

The principal increases during the year appear under the following headings, viz. :—

Abusive, insulting, or threatening words or behaviour	78	Failing to provide maintenance for wives, &c. 93	
Assaults, indecent	36	Illegally on premises	57
Breaches of the peace	74	Sly-grog selling	21
Disobeying orders on board ships	63	Theft (undescribed)	233

The principal decreases were,—

Assault (common)	72	Malicious injury to property	81
Deserting merchant vessels	51	Neglected and criminal children	75
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses..	41	Obscene and profane language	71
Disorderly conduct	57	Refusing to quit licensed premises..	54
Drunkenness	177	Sureties of the peace	91
False pretences	55	Theft by servants	45
Forgery and uttering	52	Theft of cattle and horses	33
Gaming offences	138		

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year 1913 was 95·86, the figures of the preceding year being 95·59.

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 :—

District.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	5,611	5,396	215
Hamilton	1,707	1,664	43
Napier	2,103	2,029	74
Wanganui	2,277	2,185	92
Wellington	6,099	5,873	226
Greymouth	772	742	30
Christchurch	3,937	3,716	221
Dunedin	2,006	1,896	110
Invercargill	903	863	40
	25,415	24,364	1,051

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1912.		1913.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	12	12	23	20
Assault and robbery	19	19	26	24
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	367	312	365	283
Forgery and uttering	159	148	107	102
Murder	3	2	9	6
Murder, attempted	1	1	8	8
Rape	6	6	9	7
Receiving stolen property	46	46	59	58
Shooting with intent	4	4	8	8
	617	550	614	516

During the last ten years the number of serious crimes as above described has varied from 520 to 759, the present total (614) being slightly below the average.