

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

| Offences.                             | 1912. | 1913. |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Assaults, indecent ... ..             | 53    | 89    |
| Bestiality ... ..                     | 1     | 3     |
| Carnally knowing girls ... ..         | 36    | 35    |
| Carnally knowing, attempted ... ..    | 4     | 5     |
| Concealment of birth ... ..           | 5     | 2     |
| Incest ... ..                         | 3     | 4     |
| Indecent exposure or behaviour ... .. | 308   | 282   |
| Rape ... ..                           | 6     | 9     |
| Rape, attempted ... ..                | 4     | 12    |
| Sodomy ... ..                         | 3     | 4     |
| Sodomy, attempted ... ..              | 4     | 8     |
|                                       | 427   | 453   |

#### DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 177 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 41·84 per cent. of the males and 68·7 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 8 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion :—

*Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1913, 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 ..     | 991                       | 28  | 222                      | 10  | 162                       | 16 | 84                          | 15 | 74                         | 10 | 95                         | 16 | 644                             | 65  | 2,272   | 160 | 205                                                               |
| Hamilton ..     | 517                       | 8   | 113                      | ..  | 39                        | .. | 18                          | 1  | 8                          | .. | 2                          | .. | 40                              | 1   | 737     | 10  | 3                                                                 |
| Napier ..       | 720                       | 15  | 175                      | 5   | 59                        | .. | 65                          | 3  | 34                         | .. | 16                         | .. | 32                              | 2   | 1,101   | 25  | 43                                                                |
| Wanganui ..     | 701                       | 29  | 172                      | 12  | 80                        | 7  | 51                          | 2  | 33                         | 2  | 40                         | 1  | 100                             | 3   | 1,177   | 56  | ..                                                                |
| Wellington ..   | 1,490                     | 99  | 468                      | 51  | 234                       | 42 | 162                         | 14 | 64                         | 37 | 79                         | 20 | 260                             | 40  | 2,757   | 303 | 412                                                               |
| Greymouth ..    | 196                       | ..  | 51                       | 1   | 16                        | 1  | 15                          | 1  | 9                          | .. | 6                          | .. | 15                              | ..  | 308     | 3   | 15                                                                |
| Christchurch .. | 937                       | 40  | 147                      | 15  | 66                        | 11 | 39                          | 3  | 26                         | 3  | 17                         | 4  | 166                             | 49  | 1,398   | 125 | 77                                                                |
| Dunedin ..      | 580                       | 16  | 110                      | 7   | 59                        | 14 | 21                          | 6  | 13                         | 3  | 21                         | 4  | 89                              | 26  | 898     | 76  | 111                                                               |
| Invercargill .. | 230                       | 5   | 28                       | 1   | 13                        | 1  | 3                           | .. | 2                          | .. | 2                          | 1  | 14                              | 1   | 292     | 9   | 10                                                                |
|                 | 6,362                     | 240 | 1,486                    | 102 | 728                       | 92 | 458                         | 45 | 268                        | 55 | 278                        | 46 | 1,360                           | 187 | 10,940  | 767 | 876                                                               |

The number charged with drunkenness in 1912 was 11,884 (11,076 males and 808 females), whereas in 1913 the number was 11,707 (10,940 males and 767 females).

*Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1912 and 1913, 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, 1912. |     | Number arrested, 1913. |     | Number convicted, 1913. |     | Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1913. |     | Increase in Arrests. |           | Decrease in Arrests. |           |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
|                          | M.                     | F.  | M.                     | F.  | M.                      | F.  | M.                                               | F.  | M. and F.            | M. and F. | M. and F.            | M. and F. |
| Auckland and suburbs ... | 1,659                  | 183 | 1,472                  | 160 | 1,472                   | 160 | ...                                              | ... | ...                  | ...       | 210                  | ...       |
| Wellington and suburbs   | 2,534                  | 306 | 2,272                  | 283 | 2,270                   | 283 | 2                                                | ... | ...                  | ...       | 285                  | ...       |
| Christchurch and suburbs | 779                    | 119 | 612                    | 104 | 610                     | 104 | 2                                                | ... | ...                  | ...       | 182                  | ...       |
| Dunedin and suburbs ...  | 494                    | 63  | 655                    | 73  | 654                     | 72  | 1                                                | 1   | 171                  | ...       | ...                  | ...       |
| Totals ...               | 5,466                  | 671 | 5,011                  | 620 | 5,006                   | 619 | 5                                                | 1   | 171                  | 677       | ...                  | ...       |

Net decrease, 506.