

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS in each District during the Year 1906 as compared with 1905, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

District.	Prosecutions, 1905.	Prosecutions, 1906.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland	46	71	32	39
Napier	43	32	8	24
Wanganui	25	15	8	7
Wellington	6	23	19	4
Greymouth	33	15	11	4
Christchurch	19	14	7	7
Dunedin	2	12	5	7
Invercargill	...	3	2	1
Totals	174	185	92	93

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS within each Principal Centre during the Year 1906, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or withdrawn.

Centre.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or withdrawn.
Auckland and suburbs	28	13	15
Wellington and suburbs	4	3	1
Christchurch and suburbs	6	5	1
Dunedin and suburbs	3	3	...
Totals	41	24	17

SLY-GROG.

There were 145 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 113 convictions, against 188 prosecutions and 115 convictions during the preceding year.

Although the Department continues to adopt special tactics to bring sly-grog sellers to justice, the offence is still persisted in and carried on with greater secrecy. I am of opinion that if more severe punishments were inflicted when convictions are recorded they would have a deterrent effect. The work of detection is disagreeable and demoralising, but with one or two exceptions it has been carried out by members of the Force, and has resulted most satisfactorily both as regards the number of prosecutions and the reduction in expenditure (£61 17s. 3d.).

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1906 amounted to £1,719 16s., against £1,103 10s. in 1905.

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	615	0	0
Napier	5	0	0
Wanganui	142	0	0
Wellington	73	0	0
Greymouth	...	...	...
Christchurch	234	0	0
Dunedin	350	16	0
Invercargill	300	0	0
Total	£1,719	16	0

The direct cost to the colony in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £665 12s. 6d., this being £1,054 3s. 6d. less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 143 prosecutions, resulting in 110 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 180 prosecutions and 162 convictions in 1905.

"THE INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1896."

During the year there were 570 registered homes throughout the colony, representing 794 infants, against 557 homes and 862 infants in 1905.

Nineteen deaths occurred in the homes during the year, against 20 in the preceding year. Ten licensees were prosecuted for breaches of the Act, and 6 were convicted, against 4 prosecutions and 3 convictions in 1905. No licenses were cancelled, and no neglect of licensees was disclosed at inquests.