

*Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1912 and 1913 (Males and Females shown separately).*

| Centre.                   | Number arrested, 1912. |     | Number arrested, 1913. |    | Number convicted, 1913. |    | Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1913. |     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                           | M.                     | F.  | M.                     | F. | M.                      | F. | M.                                               | F.  |
| Auckland and suburbs ...  | 37                     | 2   | 31                     | 2  | 31                      | 2  | ...                                              | ... |
| Wellington and suburbs... | 32                     | 5   | 63                     | 10 | 63                      | 10 | ...                                              | ... |
| Christchurch and suburbs  | 19                     | 1   | 20                     | 1  | 20                      | 1  | ...                                              | ... |
| Dunedin and suburbs ...   | 5                      | ... | 5                      | 1  | 5                       | 1  | ...                                              | ... |
| Totals ...                | 93                     | 8   | 119                    | 14 | 119                     | 14 | ...                                              | ... |

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1908 to 1912, in Australia and New Zealand :—

|                  | 1908. | 1909. | 1910. | 1911. | 1912. |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Commonwealth ... | 119·5 | 119·4 | 126·0 | 133·2 | 143·5 |
| New Zealand...   | 112·3 | 110·1 | 117·0 | 112·3 | 111·0 |

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (229) against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 26 as compared with the preceding year.

*Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1913 as compared with 1912, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.*

| District.        | Prosecutions, 1912. | Prosecutions, 1913. | Convictions, 1913. | Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1913. |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Auckland ...     | 23                  | 30                  | 14                 | 16                                        |
| Hamilton ...     | 21                  | 28                  | 21                 | 7                                         |
| Napier ...       | 15                  | 18                  | 9                  | 9                                         |
| Wanganui ...     | 39                  | 25                  | 15                 | 10                                        |
| Wellington ...   | 45                  | 52                  | 17                 | 35                                        |
| Greymouth ...    | 56                  | 35                  | 21                 | 14                                        |
| Christchurch ... | 36                  | 17                  | 8                  | 9                                         |
| Dunedin ...      | 15                  | 17                  | 8                  | 9                                         |
| Invercargill ... | 5                   | 7                   | 2                  | 5                                         |
| Totals ...       | 255                 | 229                 | 115                | 114                                       |

*Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1913 as compared with 1912, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.*

| Centre.                      | Prosecutions, 1912. | Prosecutions, 1913. | Convictions, 1913. | Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1913. |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Auckland and suburbs ...     | ...                 | 18                  | 9                  | 9                                         |
| Wellington and suburbs ...   | 15                  | 26                  | 4                  | 22                                        |
| Christchurch and suburbs ... | 22                  | 9                   | 3                  | 6                                         |
| Dunedin and suburbs ...      | 1                   | 5                   | 2                  | 3                                         |
| Totals ...                   | 38                  | 58                  | 18                 | 40                                        |

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 136 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 109 convictions, against 113 prosecutions and 69 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1913 amounted to £1,714, as against £1,440 10s. in 1912.