

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1914.	1915.
Assaults, indecent	57	91
Bestiality	2	7
Carnally knowing girls	27	30
Carnally knowing, attempted	12	15
Concealment of birth	1	1
Incest	2	6
Indecent exposure or behaviour	301	288
Rape	6	3
Rape, attempted	5	7
Sodomy	1	3
Sodomy, attempted	4	2
Totals	418	453

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 79 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 38·48 per cent. of the males and 55·56 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7·89 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion :—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1915, 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 ..	1,245	73	388	42	127	14	109	17	60	8	56	7	276	27	2,261	188	225
Hamilton ..	566	13	84	2	53	14	26	3	20	..	6	2	36	..	791	34	3
Napier ..	493	20	175	9	103	3	74	..	37	..	25	..	48	5	955	37	17
Wanganui ..	895	39	192	7	99	6	50	4	37	..	24	..	69	1	1,366	57	4
Wellington ..	2,306	172	605	71	285	32	161	19	74	17	33	11	65	6	3,529	328	437
Greymouth ..	219	4	44	1	22	..	7	..	14	..	12	..	25	1	343	6	36
Christchurch ..	1,055	55	204	20	97	14	54	11	45	6	38	6	289	77	1,782	189	129
Dunedin ..	616	27	117	6	64	3	40	6	25	4	21	1	127	25	1,010	72	117
Invercargill ..	203	4	29	..	26	..	15	1	10	..	12	..	20	..	315	5	7
Totals ..	7,598	407	1,838	158	876	86	536	61	322	35	227	27	955	142	12,352	916	975

The number charged with drunkenness in 1914 was 13,189 (12,259 males and 930 females), whereas in 1915 the number was 13,268 (12,352 males and 916 females).

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1914 and 1915, 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, 1914.		Number arrested, 1915.		Number convicted, 1915.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with 1915.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,283	121	1,334	97	1,334	97	..	..	27	..
Wellington and suburbs	2,587	380	2,771	308	2,771	308	..	..	112	..
Christchurch and suburbs	973	168	931	154	930	152	1	2	..	56
Dunedin and suburbs ...	810	60	755	69	755	69	..	..	..	46
Totals ...	5,653	729	5,791	628	5,790	626	1	2	139	102

Net increase, 37.