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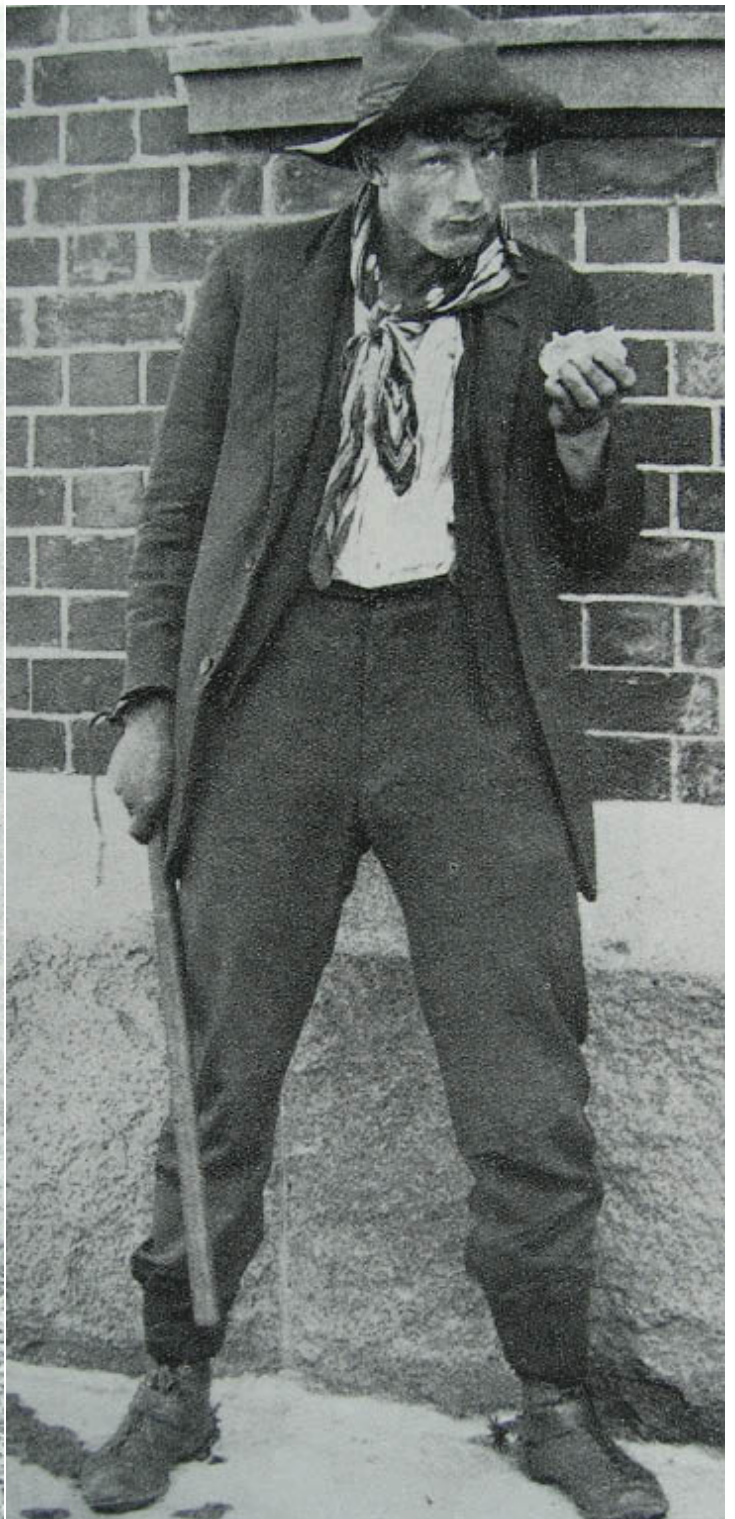
Pattern: Long Batons 1913 Introduced: 1913. Withdrawn: c1950s

New Zealand Police & Special Constables Armed with Long Batons 1913.

The 1913 strike was a very significant event in New Zealand's industrial relations history. Along with the 1890 maritime dispute and the 1951 waterfront lockout, it stands as one of the three major industrial confrontations in our history.



NZ Police Long hard wooden baton length 27.5" max diameter 1.35" with leather wrist strap 1913



The 1913 strike known as the 'Great Strike' in Wellington and the 'General Strike' in Auckland when much of New Zealand was brought to the eight-week stand still, involved 16.7 per cent of unionists a higher proportion of the workforce than did either the 1890 or the 1951 disputes. These events led to the formation of the New Zealand Labour Party in 1916. The

strikers were defeated, but they won the campaign. The use of the special constables, Massey's Cossacks, against the strikers, helped unite the various labour factions into one party. When the Labour Party was formed in 1916, the party was united in achieving economic and social change.



Special Constables "Massey's Cossacks" armed with Long batons and a few Long Axe handles 1913



New Zealand Police armed with the regulation pattern Long Batons and .450 caliber revolvers 1913



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