

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 1,482 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 39·64 per cent. of the males and 66·55 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7·1 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion :—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1914, 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 Forgoing 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 ..	1,109	62	230	16	107	18	76	10	64	7	63	17	460	75	2,109	205	183
Hamilton ..	605	8	116	2	42	..	20	..	4	..	14	1	13	2	814	13	9
Napier ..	686	19	191	6	130	1	59	..	22	..	14	..	30	2	1,132	28	13
Wanganui ..	973	17	268	5	110	3	51	3	26	..	29	..	47	..	1,504	28	2
Wellington ..	1,911	123	570	45	261	53	148	24	89	35	100	66	96	50	3,175	396	499
Greymouth ..	232	4	44	2	20	1	14	1	13	..	4	..	11	..	338	8	25
Christchurch ..	1,003	47	210	17	97	10	39	10	22	5	17	3	410	90	1,798	182	45
Dunedin ..	628	26	118	4	62	1	32	1	15	2	14	1	166	28	1,035	63	86
Invercargill ..	252	5	50	..	17	..	12	..	3	..	8	..	12	..	354	7	9
Totals ..	7,399	311	1,797	97	846	87	451	49	258	49	263	88	1,245	249	12,259	930	871

The number charged with drunkenness in 1913 was 11,707 (10,940 males and 767 females), whereas in 1914 the number was 13,189 (12,259 males and 930 females).

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1913 and 1914, 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, 1913.		Number arrested, 1914.		Number convicted, 1914.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with 1914.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,472	160	1,283	121	1,283	121	...	...	...	228
Wellington and suburbs	2,272	283	2,587	380	2,587	380	...	...	412	...
Christchurch and suburbs	612	104	973	168	970	167	3	1	425	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	655	73	810	60	809	60	1	...	142	...
Totals ...	5,011	620	5,653	729	5,649	728	4	1	979	228

Net increase, 751.

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1913 and 1914 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1913.		Number arrested, 1914.		Number convicted, 1914.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1914.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	31	2	23	...	23	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	63	10	50	4	50	4	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	20	1	14	1	13	1	1	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	5	1	7	...	7	...	...	...
Totals ...	119	14	94	5	93	5	1	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1909 to 1913 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Commonwealth	... 119·4	126·0	133·2	143·5	139·5
New Zealand...	... 110·1	117·0	112·3	111·0	108·5