

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1911.	1912.
Assaults, indecent	72	53
Bestiality	3	1
Carnally knowing girls	31	36
Carnally knowing, attempted	6	4
Concealment of birth	4	5
Incest	6	3
Indecent exposure or behaviour	378	308
Rape	5	6
Rape, attempted	13	4
Sodomy	6	3
Sodomy, attempted	2	4
	526	427

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 185 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 33·12 per cent. of the males and 61·38 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 5·97 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion :—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1912, 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 ..	1,536	13	279	19	334	23	54	12	66	29	35	21	170	68	2,474	185	97
Thames ..	142	..	54	..	26	1	14	..	5	..	2	..	6	..	249	1	4
Napier ..	680	15	285	9	79	1	56	1	18	1	10	..	14	..	1,142	27	35
Wanganui ..	863	39	221	6	85	5	48	2	23	1	16	..	26	..	1,282	53	2
Wellington ..	2,028	167	555	46	304	26	190	42	44	27	30	6	29	15	3,180	329	411
Greymouth ..	249	..	48	2	30	1	9	..	5	..	4	..	8	..	353	3	44
Christchurch ..	828	56	218	24	106	11	69	10	49	6	40	7	146	23	1,456	137	4
Dunedin ..	387	18	81	3	35	6	28	2	23	4	21	3	118	29	693	65	59
Invercargill ..	141	4	36	3	28	..	8	..	8	..	5	..	21	1	247	8	6
	6,854	312	1,777	112	1,027	74	476	69	241	68	163	37	538	136	11,076	808	662

The number charged with drunkenness in 1911 was 11,699 (10,896 males and 803 females), whereas in 1912 the number was 11,884 (11,076 males and 808 females).

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1911 and 1912, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Increase or Decrease in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1911.		Number arrested, 1912.		Number convicted, 1912.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1912.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,847	165	1,659	183	1,659	183	..	..	..	170
Wellington and suburbs	2,158	295	2,534	306	2,533	306	1	..	387	..
Christchurch and suburbs	897	130	779	119	779	119	..	..	..	129
Dunedin and suburbs ...	559	58	494	63	494	63	..	..	..	60
Totals ...	5,461	648	5,466	671	5,465	671	1	..	387	359

Net increase, 28.