

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (230) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 1 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1914 as compared with 1913, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1913.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Convictions, 1914.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1914.
Auckland	30	34	11	23
Hamilton	28	30	17	13
Napier	18	8	8	...
Wanganui	25	25	16	9
Wellington	52	38	18	20
Greymouth	35	32	25	7
Christchurch	17	35	13	22
Dunedin	17	17	9	8
Invercargill	7	11	6	5
Totals	229	230	123	107

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1914 as compared with 1913, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1913.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Convictions, 1914.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1914.
Auckland and suburbs	18	17	5	12
Wellington and suburbs	26	8	2	6
Christchurch and suburbs	9	12	6	6
Dunedin and suburbs	5	1	...	1
Totals	58	38	13	25

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 171 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 127 convictions, against 136 prosecutions and 109 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1914 amounted to £2,547, as against £1,714 in 1913.

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	105	0	0
Hamilton	1,157	10	0
Napier	90	0	0
Wanganui	435	0	0
Wellington	382	0	0
Christchurch	147	10	0
Dunedin	170	0	0
Invercargill	60	0	0
Total	£2,547	0	0

The direct cost to the Department in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £563, this being £1,984 less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 270 prosecutions, resulting in 228 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 206 prosecutions and 133 convictions in 1913.