

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	1,577	1,489	88
Auckland	12,043	11,058	985
Hamilton	3,283	3,042	241
Gisborne	1,755	1,720	35
Napier	1,976	1,833	143
New Plymouth	1,116	1,062	54
Wanganui	1,567	1,464	103
Palmerston North	2,377	2,194	183
Wellington	8,158	7,765	393
Nelson	965	923	42
Greymouth	1,067	1,034	33
Christchurch	5,133	4,514	619
Timaru	965	840	125
Dunedin	3,289	3,158	131
Invercargill	1,107	1,066	41
Totals	46,378	43,162	3,216

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1939 was 93·07, the figures of the preceding year being 93·92.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1938.		1939.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	15	13	15	13
Robbery and aggravated robbery	14	13	17	14
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	1,206	916	1,603	1,012
Forgery and uttering	118	105	130	125
Murder	7	6	4	4
Murder, attempted	..	..	4	4
Rape	12	11	11	11
Receiving stolen property	98	96	176	175
Wounding with intent	4	4	2	2
Totals	1,474	1,164	1,962	1,360

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1938.	1939.
Unnatural offence	27	26
Unnatural offence, attempted	5	6
Indecently assaulting a male	61	68
Incest	21	8
Indecent acts	35	38
Concealment of birth	1	7
Assault, indecent	102	149
Rape	12	11
Rape, attempted	8	4
Carnally knowing girls	29	119
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	21
Abortion, procuring, &c.	14	10
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	222	242
Totals	546	709