

Indecent and sexual offences were dealt with as under :—

Crimes.	1908.	1909.
Assaults, indecent	64	55
Bestiality	1	2
Carnally knowing girls	13	18
Carnally knowing, attempted	4	7
Concealment of birth	3	4
Incest	7	2
Indecent exposure	267	317
Rape	11	8
Rape, attempted	10	12
Sodomy	3	6
Sodomy, attempted	4	1
	387	432

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 314 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 40·89 per cent. of the males and 73·78 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7·45 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS charged with DRUNKENNESS during the Year 1909, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

District.	Not Previously Convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland ..	1,022	30	298	19	156	10	99	14	76	16	59	11	390	80	2,100	180	329
Thames ..	121	5	69	3	25	4	7	..	1	..	1	..	9	..	233	12	..
Napier ..	675	17	142	7	56	2	29	..	18	..	9	..	89	5	1,018	31	28
Wanganui ..	919	51	134	13	46	8	24	2	21	..	7	1	25	..	1,176	75	2
Wellington ..	1,508	85	310	36	218	36	231	37	202	32	43	28	127	50	2,639	254	162
Greymouth ..	160	5	63	5	21	2	9	1	6	..	4	..	13	..	276	13	18
Christchurch ..	863	41	207	20	108	9	64	12	53	9	60	10	167	44	1,522	145	83
Dunedin ..	446	19	118	4	49	5	25	4	11	3	10	3	85	31	744	69	90
Invercargill ..	123	2	18	..	12	..	6	..	2	..	3	..	3	1	167	3	24
	5,837	205	1,359	107	691	76	494	70	390	60	196	53	908	211	9,875	782	736

The number charged with drunkenness in 1908 was 10,343 (9,637 males and 706 females), whereas in 1909 the number was 10,657 (9,875 males and 782 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1908-9, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or withdrawn (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Decrease in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1908.		Number arrested, 1909.		Number convicted, 1909.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1909.		Total Increase in Arrests.	Total Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,348	165	1,180	96	1,178	96	2	...	...	237
Wellington and suburbs	2,091	185	2,039	224	2,035	223	4	1	...	13
Christchurch and suburbs	651	108	771	109	769	109	2	...	121	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	708	62	581	66	578	65	3	1	...	123
Totals ...	4,798	520	4,571	495	4,560	493	11	2	121	373

Total decrease, 252.