinctly more successful, the everage percentage of convictions to cases tried in the whole Presidency having improved from 58 to 77 per cent. To this improvement the Northern Division contributes a rise of 11 per cent., the Central Division 28 per cent, and Sind 16. The Southern Division shows a falling off from 65 to 45 . Out of 507 real cases for diaposal in the Central Division 248 were tried, 214 ending in conviction, giving a percentage of 86 , which may be regarded as estisfactory. Under robberies, the average percentage of convictions to cases tried in the whole Presidency has improved from 63 to 73 in 1902. : The improvement is general, except for a small falling off from $75^{\circ}$ to 71 per cent. on Railways. Altogether there were 562 real cases of robbery for disposal, and of this number 334 were in the Central Division, of which 152 were tried and 116 ended in conviction, giving a percentage of 76 as against 67 in the previous year. Under burglaries, there were altogether 5,629 real cases for disposal, of which 1,877 only came to trial, 1,533 ending in conviotion, giving a percentage of 81 as agaiust 78 in the previous year. 'Under receiving stilen property, the average percentage of convictions stands at 74-40, which is about the same as in 1901. Under thefts, it has remained stationery at 82.
16. The total number of offences dealt with by the Police under these special laws have risen slightly from 3,05 1 to $\mathbf{3 , 0 8 9}$.
$\therefore$. Aotion of the Poliop in dealing with offonoee ander Solth A'bkari, Cuetome and Opiam Lawt Out of 994 cases sent for trial 030 ended in conviction. In Kaira of the Northern Division, salt caseshave increased from 39 to 156; a large number' of these consists of removal of salt earth by Kolis from the Banks of the Mahi River in the Borsád Táluka. An abundant crop of Mhowra is said to have induced offences under the A'bkari Act in that District.
17. Altogether 861 cases were tried in the Courts of Sessions, and convictions obtained in 663, the average percentage of convictions for the whole Presidency thus improving from 75 to 77 in the year under report. The highest percentage, viz., 90 , was obtained on the Railways, showing an improvement by 6 per cent. over the previcus year. In the Central Division it has inproved from 82 to $8 \cdot \frac{1}{}$, in Sind from $2584-8$

59 to 62 and in the Northern Division from 67 to 70. These results may be considered satisfactory.
18. With the gencral decrease in crime, the total number of pending Ponding Police Caycs. cases has decined from 4,818 in the previous year 1,740 were under investigation by the Police, 2,747 were pending with Magis. trates ( 1,487 under trial and 1,200 awaiting final orders on final roports of the Police). With regard to pending cases with Magistrates, the Commissioner, Northern Division, remarks that, although there is some improvement in his Division in tho number of finally reported cases, there are still several longstanding cascs in which final orders ought to have been passed. As such delays militate against successful results he is inviting the attention of the District Magistrates to such delays. In the Sukkur District, final reports under Scction 173, Criminal Procedure Code, are ordered to be sent through Inspectors, which course, the Commissioner in Sind observes, though entailing an increase in the number of pending cases, ensures more careful investigation. The proportion of cases pending to cases for disposal stands as under for 1002:-

| In the Presidency |  |  | ... | ... | ... | 10.67 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Do. | Northera | Division | ... | ... | ... | $7 \cdot 94$ |
| Do. | Central D | rision | ... | ... | ... | 8.86 |
| Do. | Southern | ivision | ... | . | ... | 9.73 |
| Do. | Sind | .. | ... | ... | ... | $17 \cdot 16$ |
| Do. | Railways | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 6.52 |

19. The total number of cases remaining undetected during the year under report was 8,030 ; of these 7,966 were under Indian Penal Code and 64 were under Class VI as Undetocted Polico Casos, compared with 8,689 and 57 , respectively, in the previous year. The percentage of undetcctod cases to those for disposal works out 19.09 as against 19.79 in the provious ycar. The improvement is very small and disproportionate to the general decreaso in crime. The proportion is highest on Railways and lowest in the Northern Division, the percentage varying between 39 for the former and 11 for the latter. The proportion of cases remaining undetected to true cases disposed of under Indian Penal Code is 43, the same as in 1901. It is doubtful whether the classification of undetected cases is always correctly made by Magistrates. This greatly depends on the care with which Police reports for excluding cases are scrutinised by the Superintendent and Magistrate who gives the final order. For instance, in Surat for the year under report, the ratio of undotected cases rose from 11.04 to 30.79 and in Sholápur from 9.78 to 29.44 . I do not believe that the Sholápur and Surat Police have really fallen away in the successful detection of crime, or at any rate to the extent these figures would indicate. There is no reason why they should. The matter is, I have no doubt, one of classification, where, owing to the more careful scrutiny excrcised by the Superintendents of those districts, the figure of undetected cases now shown probably more approximately represents the true state of things. The Superintendents' explanations of these figures may with advantage be given hore. Mr. Gibbs, Superintendent of Police, Surat, writes:-
"I venture to think this difference has a great deal less to do with worse work on the part of the Police than my sondiog on papers to be recorded as undetected instead of being sent up for esclusion. I do not think it is my daty to necessarily send up papers with the opinion expreseod by the Police Station Olicer; I give my own opinion which the Magistrate can accept or not as he likes. It must always be remembered, if a clue to a case is not speedily got, there is every probability of a Polioe Station Officer working the papers ap for exclusion so that his returne may not be spoilt."

Mr. Dubois, Superintendent of Police, Sholápur, explains that in previous years a proportion of the cases, the detection of which was doubtful, had never beon brought on the register, and that the lower percentage of undetected cases was misleading. In the year under report 80 of the undetected cases reported by the Police as false were, as the result of the Superintendent's representations to Magistrate, classed as true. The matter is one which requires the closest scrutiny and care of the Superintendent and classifying Magistrate. There can be no doubt as Mr. Gibbs says that when the detection of a case appears difficult there is a strong tendency on the part of a Police Station Officer to
work for "esclusion" in order to show good pereentage results, and when such reports are too readily accented the greater tendency will there to to employ ingenuity to procure misloading paper results, and less cflort to detect true crime.

## Statement B, Part $I$.

20. Non-cognizable crime has further dropped from 89,536 in 1901 to Non-cognizable Crime. 86,980 in 1902. Tho fall is noticeable in the Central Division, Southern Division and in Sind, it being most marked in the Southern Division, amounting to 3,762 cases. The fall in the Southern Division is due to the decrease of 51 per cent. in the number of cases under the Municipal Act. In the Northern Division, there is a rise of 4,541 cases, chiefly confined to Ahmedabad, where a large number of complaints under the Municipal Act was instituted. The increase is also due to arrears of Municipal taxes having been recovered, under the District Magistrate's orders, by recourse to Municipal Magistrates. This system should be stopped under tho procedure laid down in the Municipal Act, 1901, as remarked by Government in paragraph 3 of their Resolution No. 6851, dated 31st October 1902, Judicial Department, on the Police Administration Report for 1901. On Railways, tho number increased from 237 to 393 in the year under report. Of the total number of non-cognizable cases, 503 were referred to the Police for investigation, of which number 273 were in the Southern Division alone. Tho total number of non-cognizable cases for disposal was 114,108 as against $1,96,930$ in the preceding year. Of these 39,667 were tried, 27,690 resulting in conviction, giving a percentage of 69 as against 72 in the preceding year. As last year, the highest percentage of convictions is 87 on Railways as against 86 in the prcvious year, and the lowest 42 in the Southern Division as against 58 in the preceding year.

## Persons.

21. The total number of persons appearing before the Courts in connection with all crimes, cognizable and non-cognizable, was $2,12,081$ as compared with 279,544 in the previous year. The ratio of convictions to persons tried stood at 59 as against 61 in the preceding year.

## Statement A, Part II.

22. Proportionate with the decrease in direct cases is the number of persons to be dealt with. The total number of

Persons concerned in cog. nizable cases reported to Magistrates or taken ap by them direct. persons concerned in these cases was 21,157 as compared with 21,904 in the previous year. The decrease is confined to the Central Division and Southern Division, particularly the former, where the number has dropped from 8,700 to 7,450. In Sind, there is an increase from 5,802 to 6,479 and on Railways from 56 to 161. The Northern Division shows an incrense of 73 only. The number of persons tried in the whole Presidency stood at 17,157, of whom 7,104 were convicted. The proportion of persons convicted to persons tried was 41 as compared with 44 in the previous year. This falling off is noticeable in all the Divisions and on Railwass. In Sind, there is a slight improvement, the percentage for the year under report being 24.77 .

## Statement A, Part IV.

23. With less crime to deal with the total number of persons arrested by the Police suo motu during the year under report has dropped from 36,319 in 1901 to 33,266 in 1002. Persons in Police Cases. The drop is confined to the Central and Southern Divisions. In the Northern Division, in spite of decrease in crime, the number of arrests has riscn from 7,456 to 7,930 in the year under report. In Sind and on Railwass, the number of arrests is almost the same as in the preceding year, viz., 7,076 and 2,382 respectively. Persons arrested by order of Magistrates after investigation had been refused by the Police, or the Police had reported the charge to be false, numbered 884 as against 724 in the previous ycar. The total number of persons
relcascd by the Police without being brought to trial was 642 as against 686 in the previous year, giving a precentage of 1.02 as compared with 1.88 in 1001. The total number of persons for disposal was 30,002 as against 43,010 in the preceding year. The decrease is confined to the Central and Southern Divisions and to Sind, but it is most marked in the Central Division. In the Northern Division, the number bas risen from 8,601 to 9,203 . On Railways, it is 2,449 as against 2,384 in 1001 . Altogether 33,920 persons were tried, of whom 24,155 were convicted, giving a perecntage of $71 \cdot 21$ as a a ainst $69 \cdot 47$ in 1001. This improvement is contributed to more or less by all the Divisions, Sind and Railways. Under Indian l'enal Code, the proportion of conviction works out at C0.75 as a arainst $63 \cdot 60$ last year, and under Class VI, 85.24 as against $83 \cdot 88$ in the previous ycar. Taking Divisions, the largest measure of success in dealing with persons under " All classes" is gained by Railways, with the high percentage of 8.1 .84 . The lowest percentage is 62 and is obtained in the Southern Division. In Sind, the percentage has improved from 65 to 68 . Under Indian Penal Code also, improvement is noticeable in the Northern and Central Divisions and in Sind. In the Southern Division, there is a falling off of 3 per cent. The lest results, viz., 80 per cent., have been obtained on Railways. Under Class VI, the Railways, with a percentage of 92, stand first and the Southern Division with a percentage of 78 comes last.

The total number of persons tricd for murders and cognate offences, during the ycar under report, was $\mathbf{6 6 6}$ as compared with 816 in the previous year; of theso, 297 were convicted, giving a percentage of 44 as against 42 in 1901. Tho lowest percentage of 20 is in the Northern Division. The percentages in the Central Division and in Sind are above the average, viz. 48. In connction with dacoitics, altogether 2,161 persons were tried in the whole Presidency, 1,394 being convicted, giving a percentage of 64 as against 40 in the preceding ycar. There is a marked improvement shown in this respect in the Northern Division, Central Division and on Railways, where the percentages have risen from 36, 38 and 33 to 54,71 and 50 respectively in 1002, on the other hand percentage in the Southern Division has receded from 53 to 42. In Sind, tho percentage is 32 . Under "Robberies" a less number of persons, viz., 665 , were tried and convictions were obtained in 64 per cent. as compared with 57 in the preceding year. This improvement is chiefly accounted for by the rise in the Central Division and in Sind, where the percentages of convictions have gone up from 59 and 56 to 70 and 75 respectively in the ycar under report. In the Southern Division, the percentage is very low, riz., 38,51 persons having been convicted out of 131 tried. For burglaries, altogether 3,445 persons were tried and 2,520 convicted, giving a percentage of 73 as against 72 in the previous ycar. The Northern Division has obtained the lest results under this head; out of 812 persons tried, 636 or 78 per cent. were convicted, and is followed by Sind, where out of 690 persons tried, 519 were couvicted, giving a percentago of 75 as compared with 68 in 1901. Under Thefts, the number of persons tried decreased from 13,136 to 11,458, and the percentage of convictions has practically remained stationary at 74:06. Except in the Northern Division, where the percentage of convictions has risen from 76 to 79 , there has been a general falling off in the percentages of convictions under this head. The number of persons tried was the highest in the Central Division, viz., 3,778, of whom 2,835 were convicted, giving a percentage of $7 \overline{5}$ ns naainst 70 in 1901. Following comes Sind, where out of 2,557 persons tried, $1, S 60$ were convicted, giving a percentage of 72 as against 73 in the preceding year. On Railways, out of 1,022 persons tried, $810^{\circ}$ were convicted, giving a percentage of 82 , the same as last ycar. In all, 1,330 persons were tried for receiving stolen property and 950 convicted, giving a percentage of 71 as compared with 70 in the previous year.

2,731 persons were tried in the Sessions Court, 67 per cent. being convicted,

Persons concerued in Sus. sions cases. as compared with 57 per cent. for the previous year, thus showing a marked improvement. Of the 2,731 persons, 1,559 were tried in the Central Division and 1,951 convicted, the percentage of convictions being 78 as compared with 63 in the previous jear.

## Statement B, Part II.

24. The total number of persons who appeared before Courts in non-connizable cases was $1,51,022$, as argainst $\mathbf{2 , 1 0 , 3 2 5}$ in the previous ycar. Of these, 56,650 -were tried and 32,476 were convicted, giving a percentace of 57 as

> Pcraona in Non-Cognizable Cases. against 63 in the previous year. The decrease in the number of persons a ppearing before Courts is spread over all the Divisions and Sind. On Railways, the number has risen from 200 to 522 . There is a marked falling off in the percentage of convictions in Sind, viz., from 62 to 47 . The percentare of convictions in the Southern Division was very low, viz. 35. The number of persons discharged after appearance without trial fell from 48,001 in 1001 to 0,256 in 1902. This remarkable falling off is chiefly accounted for by the decrease from 45,869 to 7,761 in the Northern Division, which has not been explained. Notwithstanding a large decrease in the number of persons to be dealt with, the number of persons remaining under trial at the close of the year was 21,187 as against 19,901 at the close of the preceding year.

## Statement 0.

25. The total value of property stolen in cognizable cases amounted to Rs. 18,64,145 as against Rs. 17,53,358 in the previous

## Property Stolen and Re-

 covered. year, showing a net increase of $\mathrm{Ms}, 1,10,787$. This increase is noticeable in the Northern Division, Central Division and in Sind, the Southern IVivision and Railways showing a decrease. In the Northern Division, the value of stolen property amounted to Rs. 2,30,221 as compared with Rs. $1,84,185$ in 1901, in the Central Division to Rs. $8,66,703$, and in Sind to Rs. 4,17,919 as compared with Rs. 7,36,736 and Rs. $3,05,578$ respectively in the previous year. The amount of property stolen on Railways was Rs. $1,02,547$ as against Rs. $1,26,959$ in the jear 1901. Total recoveries in the whole Presidency amounted to Rs. $6,14,002$ or nearly 33 por cont as against 35 in the previous year. The percentage of recoverics is highost in the Northern Division, viz., 42, which is, however, much lower than in the preceding year, when the amount of recoveries reached 50 per cent. In the Central Division and Southern Division, the percentage of recoveries is the lowest, viz., 29 per cent. in each, as against 29 and 37 respectively in the year 1901. Tho percentage of recoveries in Sind was above average percentage for the wholo Prosidency, but shows a falling oft of 1 per cent. over the previous year. On Railways, the percentage has improved from 26 to 30 in the year under report. The amount of property stolen in connection with non-cognizable crime was valued at Rs. 50,912 as against Rs. 24,239 in the preceding year. Recoverics amounted to Rs. 24,922, giving a percentage of 48 against 47 in the previous year. The largest amount of stolen property was in the Central Division, ciz., Ms. 38,577 and recoveries amounted to 58 per cent. Next to Central Division comes Sind, where recoveries amounted to about 11 per cent. only out of Rs. 7,000 worth of property stolen.
## Slatement $D$,

26. I am inclined to agree with the remark of Mr. M. Kennedy last year

## Professionsl Crime.

 that the figures in the statement are misleading. The returns from the Central Division and Sind are altogether blank, in spite of a large number of dacoities in Khándcsh and cases of cattle lifting in Sind, many of which must have been the work of professional criminals. In the Northern Division, altogether 11 dacoities, 1 robbery and 2 cases of cattle theft are returned as having been committed in Thína, though the total number of dacoities in the Division was 67, The Southern Division returns only 7 dacoities and 1 case of counterfeit coin as having been committed by professional criminals in the Bijapur District, while it appears from the Comrnissioner, Southern Division's remarks nnder "Serious Crimes" and "Criminal Classes" that at least 3 dacoities in Belgaum and 7 in Bijupur, and some of the dacoities and robberies in Dhárwar were committed by Kaikadis, a class of dangerous professional criminals. On Railways, 7 thefts have been shown as having been committed from passenger trains by professional thieves.; 88A-3

## Statement $E$.

27. The total Police force of the Presidency, inclusive of Railways and Sind, stood at 22,308 officers and men, giving an increase of
Strength of Polico 161 officers and men as compared with the previous year's strength. This increase is distributed among all the Divisions, Sind and Railways. The total increase is accounted for by the employment of an Assistant Superintendent of Police in Belgaum and a Probationer in Ahmedabad, the crcation of Court Prosecutor's appointments in Belgaum and Kaira, and by the incorporation of the Poona Intelligance Branch into the sanctioued force of that District. Some additional men were sanctioned during the year for Abkári Establishment in the Central Division and Southern Division. An additional forco of 103 men was sanctioned for Karáchi, Myderabad and Lárkhána Districts in Sind. Thero was a net increase of 15 men to the sanctioned force on Rail. ways as detailed below:-
(a) Employment of two Head Constables and 17 Constables for the ^nand-Petlad-Cambay Railway, as sanctioned in Goveanment Resolution No. 1510, dated 15th April 1902, Financial Department.
(b) Entcrtainment of 2 Head Constables and 6 Constables for the pay office guard of the Southern Mabratta Railway, as sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 217, dated 15th January 1902, Judicial Department.
(c) Reduction of 12 Constables employed to accompany the Pay Clerks making payments beyond the Bombay Presidency-vide Government Resolution No. 7215, dated 17th November 1902, Judicial Department.
In addition to the sanctioned strength, a large number of extra Policemen were employed in several districts of the Presidency and Sind, in connection with Famine and Plague duty. The number in the Northern Division was about 100 for Plague and 672 for Famine duty. A number of armed men were transferred to Násik, Khándesh and Thána from other districts, in connection with operations against the Koli out-laws. On the Railways, in addition to the sanctioned Police strength, an extra force of líamoshis was employed as usual.

## Distribation of the force. <br> 28. Statement $E$ speaks for itself,

20. Tho total expenditure has risen from Rs. 43,48,733 to Rs. 46,75,436

Cost of the Police. during the year under report. The increase in cost is chiefly due to the entertainment of additional force.
30. The proportion of total reported crime to the Police Force employed on prevention and detection of crime in the entire Presidency is 1 Policeman to 3.2 crimes during the year under review, as against $3 \cdot 4$ in. the previous year. The similar proportion in Sind comes to 4.27. In the Central Division and Southern Division, it
Proportion of roportod Cognizable Crime to Police engaged in prevontion and detection of Crime.
comes to 3.82 and 3.12 , respectively, in 1902. In the Northern Division, it is 2.55 and on Railways 1.83 . The average proportion of true crime (Police cases only) for the whole Presidency comes to 1 Policeman to 1.89 crimes as against 2.05 in the previous year.
31. The proportion of true Police cognizable crime for disposal to Population for the whole Presidency, including Sind, was 1

Proportion of true crime to Topulation. crime to 706 population as against 1 to 759 in 1901. This proportion in the Northern Division and Central Division has remained almost the same as in the preceding year, viz., 1 to 618 and 1 to 658 persons in 1902 as compared with 1 to 615 and 1 to 650 , respectively, in 1901. In the Southern Division, the proportion has decreased from

32. Although the total number of punishments in the whole Presidency

## Puuishments.

 is practically the same as last year, viz., 3,263, variations are noticeable in the figures of the Divisions. The number of purishments in the Northern Division and Central Division dropped from 693 and 013 to 610 and 896 , respectively, in the jear under report.In Sind, the number rose from 691 to 759 and on Railways from 495 to 400. In the Southern Division, the total number of punishments has remained stationary at 469. Of the 3,263 punishments inflicted, $\mathbf{2 5 1}$ were dismissals, 2,873 other departmental punishments and 139 Judicial punishments as compared with 261, 2,838 and 162, respectively, in the provious year. Judicial punishments in the Central Division (54) were more numerous than in any other charge.
33. The total number of rewards by promotion has increased from 147 to

Rewards. 166 in year under review. The increase of 10 is made up of 11 in the Northern Division, 3 in tho Central Division and 18 in Sind and a decrease of 13 in the Southern Division. Money rewards were granted in 652 cases in the whole Presidency, the largest number (327) being in the Northern Division, followed by 151 in the Southern Division. The Commissioner, Southern Division, considers this number excessive and remarks that money rewards were given on an extensive scale in the Coast Districts, in spite of the orders discouraging their grant. 3.572 Good Service Tickets were granted as against 4,087 in the previous ycar, tho largest number being in the Northern and Central Divisions, viz., 1,000 and 1,032, respectively. The decrease noticeable in the number of Good Service Tickets is found in the Northern, Central and Southern Divisions.
34. There is a slight improvement in the education of the force, as comEducation. pared with last year. 3,302 officers and 7,995 men, total 11,297, can read and write as compared with 3,223 officers and 7,655 men, total 10,878 in 1901, giving a percentage of 51 as against 49 in the previous year. Proportion of educated otticers in the three Divisions of the Presidency Proper vary from 70 to 74, that of educated men is much lower, varying from 46 to 54 . The percentage of educated men in Sind is 25 , while that of educated officers is 60 , indicating a backward condition in point of education as compared with the Presidency Proper. This is ascribed tc the very small amount of education among the Armed Police. On Railways, the proportion of educated officers and men is high, being 93 and 58 respectively. The figures for the whole Presidency give a percentage to the sanctioned strength, of 71 educated officers and 46 educated men, as compared with 70 and 44 respectively in the previous year.
35. The only guide in estimating the general health of the Police Force Health. in each Division is the precentage of sickness given in column 36 of Statement F accompanying the Polico Administration Report. Very remarkable variations in the percentages of sick. ness are shown in that statement. Some are inexplicable and, as remarked by the Commissioner, Northern Division, have no connection with the gencral health of the Districts. In Khándesh, the ratio fell from 43 to 30 , while in Sátára and Sholápur, the percentages were 16 and 63 as compared with 57 and 17 in 1901 respectively. The abnormal increase in the latter is attributed to hard work and unhealthy surroundings. The Commissioner, Central Division, is not inclined to accept this as a correct explanation for the apparent detcrioration in health, and states that though there was some increase in serious crime, but the volume of work was on the whole smaller than in the previous year and that tho surroundings were not so bad this year, as to account for the extraordinary deterioration in health. The Commissioner in Sind remarks that increase from 36 to 42 per cent in the number of admissions into Hospital is solely due to a large increase in Karáchi.District, caused by men being now forced to go to Hospital, when reported sick, whereas formerly they were allowed to go to their homes. Casualties show 2 per cent, the same as last year. 213 men dicd of plague during the year under report, as compared with $\mathbf{C O}$ in the previous year.
36. During the year under report, Government sanctioned "revolvers," Armament as part of the armament of Head Constables, I and II addition to " sword." The supply of bored out Martini Henrys and MI. II. rifles and M. H. carbines, cavalry, in exchange for the present B. L. S. 1. arms, has also been decided on. I have also proposed to substitute MI. H. carbines, cavalry, in lieu of rovolvers for the Mounted Police, as a more suitable and eflectual
weapon. The supply of swords to the Unarmed Police was completed during the year under report.
37. The number of enlistments during the year 1902 was 1,997 as against 1,942 in the previous year, but there was a large number of vacancies, viz., 365 at the close of the year under report, as compared with 271 at the end of 1901 . The Northern Division has returned the largest number of vacancies, viz., 123. In the Presidency Proper, including Railways, out of 1,484 officers and men enlisted during the year 996 wcro educated, showing an advance of 9 per cent. on the previous year. The largest number (360) of educated officers and men were enlisted in the Central Division. On Railways, out of 245 cnlisted, 180. were educated.
38. Resignations numbered 599 for the whole Presidency as against 652 in the previous year. On this. question the Commissioner, Northern Division, remarks asfollows:-"Policemon wantonly rosign either in a epirit of defiance or to suit their own convenience and knowing the difficulty esperienced in obtaining suitable recruits they come back either to their own or another District within a year and are readily re-enlisted because of their previous training, \&c. The matter-of-course manner in which past service has been reckoned in such cases under Article 502 of the Civil Sorvice llogulations encouraged this to some extent. Orders have been issucd to counteract this."

## Statement of Infanticide.

39. This return is blank for the Northern Division, Sind and Railways. In the Central Division and Southern Division together, 6 cases have been roturned. They are all cases of causing death of illegitimate infants.

In Statement A, Part III, 105 cases of exposure of infants or concealment of births and 483 cases of murder are returned. This would seem to indicate that more than 6 cases of infanticide actually occurred.

## Inspection and Supply.

40. During the year under review, the following Districts and Railways wore inspected by me and by Mr. M. Kennedy while acting for me:-

By Mr. Mr. Kennedy.


## By Mrr. Down.

| 1. Sátár. | 4. Ahmednagar. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Bijapur. | 5. Thána. |
| 3. Sholápur. |  |

In the Districts and on the R.-M. Railway and S.M. Railway, the offices of the Superintendents of Police, and of the subordinate officers at Head-quarters, viz., Head-quarters Chief Oonstable's office, Police Account office, Táluka and City Chief Constables' offices were examined. On the R.-M. Railway the offices of the two Assistant Superintendents of Police were also examined. On the G.I. P. Railway, the IIutgi out-post, on the B. B. \& C. I. Railway, Police Inspector's office, and Station House office at Surat, and on the S. M. Railway, the sub-post of Bádámi and Police Posts of Bágalkot and Castle Rock were also examined. After each inspection, inspection notes were communicated to the Superintendents concerned for information and explanation, and except in case of Railways, a special report sent to the Divisional Commissioners, bringing to notice nny defccts or shortcomings coming under observation. In this connection there is nothing which calls for special notice in this report.

The paucity of men in rescrve for purposes of training was crery where observable, but as reorganization proposals to remedy this defect have been submitted to Government, it is hoped that sufficient reserve will shortly lo sanctioned.

In the matter of supply of arms, elothing and equipments for the districts of this Presidency, exclusive of Sind and Railways, Rs. $1,0+, 5: 0$ were expended during the year under report from this oftice for the following stores which were either purchased locally or supplied by contractors through the Inspector-Gencral.

Rs.
8,526 on accoutrements ;
2,022 on swords for the unarmed Police ;
$1,83,614$ on clothing ;
658 on saddlery.
Total...1,94,820

## Cbiminal Intestigation Brance of the Inspector-General's Office.

41. There has been no change in the numerical strength of this branch, which consists of one Assistant Inspector-General of Police, 3 Inspectors, 4 Hoad Constables, and a few subordinate Police working under the direct control of tho Inspector-General of Police. This small staff has been fully employed on a variety of work in which their assistance has been solicited, including some cases of a difficult and intricate nature.

Amongst the more important investigations undertaken by this branch was the case of Imperator es. Sanjana and others in which 5 accused were charged with forgery and allied offences. The ordinary difficulties encountered in the collection of evidence were in this case considerably augmented by reason of tho fact that 2 of the accused were members of the Bombay Bar and the romain-dersvell-to-do and influential citizens. After prolonged proceedings before tho High Court all the accused with the exception of Sanjana (who had abscondod while on bail) were convicted and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

Inquiry into the alleged perjury before the High Court of Bombay by one B. H. Kotwal was a sequel to the above case. In this connection some important documentary and other evidence was collected in the Province of Kathiáwár.

The Sholapur murder case, inquiries into which were instituted towards the close of the previous year and in which one Hiralal and others were charged with murder, terminated (during the early part of year under report) in the acquittal of the accused on technical grounds. The District Magistrate, Sholípur, expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the case had been handled by the officer deputed to detect the case in a letter addressed to the InspectorGeneral of Police in the following terms : -

## "I note with much pleasure the Inspector's excellent work. IIe detected the real criminals beyond all moral doubt, and it was no fault of his that a conviction was not secured."

It came to the knowledge of the branch that coining was very rifo in the Baroda State. Enquiries were instituted, and after considerable difficulty a goldsmith was arrested whilst actually at work, and was convicted and sentenced.

During the latter portion of the year the branch was engaged on an enquiry into an intricate arson case at Sholapur, after the local Police had failed to obtain any clue. As the result of the investigation made by this branch; the case was detected, the chief accused being one of the wealthicst and most influcntial citizens of Sholapur. The case was committed to the Sessions, and was peading at the close of the year.

During the greater part of the year one of the Inspectors of the branch was employed under Mr. Priestley and rendered assistance in the successful operations carried out by that officer for dealing with the Koli dacoit movement on the Thána-Nasik Frontier.

Instructive and useful information and data has been and is being collected by this branch regarding the Bijírur Chapperbands and other criminal classes. of the Presidency to cnable the Police of the different districts the better to regulate and control the movements of such members of these tribes as are halitually addicted to crime.

The aid of the branch has during the year been invoked in a few cases of departmental enguirics into the conduct of the Jolice. The only one of these which calls for special mention here, is that of a Chief Constable of the Belgaum District charged with recciving stolen property and fabricating false evidence. 'Lhe caso, which is a strong one, was pending at the close of the year.

13 csides cases of minor interest which need not be enumerated here, the branch was engaged in compiling concise histories of persous who for various reasons have become objects of interest to the Department.

Mr . Browin was the $\Lambda$ ssistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of this branch during the year, and fully maintained his high reputation as a detective, and a zcalous and hard-working officer.

## Criminal Identification Branch of tie Inspector-Géneraj's Office.

42. (1) No change has taken place in the sanctioned strength of the staff cmploycd in this branch of ny office, which still consists of one Inspector, 3 Head Constables and one Clerk. During the year under report, however, some additional allowances were sanctioned for the staff, vide Government Resolution No. 3300, dated 25th September 1002, Financial Department.
(2) There is still a large number of Anthropometrical Measurement Cards, viz., 12,668, on record in the Central Bureau : until these are replaced by Finger Tip Impression Slips, the old system of anthropometry will continue side by side with the later system of identification of criminals by means of Finger Tip Inpressions. Anthropometrical cards are now prepared only for the purpose of identifying old offenders from the records of the Central Bureau. During the ycar 1902, 14,023 Anthropometrical Measurement Cards were ent to tho Ccusus Commissioner for India, vide Government Memorandum No. 22-M, dated 5 th April 1002.
(3) No Measurement Cards were received for record during the year under roport, but 172 Mcasurement Cards together with their corresponding Finger Impression Slips were received fur the purpose of tracing old offenders.
(4) The number of Anthropometrical Cards in the Central Bureau at the end of 1001 was 14,188; out of these 1,520 were replaced by Finger Impression Slips, as compared with 2,704 in the preceding year, leaving 12,668 cards in the Burcau at the end of the year 1002. The number of Finger Impression Slips on record in the Bureau at the end of 1901 was 50,694 . During the year under report, 12,750 wero received as compared with 17,070 in 1901 and 19,828 in the year preceding it. Concurrently with the decrease in crime there has been a falling off in the number of slips for record, but the decrease in slips is disproportionate to that in crime. The decrease in slips is probably due to want of careful observance of the rules in connection with the preparation and despatch of such slips. The attention of Superintendents is being invited to the matter.

The total number of slips at the beginning of the year under report was C3,453. Of this number, 510 slips were destroyed by reason of deaths of convicts and ex-convicts, leaving 62,943 slips at the close of 1902.
(5) Of tho 12,759 new slips received, 1,492 were received from the City of Bombay, 9,267 from the districts in this Presidency, and 344 from whicr l'residencics. Only 4 were received from Sind, and 67 from the Jamkhandi State. Last year only one slip was received from the Native State of Kolhipur. 1,520 were slips of ex-convicts. With the exception of 25 from the Lombay City and 3 from Hyderabad, all these slips were received from the districts of this Presidency. Of the 62,913 slips in the Bureau at the close of 1902, 61,795 wero of ex-convicts and 1,148 of prisoners in jails. Duplicate Impression Slips of 157 convicts were sent to the Criminal Identification Department of other l'rovinces, as against 124 in the previous year.
(6) The number of cases sent for identification in the Burcau increased from 4,813 in 1900 and $4,80 \pm$ in 1901 to 6,340 in the year under report. This number included 838 forcigners as compared with 510 in 1901 and 356 in 1010. 4.59 cases including 22 foreigners were traced as against 261 in the previous year.
(7) All the 459 cases were traced by means of Finger Improssion Slips. Out of the 459 cases traced, previous convictions were proved in 341 cases, but enhanced punishment was awarded in 197 cases only. In 74 cases tho accused received less punishment; in 20, they received the samo punishment. In 47 cases the accused were released or acquitted. In 35 casds previous convictions were called for in connection with proceedings under Chapter VIII, Criminal Procedure Code. 80 cases remained undisposed of at the close of the jear uuder report.
(8) In 426 cases the accused were identified locally by Chicf Operators, without reference to the Central Bureau, as compared with 402 in the provious year. Of this number, 406 were traced before conviction and 20 after the accused had been convicted and admitted into jail, as compared with 3.0 and 43, respectively, in the preceding year.
(9) The following table summarizes the progress in the working of this Branch:-

| Year. |  |  | Number of Cards or Slipa received | Number of Card or Slipa receiped | Namber tracerb |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Anthropometrical Cards. |  | 2415783 |
| 1895 | ... | ..- | $\begin{aligned} & 6,164 \\ & 5,873 \\ & 8,432 \\ & 6,551 \end{aligned}$ | 126 |  |
| 1896 | ... | ... |  | 316 |  |
| 1897 | ... | ... |  | 357 |  |
| 1838 | ... | ... |  | 695 |  |
|  |  |  | Finger Impression Slips. |  |  |
| 1899 | ... | ... | 8,747 | 931 | 104 |
| 1900 | $\ldots$ | .. | 19,828 | 4,813 | 257 |
| 1901 | ... | ... | 17,070 | 4,834 | 261 |
| 1902 | ... |  | 12,759 | 6,319 | 459 |

(10) Last year Police officers from the Native States of Akalkot, Dharampur, Kolhápur and Indore were instructed in the Criminal Identification System. It is very desirable that the Finger Impression System should be extended to all Native States.

The number of Finger Impression Slips received from the Central Burcau for Sind during the year was 2,773. The total number on record at the end of the year was 11,464 , and these have all been classified and arranged. 481 slips were received for identification and 229 were identified. 153 Police officers and 36 offleers of the Postal Department were iustructed in the system. The Commissioner in Sind observes that the system is yielding useful results.

## Preventive Action.

43. In the Northern Division the registers of suspicious and bad characters are reported to have been regularly kept and Suapervision
charactera over bad checked and scrutinized by Inspectors and Superintendents. In Thana the registers were found to have been cumbered with names which should not have been included, and the Superintendent has taken steps to weed them out. The Commissioner, Central Division, and the Commissioner in Sind, have not referred to this subject in their reports, while the Commissioner, Southern Division, refers only to Belgaum and Hatnágiri; in the former, it is said that steps have been taken to see that the work of the Police in this direction is real and in the latter the registers are reported to have been properly kept and supervision exercised over bad characters. From my personal examination of such registers at inspection, I find that the case of Thána is not exceptional. More careful scrutiny generally by Superintendents is required, and if the registers are to effectually scrve the
purpose for which thicy are intended, a mass of names which should not be there require to be weeded out.

On Railways, in addition to the registers mentioned above, registors of dismissed gangwen are maintained. No instance of mischief, in which dismissed gangmen were concerned, occurred on Railways.
44. In the Northern Division this useful provision has been employed Regalations XII of 1827. in the Broach District only, with the result that 30 undesirables addicted to crime have been brought under control. The Commissioner observes "The example of Broach may well be imitated in other districts." In the Central Division the regulations continue to be systematically worked in the Sátára District, where 444 persons were prosecuted during the year for breaches of the rules and 365 were convicted. On this subject the Commissioner, Oentral Division, observes:-"The local officers aro still not in a position to give any definite opinion as to, the practical utility of these rulcs, but steps have been taken to prevent abuse of powers conferred by thery on Police subordinates." In the Southern Division the Commissioner observes: "Recourse was also had to Regulations XII of 1827 in Belgaum and Koliba with good results." In the latter district, the Commissioncr remarks, Katkaris, Kolis and Kaikadis were dealt with under theso regulations with a salutary effect. In the Dharwar District the Superintendent is now taking steps to work the regulations. In Sind the regulations wore not in force during the year under report.

The extended use of this provision and its careful and systematic working would do much I consider, to bring under effectual control many gangs of habitual criminals and members of the criminal class who at present give trouble to the villagers and Police.
45. 3,408 bad characters were proceeded against during the year under

Prosecution of bad oharactors. report, as against 3,305 in the previous year; 68 per cont. or 2,328 of these were called on to furnish security ( 901 furnishing it and 1,367 going to jail in defuult) as comparcd with 70 per cent. in the previous year. The largest number procecdcd against was 1,180 in Sind, followed by 809 in the Central Division and 717 in tho Northern Division. On Railways, the number of persons proceeded against increased from 50 to 97 in 1902. The percentage of persons bound over to givo security to those who were proceeded against was 79 in the Northern Division, Ceutral Division, and on Railways, 71 in the Southern Division, and in sind 51.
40. Of 24,155 persons convicted during the year under report, 2,572 were identified as having been proviously convicted and
Halitual ofionders, 1,005 were classed as habitual offenders, the corresponding figures for the provious year being $25,507,2,598$ and 946 , respectively. Tho improvement is encouraging, but there is no doubt the classification of halituals has not boen attended to as carefully as it ought; of this I have had unmistakeable evidence when examining registers at my inspections. In this connection the Commissioner, Northern Division, remarks as follows:-

[^0]point. The Superintendent of Police, Kaira, has instructed his Court Prosecutor and Jamadars to bring tho rules to notice, and other Superintendents should do the sume."

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47. Among classes addicted to crime, Kaikadis, Bhils, Kolis, Pathans nul Chapperbands are mentioned as having riven trubble. In this connection the Commissioner, Northern Division, obscrves that criminal classes as such aro not of saspicious forsigners. found in his Division, nor has there been any influx of criminal classes and
suspicious foreigners noticeable in any district during the fear, thourh it is believed some of the house-breakings in Thana were cowmitted by such persons. In Surat and Broach, Káthiáwáris were found in largo numbers, but they departed with the beginning of the rains without committing any scrious crimes. Referring to the case of raiding by some Bhils from Udepur, alluded to in last year's report, the matter was decided by the Border Court against tho iuterest.s. of the British villagers. There was no noticcable influx of fureigners to any district of the Central Division except in Khandesh, where Purbhias of Upper India gave much trouble. Among the resident criminal classes, a few bands of Kolis were active in the Ghát Tálukas of the Násik District, but were broken up by Mr . Priestley, who was placed on special duty in this connection. Thu Mangs and Rámoshis of Sátára were successfully kept under control by the enforcement of the provisions of Regulations XII of 1827. The Coumissioner, Southern Division, refers to Pathans in Belgaum, Chapperbands in Bijipur, Kaikadis in Bijápur, Dhárwár and Kolába, Katkaris and Kolis in Kolába as having given troable. In Bijápur a gang of Kaikadis was responsible for 7 of the heaviest dacoities committed during the year under report. About the end of that year, Dhárwár was visited by a gang of Kaikadis frum Bellary and the Nizam's territory. Pathans seem to have attempted to enter Ratnágriri. They were, however, warded off above the Ghats by the villagers at once informing the Police of their advent. In Sind the Lurs or IIfurs are the only declared criminal class, but since the application of the Criminal Tribes Act to them, they have ceased to give trouble. In Sukkur another class of criminals called Lohar and Jafari Burdis have come to notice. They have, it is said, for ycars past been systematically addicted to the commission of murders, robberics and thefts, and it is apprehended that it will be soon necessary to apply the Act to them also.
48. Out of a total of 1,418 cases regarded as serious crimes, the scencs of 605 were visited by the Superintendents and $\Lambda$ ssistant Superintendents of Police. The least activity in this respect is noticeable in the Central Division, Perbonal investigation of serions crimes. where 493 serious crimes were so left unvisited. The reasons generally assigncid
being that accused were known or arrested, accused confessed his guilt, dc. I am afraid that some officers are still far too prone to leave the investigation of serious cases to their subordinates, and either do not proceed to the scenes of crimes at all, or, if they do, pay a hurried flying visit which for the purpose of directing and controlling the investigation is of no practical value whatever. The following remarks made by the District Magistrate, Thána, and quoted by the Commissioner, Northern Division, practically re-echo the instructions which are laid down in detail in the Police Manual for the guidance of oflicers, and which I regret to say I have had too frequently during the year under report to, invite the attention of Superintendents and Assistants who have failcd to personally investigate such as they ouglit.
"It is not always wise to accept the local officer's report that a confession has been male and the facts are clear, for confessions are often retracted when it is too late to follow up links in the chain of evidence, which has been let slip on the suppssition that the confersion needed little evidence to support it. I would reiterate the remark that cases in which a confed sion is said to have been made constitute the very class in which the higher officirs' presence is most required, to insure the confession is genuine and voluntary."

Adverting to rule (4) on pages 322 and 323 of the Police 3ranual of 1902, I gire below tho names of probationers and $\Delta$ ssistant Supurintendents of Police (not in independent charge) who investigated cases shown against theim.

| Mr. Vincent (Khindesh) | ... | Three cases, of which 2 ended in conviction and one in discharge. |
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| Mr. Pushton (Khándesh) | ... | Six cases, of which one ended in conviction, one in discharge, 2 are pending and 2 remained undetected. |
| Mr. Dudley (Khindesh) | ... | Two cascs, both ended in conviction; also assisted the District Superintendent of Pulice in investigating a case of robbery. |
| Mr. Clarke (Poona)... | ... | Nine cases, of which 6 ended in conviction, one remained undetected, 2 were pending. |
| Mr. Wilson... | ... | None, but assisted the District Superintendent of Police in investigating 4 cases of murder, of which 2 ended in conviction. |
| Mr. Culloch (Karáchi) | ... | Six cases, 4 convicted, 2 dismissed. |
| Mr. Gordon | ... | Was exempted by the Commissioner in Sind, as he had served 3 years as an Inspector. |

Messrs. Gadney and Holman were for the greater part of the year under report in independent charge of the districts of Sukkur and Upper Sind Frontier, respectively, and though they entered upon the investigation of important cases while they were Assistants in the districts of Hyderabad and Sukkur, respectively, they did not conduct or conclude the investigations in the manner laid down by Goverument.
49. The inspection of Police stations and outposts by Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police is reported to

Inspoction of Police star tions aud oulposts. have been on the whole sufficient. Out of 412 Police stations and 1,327 outposts in the whole Presidency, 319 Police stations and 096 outposts were visited and inspected. This shows a slight falling off as compared with the previous year. The Commissioner in Sind observes that the amount of inspection done was as much as Superintendents of Police and $\Lambda$ ssistnnt Superintendents of Police were able to do. On Railways, out of 44 Police stations and 244 outposts, 41 Police stations and 23.4 outposts wero visited and inspected.
50. Shops licensed to deal in' arms and ammunition are returned at 328,* the same as in the previous year. Of these, 220 were inspected by the Superintendents and Assistant Super-
intendents of Police during the year under report. inspected by the Superintendents and Assistant Super-
intendents of Police during the year under report.

Inspection of Arms and Ammunition Stops. The largest number (172) of shops is in the Central Division, the fewest (27) in the Northern Division; Sind has' 50 and the Southern Division 79. The number of licensos issued for arms including fire-arms was 3,052 in the Northern Division, 3,006 in the Central Division and 2,941 in Sind. The figures for the Southern Division are not given.

In 117 cases, prosecutions were instituted under the Arms Act and convictions obtained in 88. As the complete information on this point is not available, it is impossible to compare this year's figures with those of the previous year.
51. There were 8 Court prosecutors working in the Presidency Proper during the year under review, 3 in the Northern Division, 4 in the Central Division and one in the Southern Division, 2 additional Court Prosecutors having been sanctioned in that year, one for Kaira and the other for Belgaum. These officers conducted 656 cases, 538 of which ended in conviction, or 82 per cent., as compared with 78 in 1001. Towards the close of the year under report another Court Prosecutor's nppointment was sanctioned provisionally for the Násik District. The need for Court Prosecutors for Dhírwirr and Sholapur has been represented to the Commissioners, Southern Division and Central Division. There are no Court lrosecutors on Railways and probably none in Sind.

[^1]52. The system of Court Jamadars is not in foree on Railways, nor docs it appear to be in force in Sind. The number of such officers employed in the Presidencs Proper during the year under report was 226 and total number of cases conducted by them was 6,058 as compared with 6,358 in the previous year. The percentago of convictions to cases conducted by these Jamadars was 79 as against 82 in the previous year.
53. Training Schools were open in most districts, in some cases through-

Training Schools. out the year, and in others for broken periods, as circumstances permitted. With the disappearance of famine and other disturbing conditions, these Schools will now, there is reason to hope, settle down to regular work. Considering the unsettling course of events since the schools came into existence, the progress mado has on the whole been encouraging. In Sind, the schools were established at Karáchi and Jacobábad in 1902, where every recruit, before being sent out for duty, is required to go through a training in Law and procedure.
54. In Sind, the drill of the Armed Police is reported to be generally grod. Drill. That of the Mounted Police, except those at Inead. quarters and of the Unarmed Police is poor for want of sufficient reserves.
I have observed a distinct and steady improvement in drill at the Ifeadquarters of districts. At tálukas and out-posts, the drill of the Unarmed and Armed still leaves much to be desired. I take inspection parades and drill while on tour, at which defects coming under my notice are pointed out to Superintendents and to the officers and men concerned.
55. With the exception of Khandesh, which was exempted on account of a severe epidemic of plague at Head-quarters, all districts in the Presidency Proper competed at the Anoual Presidency Competition for prizes. The number of men qualifed to compete has further declined from 774 to 705 during the year under report. This material falling off is probably due to men, being largely employed fur long periods on special duty, preventing their receiving sufficient musketry instruction. The number of men qualifying as marksmen has also (probably owing to the same cause) proportionately decreased from 272 to 226 in 1902.

The first Presidency prize in the Foot Police competition was carried off by Thána and in the Mounted Police competition with revolvers, by Poona. Sind had a separate Annual Shooting Competition, with the S. B. weapon, the first prize being won by the Karáchi Police and the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, by the Hyderabad Police. In the Mounted Police competition, the Hyderabad Police won the first two prizes, the 3rd being carried off by a Sowar of the Sukkur District. In the competition with special rifles, all three prizes were won by the Hyderabad District. Marksmanship in Sind has improred, the number of marksmen having increased from 329 to 371 in the year under report. The Railway Police did not enter for any shooting competition.
56. The condition of accoutrements, to the inspection of which I give

Condition of $\Delta \mathrm{rms}$ and Accoutrements. special attention while on tour, was found to be generally good, necessary steps being taken to replace articles which were time-expired and becoming unserviceable. The old S. B. which were getting worn out have now been ordered to be replaced by M. H. arms, and with this improved arm it is hoped there will be a marked improvement in future years in the shooting of the men. During the year, armourers' shops were opened in some districts and are gradually being introduced in all districts for the execution of ordinary repairs.
57. Some progress was made in the matter of Police buildings during Police Baildings. the year. In the Northern and Central Divisions, Rs. 64,981 were spent on original works and Rs. 10,591 on repairs ; but no infornation on the subject has been furnished by Southern Division and Sind. 115 Police Stations and out-posts that were damaged by the cyclones in the Karachi District in Sind, are being repaired at
a cost of Rs. 13,000. Quarters are required in every division, and especially in the Southern Division and on Railways, where their want is greatly felt.
53. Escapes from Polico custody numbered 133 as compared with 166 in 1901 and 250 in 1900. The number recaptured was Escaperand Recuptares. 88 in the year under report. The percontage of recapturcs to escapes during the year is 60 as against 81 in the previous year.
59. In 109 cases the village Police inclusive of Payis in Sind, were rewarded for good service in assisting the District Police. In 198 instances in the Presidency Proper they were punished for deriliction of duty. There is nothing fresh to add to the remarks and opinions made in past yenr regarding this body of village servants.

C0. During the year, about $2,66,795$ summonses and warrants were served by the Police and 35,533 stray dogs killed. Of the

Miecollanoous work dono by the I'olive. latter number, 19,232 were in Sind. The number of stray dogs given as killed does. not represent the firure for the whole Presidency as information for some districts is not available.

The Railway Police enquired into 3,329 missing goods cases, of which 60 only turned out subsequently to be cases of thefts. There is, I am glad to say, a continued and steady decline in the number of missing goods cases referred to the Police for enquiry.

## Concluding Remarks.

61. The salient features of the year's crime and work may be summarised as follows:-
(1) In Khándesh, the operations against dacoits were brought to a close by the capture of the dacoit leaders, Arjunia, Himtya and Vishram, and by the capture or disposal of their gangs. The good work done in this connection by officers and men were duly recognized in various ways.
(2) At the beginning of the year under report, Koli gangs under the lcadership of Gogia Gowari and others began to give considerable trouble on the ghauts, committing during the year 11 dacoities, 6 murders, 1 robbery, and 1 theft. Special Police Parties under Mr. Priestley were deputed to put down these gangs, and succeeded. in accounting for 15 of the gangs, 3 were shot dead, 4 were captured and hanged, 5 were sentenced to transportation for lifo and 1 to imprisoment for 10 years.
(3) Daji Vithu Sinde, a Maratha, against whom, the Poona Police proposed to proceed for unlawful possession of arms having murdered a Police Constable went into outlawry, when he was joined by others, and the gang committed several murders and harassed the country side for months. Ine was eventually cuptured by Mr. Priestley, after the close of the year.
(4) Two cases of human sacrifice took place in the Poona District during the year. In one, a child was killed, and in the other, a man was murdercd, in the hope of finding secret treasure. In both cases, the accused were discharged or acquitted.
(5) Sisteen Miana outlaws who were captured by the Ahmedabad Police after strenuous efforts, and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, effected their escape from the Petlád Jail in the Baroda Territory, where they had been sent for trial on charges pending in that State and handed over to the Baroda authoritics. After their escape, in spite of efforts made in various directions to effect their recapture, they made their way to Káthiáwár and were at large at the close of the year.
As regards Sind, the year under report was uneventful except for the unprecedented cyelones, in the Karichi District, which caused damage to several Polico Stations and out-posts.

With a general improvement in seasonal conditions there bas been a decrease in tho bulk of crime, and an appreciable falling of in serious crime of
all descriptions (particularly dacoitics), as also a general improvement in pereentage results in dealing with persons and cases. On the other hamd there was: rise in the amount of property stolen and a falling off in the percentago of recoveries.

The Cominissioncr, Northern Division, remarks that the 2 outstanding facts of the year are,-(1) the fawino in Ahmedabad, Kaira and Panch Mahaik, which resulted in some increase of crime, but the effects of which wero generally minimised by the excellent relief arrangements made by the Collectors and tho Public Works Department with the active and loyal co-operation of the Policr: (2) The deterioration in Thána, one patent cause of which he hollds to be the frequent changes of Superintendents. The dearth of recruits generally is a prew. ing trouble and from every district but Kaira, there are reports of vacancies which cannot be filled.

The Commissioner, Central Division, refers to the operations in Khandesh against dacoits which were brought to a close by the capture of the leaders. Mr. Luck to whom the chief credit for the success of these operations was duc, has been decorated with the Kaiser-i-IIind medal of the first class, and the gond work done by other officers and men engaged under him was recornized in various ways. In Násik Mr. Priestley almost entirely freed tho district of tho dacoit bands which were hovering about the ghauts, and subsequently captured Daji Shinde, who with his associates had harassed the country side in the Poona District. All the districts of the division were visited by severe plague epidemics, and in various ways imposed a severe strain on the Police, which was cheerfully borne in spite of risk of infection, of which the large number of plague deaths is an indication.

The Commissioner, Southern Division, remarks be is inclined to think, that all things considered the working of the Police in that division was satisfuctory during the year under report.

The Commissioner in Sind observes that that the year has been an uneventful one, escept for the unprecedented cyclones in the Karichi District.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Scrvant, J. DOWN, Inspector General of Pulice.

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## APPENDICES.

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| 625 2.676 | 158 889 819 | 469 2497 | 75.04 $80 \cdot 68$ | $2{ }_{2}^{458}$ | 20 60 |  | $\cdots$ |  | $\frac{1}{6}$ | $\cdots{ }_{1}$ | 2 | ..s |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots 1$ |
| 2,676 174 | 86 88 | ${ }^{2} \mathbf{2} 4138$ | ${ }_{79} 98.31$ | 2, ${ }_{\text {238 }}$ |  | ... |  |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | $\cdots$, |
| 874 869 | ${ }_{28}^{97}$ | 397 | ${ }^{90 \cdot 10}$ | 888 497 | 10 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{1}$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots{ }^{8}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 422 | 69 | 853 | $83 \cdot 64$ | 840 | 95 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 | $\bullet$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ." | $\square$ | ... |
| 129 | 8 | 92 | 71:31 | 86 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1 | $\ldots$ | 4 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 3 |
| - 188 | 18 | 176 | 98.08 | 176 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\infty$ | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | .". |
| 38 | 8 | 80 | 80-10 | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 2 | $\cdots$ | 7 | 10000 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| ${ }_{8}$ | $\cdots$ | 4 | 200.00 | B | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 95 | 11 | 84 | ${ }^{88.482}$ | 84 | 10 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | 1 | 10000 | 2 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
| 8,172 | 1,208 | 8,968 | 85.24 | 0,283 | 49 | $\cdots$ | 8 | 1 | $\bullet$ | 3 | 186 | 2 | 8 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11 |
| 28,920 | 0,765 | 26,153 | 71.11 | 22,054 | 2,787 | 17 | © | 80 | 09 | 4 | 1,228 | 4 | $\bullet$ | 1 | 8 | 217 |

C. A. B. BEATTY,
for Inspector-General of Police.

Relura of Non-Cognieallo Crime for the year 1902 for the Bombay Presidency, ineluding Sind and Railways.
Part 1.-Reurn of Non-Cognizable Casee.

C. A. B. BEATTY,
for Inspector-G.ueral of Police.

STATEMENT B-continmed.
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Jixplanatory note of the dificrence between the figures in Columns 4,5 and 6 of this year's statement and those in Columns 14, 15 and 16 of last gear's.

| 1902. |  |  | 1901. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Column 4. | Column 5. | $\text { Column } 6 .$ | Column 14. | Column 15. | Columi 16. |
| 127 | 8,609 | 18,332 | 127 | 8,639 | 18,341 |

The diference in columns 5 and 15 is due to 31 cases in Sind haring been shown on dormant fle and to the omission of 1 case in the statement of the Presidency for 1901.

Tho difforence in columns 6 and 16 is due to 11 cases in Sind having been shown on dormant file and to the omission of 2 cases from the previous year's statement of the Contral Division.
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statenent b.
Return of non-Cognizable Orime for the yoar 1902 for the Bombay Presidency, iscinding Sind and Railwayn.
Part II.-Roturs of Porsons comorned in non-Cogmimble Came.


[^2]C. A. B. BEATTY,

STATEMENT B-continuct.


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The difference in the figures showu against grand total in column the this yar's ata-: ment and those shown in calume 7 and 13 of the previous year's statement is ophamed below:-

8-Wrougly includel in columns 7 and 13 of the previntas gear's atat emont of tho Northern Division.

4S-Six were erroneonly inchuded in the previous year's statemen of the C'miral Division and 42 persons did not appurar before Court.
300-These persons were omitted from this jear's ratement, ne the cata astaint them were disposed of betore their apperance bofore Courte.
60 -Two persons diel, agrainst one summons was not survel, and ware araint ine parsons were shown on dormant file.

## ( xxx ) <br> STATEMENT C.

Property Slolen and Recovered for 1002, for the Bombay Presidency, including Sind and Railways.

| Offwe. | Number of caser In which proporiy was itole | Number of onacs $\ln$ Whiloh propory recovord. recovored. |  | $\Delta$ mount of property stwlen. | Amonnt of property recovered. recovered. | Percentage of value of property recovored to value of property Btolen. | Remarkn. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 11 | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII |
| A.-Cognisable, |  |  |  | Re. | Re, |  |  |
|  | 4,785 | 2,190 | 45.67 | 8,52,594 | 2,56,333 | 30.06 | Recoveries made out of the property stolen in the previous year, Rs. 28,235. <br> Recoveries of the property stolen outside the districts, R.s. 47,612. <br> Property recovered without the intervention of the Police in Magisteria! cases, Rs. 1,065. |
| ठ. In , conjunction with reeciving of stolen proporty. | 111 | 799 | ..' | 6,197 | 35,763 | 677•10 |  |
| (o. Other thefts ... | 11,803 | 7,772 | $65^{\prime} 84$ | 6,70,766 | 2,46,595 | 43'20 |  |
| - Duhury $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { a. Ducoity } \\ \text {.... }\end{array}\right.$ | 671 | 230 | 34.27 | 2,72,829 | 23,419 | - 8 -59 |  |
| (b. Other robbery... | 662 | 270 | $49 \cdot 11$ | 59,062 | 11,865 | 20.08 |  |
| 3. Criminal breach of trust .. | 440 | 251 | 57.04 | 82,074 | 35,272 | $30 \cdot 79$ |  |
| 4. Criminal breach of truat by public mervant or by a banker, merchant or agent. | 52 | 28 | 63.84 | 11,166 | 1,782 | 15.95 |  |
| b. Cheating ... ... ... ... | 20 | 17 | 65.38 | 9,620 | 489 | 5.08 |  |
| 6. Murders ... ... ... | 2 | 1 | $50^{\circ}$ | 29 | 2 | 6. 89 |  |
| 7. Culpable homicido ... ... | 1 | 1 | 100 | 4 | 4 | 100. |  |
| *. Kidnapping ... ... | 1 |  | - | 4 | ... | ... | - |
| 9. Bombay City Police Act | -•• | 4 | $\cdots$ |  | 3,378 | -* |  |
| Total ... | 18,404 | 11,569 | 62.65 | 18,64,145 | 6,14,902 | 32.98 |  |
| B.-Non-cognisablo. (c) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Extortion $\quad$.. $\quad$.. $\quad$. | 80 | 15 | 80 | 1,745 | 736 | $42 \cdot 17$ | Property recovered without the intarvention of the Pulice, Rs. 168 |
| 11. Criminal misappropriation ... | 300 | 159 | 68. | 48,515 | 23,813 | 49.08 |  |
| 12. Cheating ... ... ... | 14 | 10 | $71 \cdot 42$ | 652 | 372 | 57.05 |  |
| Total ... | 364 | 184 | 50.54 | 50,012 | 24,921 | 48.94 | , |

C. A. B. BEATTY,
for Inspector-General of Police.

STATEMENT
(Return of Professional Crime for the year 1902, for the Bombay Presidency


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and Employment of District, including Sind and Railxay Folico in the yrar 1002 .


STATEMENT E-concluded.

for Inspector-General of Police.

## STATEMENT F.

STATEMENT
Relurn shoning Equipment，Discipline，and General Internal Management of the

| I＇rovilue（8）ntrict）． |  |  |  | Ammarit of inm forcm． |  |  |  |  | Pumiaimbita． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Snactloned． | Actual． |  | With Fire－arms． |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not with Firo- } \\ & \text { arma. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Din－missed． |  |  |  | Punished julicially by a Maglstrate or Sessions Court． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\xrightarrow[\text { Polic }]{\substack{\text { On }}}$ | Act． | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Und } \\ \text { Seetitil } \\ 330,931 \\ \text { Penal } \end{array}$ | ${ }^{\text {ona }}$ <br> © ${ }^{3}$ 4， <br> Coda． | $\underset{\substack{\text { Chap } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Co }}}{ }$ | ． | Oft | er |
|  | ⿹ㅣㄹ | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{\text { 妄 }} \\ & \text { 苗 } \end{aligned}$ | 㽞 |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 気彩 } \\ & \text { 管 } \end{aligned}$ |  | 息 | $\dot{\ddot{\theta}}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{8} \\ & \$ 8 \\ & \text { 思 } \end{aligned}$ | 怘 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4. } \\ & \text { 8 } \\ & \text { ( } \end{aligned}$ | 宦 |  |  | 気 <br> 名 |  | 安 | 定 |
| 18 | 8 | 4 | 5 | － | 7 | 8 | $\theta$ | 10 | 11 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 15 | ${ }^{16}$ | 17 | 18 | 10 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Nurthern Divioion． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ahmactulall ．．．．．． 277 | 001 | 275 | 90 | ．．． | 304 | ＊＊ | 872 | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ | 7 | 17 | 100 | ．．． | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | 3 |
| Kulra ．．．．．．．．． 161 | 672 | 151 | 671 | 28 | 236 | ．．． | 989 | 87 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{5}$ | 8 | 69 | $\cdots$ | 4 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| Tatell Mahias ．．．．．． 135 | 526 | 133 | 410 | 48 | 310 | $\cdots$ | 252 | 12 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 68 | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 5 |
| Hronch ．．．．．．．．． 100 | 351 | 108 | 938 | 21 | 136 | $\cdots$ | 311 | 18 | ．．． | 8 | 27 | 62 | $\ldots$ | ．＂ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 3 |
| Nurnt ．．．．．．．．． 191 | 718 | 277 | 704 | 21 | 237 | $\cdots$ | 401 | 14 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 1.47 | ．．． | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1 | 1 |
| Thille me ．．．．．． 100 | 086 | 150 | 050 | ．． | 873 | ．．． | 431 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 7 | 8 | 64 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | 2 |
| Total ．．．${ }^{1,030}$ | 3，839 | 1，030 | 8，728 | 114 | 1，074 | ．．． | 2．600 | 231 | 2 | 43 | 60 | 405 | ．．． | d | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1 | 15 |
| Central Division |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ahmedhakar ．．．．．． 179 | 081 | 175 | 029 | 24 | 298 | $\cdots$ | 203 | （4） 284 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 78 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1 | 6 |
| kitumilewh ．．．．．．．．． $9 \times 3$ | 1，968 | 851 | 1，393 | 48 | 614 | ．．＂ | 787 | （d） 859 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 173 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | ．．． | 2 | $\cdots$ | 10 |
| Ninik $\quad . .6$ | 067 | 108 | 623 | 40 | 811 | $\cdots$ | （c） 505 | ．－ | $\cdots$ | 15 | 21 | 64 | ．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 4 |
| Puena ．．．．．．.. .9205 | 1，029 | 208 | 1，008 | 4 | 872 | ．．． | ${ }^{510}$ | （D） 350 | ．．． | 8 | 17 | 221 | $\cdots$ | 8 | ．．＇ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 | 8 |
| S．1．4．ra ．．．．．．．．． 292 | 749 | 291 | 798 | 41 | 875 | ．．． | （2） 003 | $\cdots$ | 3 | ， | 11 | 25 | $\cdots$ | 1 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．＊ | 1 | 4 |
| thulafnur ．－．．．．．．． 137 | 419 | 1：0 | 4015 | 21 | 174 | $\ldots$ | 305 | （b） 124 | 3 | 6 | 89 | 97 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  | ．．． | 2 | 3 |
| Total ．．． 1,378 | 4.017 | $\underline{1,386}$ | 4，8i0 | 215 | 2，074 | ．．＇ | 2，019 | 1，114 | 12 | ${ }^{6} 4$ | 118 | 658 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 1 | ．．． | 2 | 5 | 93 |
| S．mikern Liviaion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Delkaum ．．．．．． | 501 | 108 | 883 | 14 | 233 | $\cdots$ | 84 | 412 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 61 | 1 | 3 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 |
| Hjapur ．．．．．．．．． 100 | 627 | 100 | 56 | ．．． | 226 | $\cdots$ | 239 | 172 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 69 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |
| Murwir ．．．．．． | 033 | 801 | ¢8 | 11 | 3 n 3 | $\cdots$ | 485 | 79 | 1 | 8 | 7 | © | $\ldots$ | 1 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 2 |
| Kıthats ．．．．．．．．． 100 | 646 | 150 | 85 | 21 | 827 | $\cdots$ | 360 | 85 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 9 | 03 | ．．． | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＊ | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 |
| Kolalias ．．．．．．．．． 113 | 41 | 111 | 40 | ．．． | 179 | ．．． | 228 | 163 | ＊ | 1 | 5 | 23 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | 1 |
| latuibly ．．．．．．．．． 308 | 605 | 160 | 697 | 17 | 294 | ．．． | 8 B | 433 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 97 | ．．． | 1 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
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| Sins． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Karach！．．．．．．．．． 211 | 933 | 910 | $9 \times 9$ | ．．． | （0） 478 | $\cdots$ | （d） 208 | 331 | 1 | 10 | 29 | 110 | 1 | 8 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 | ．＂ | 6 |
| Gulkhur ．．．．．．．．． 130 | 6s0 | 120 | 671 | ．．． | （i）396 | $\cdots$ | （j） 372 | ．．． | 1 | 14 | 21 | 198 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 1 |
| Lithlâna ．．．．．．．．． 197 | NST | 120 | 625 | ．．． | （m） 974 | － | （s） 288 | ．．． | 1 | 3 | 6 | 38 | $\ldots$ | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 2 |
| Ifgileralimal ．．．．．． 230 | OVO | 230 | 800 | ．．－ | （b） 437 | ．．＊ | （f） 201 | 119 | $\ldots$ | 16 | 40 | 162 | $\ldots$ | 20 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 |
| Thar and Parkar．．．．．． 131 | 410 | 127 | $40 \cdot 3$ | （q） 330 | （r） 135 | ．．． | 10 | ．．． | 2 | 6 | 18 | 42 | ．．． | 1 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\ldots$ | 1 |
| Crpor Siuil Fruntior ．．． 0 | 277 | ＊9 | 970 | ＊＊ | （l） 205 | $\cdots$ | （4） 120 | ＂• | ．．． | 5 | 18 | ${ }^{6} 6$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．． |
| Total ．．． 8 8：7 | 3，813 | 840 | 3，468 | $3 \times 10$ | 1，850 | $\cdots$ | 1，476 | 445 | ${ }^{5}$ | 64 | 128 | 634 | 1 | 25 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 | ．．． | 11 |
| G．I．P．Rainnus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13．B．\＆C．I，Builway |  | 101 | 819 | $\cdots$ | －＊ | $\cdots$ | 28 | 000 | 1 | 25 | 13 | 01 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
|  | 01 | ${ }^{3}$ | ${ }^{603}$ | ．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 20 | 682 | $\cdots$ | 19 | 18 | 203 | ．．． | 8 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ |
|  | 418 | 112 | 64 | $\cdots$ | 18 | $\cdots$ | 100 | 48 | ．．． | 13 | 4 | 48 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | ．．． | 6 |
|  | 317 | 89 | 304 | ．．． | 24 | ．．． | 18 | 925 | ．．． | 4 | $\bigcirc$ | 65 | 1 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 1 |
| Total ．．． 3 ： 36 | 1，941 | His | 1，914 | $\ldots$ | 49 | $\ldots$ | 179 | 1.000 | 1 | 6 | ${ }^{2}$ | 809 | 1 | 1 | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | \％ |
| Gaimd Total ．．．｜，007 | 17，006 | 4，02 | 13，2， | ：93 | 7，192 | $\cdots$ | 8，800 | 8，303 | 23 | 220 | 433 | ， 135 | 4 | 49 | 2 | 1 | ．．． | 3 | 8 | 72 |







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Force for the Bombuy Prisidency, including Sind, and Niulicays for the year 1 1)03.

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(n) 16 of theme are provided with revolven aloo and 87 wilh batorus sho.
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C. A. B. BEATTY,
for Inspector-Geacral of l'ulice.

Statement showing the number of cases in ohich wromen were tried and convicted for the murder of their children during the year 190", by Criminal Courto in the Bombay l'residency, including Sind and Railroays.


Showing the Number of Licenses isened wader the Arme det in the Bombery Previdency inciuding Sind and Railwayn for 1de your 1308.



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C. A. B. BEATTY,
for Inspector-Cleneral of Police.


[^0]:    "Tho numbersin Ahmedabad and Kaira districts were, 59 and 63, respectively, in excess of thoso in 1901. In the other districts there is a decroase notably in Thana from 119 to 79. This may be due to three causes-want of promptitude on the part of the Police in sending the finger-impressions to the Chief Operator with a view to the trace slip being found; indiferent operators at Táluka IIeadquarters, and undue haste on the part of Magistrates is closing a caso beforo tho Chicf Operator's reply is received. In Broach specially the second 1 as found to prevail, and tho Superintendent had the mon trained at Headquarters by the Clief Operator.
    "In a caso in Thána District which came to my notice a 2nd Class Magistrate evinced improper hasto and sentenced a man with a long list of previous convictions to seven days' imprisonment only on his mere statement that he had not been previously convicted. Had ho had the patience to wait till the information which ho knew had been called for from the Chicf Operator was reccived, the result would have been different.
    "The number classed as habitual offenders was 163 against 234 in the year before. The Superintendents ascribe this decline to the Ma gistracy not giving sufficient attention to the

[^1]:    - Supplementary Statement No. II. appended to the report shows 352. The differenoe of 24 is due to diverepaucies in the Sonthern Division aud in Sind between the figures given in the report and the statement.

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