

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 2,435 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1916 was 10,833 (10,096 males and 737 females), whereas in 1915 the number was 13,268 (12,352 males and 916 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1916 as compared with 1915:—

Police District.					Number of Prosecutions, 1915.	Number of Prosecutions, 1916.	Decrease.
Auckland	..	..	..	..	2,449	1,740	709
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	825	668	157
Napier	..	..	..	..	992	766	226
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	1,423	1,222	201
Wellington	..	..	..	..	3,857	3,075	782
Greymouth	..	..	..	..	349	241	108
Christchurch	..	..	..	..	1,971	1,812	159
Dunedin	..	..	..	..	1,082	1,063	19
Invercargill	..	..	..	..	320	246	74
Totals	..	..	..	..	13,268	10,833	2,435

From the following table it will be observed that 36·98 per cent. of the males and 53·32 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 8·98 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion:—

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1916, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

Police 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 Foreigners 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	969	42	284	35	143	13	89	7	54	5	36	1	58	4	1,633	107	208
Hamilton	557	13	51	..	22	..	8	..	3	..	1	..	13	..	655	13	3
Napier	437	20	120	7	41	1	32	..	14	..	17	2	70	5	731	35	11
Wanganui	866	42	154	8	46	1	46	2	22	..	12	1	22	..	1,168	54	3
Wellington	1,765	144	414	60	203	26	137	15	76	13	47	9	161	5	2,803	272	362
Greymouth	148	6	36	..	14	1	11	1	8	..	8	..	8	..	233	8	27
Christchurch	853	54	174	13	108	11	114	12	71	11	31	2	285	73	1,636	176	71
Dunedin	606	22	135	9	61	2	34	3	29	5	19	3	112	23	996	67	214
Invercargill	162	1	20	..	12	..	12	..	7	1	7	..	21	3	241	5	9
Totals	6,363	344	1,388	132	650	55	483	40	284	35	178	18	750	113	10,096	737	908

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1915 and 1916, 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, 1915.		Number arrested, 1916.		Number convicted, 1916.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1916.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,334	97	866	51	866	51	...	...	...	514
Wellington and suburbs	2,771	308	2,162	246	2,162	246	...	...	...	671
Christchurch and suburbs	931	154	803	131	802	131	1	...	...	151
Dunedin and suburbs ...	755	69	737	67	737	67	...	...	...	20
Totals ...	...	...	5,791	628	4,568	495	4,567	495	1	1,356