

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1915 and 1916 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1915.		Number arrested, 1916.		Number convicted, 1916.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1916.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	18	...	15	...	15	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	77	6	111	4	111	4	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	13	...	43	2	43	2	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	6	1	24	1	24	1	...	...
Totals ...	114	7	193	7	193	7	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1911 to 1915 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Commonwealth ..	.. 133.2	143.5	139.5	139.9	126.6
New Zealand ..	.. 112.3	111.0	108.5	120.6	117.9

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (308) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 26 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1916 as compared with 1915, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Convictions, 1916.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1916.
Auckland ...	52	34	15	19
Hamilton ...	22	13	6	7
Napier ...	15	3	2	1
Wanganui ...	20	31	16	15
Wellington ...	46	69	42	27
Greymouth ...	72	63	36	27
Christchurch ...	20	45	26	19
Dunedin ...	25	30	15	15
Invercargill ...	10	20	13	7
Totals ...	282	308	171	137

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1916 as compared with 1915, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Convictions, 1916.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1916.
Auckland and suburbs ...	34	23	11	12
Wellington and suburbs ...	14	27	11	16
Christchurch and suburbs ...	3	9	5	4
Dunedin and suburbs ...	17	14	5	9
Totals ...	68	73	32	41

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 141 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 107 convictions, against 173 prosecutions and 136 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1916 amounted to £2,249, as against £2,715 in 1915.