

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, AND COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1916, AND YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917—*continued.*

| Offences.                                                   | 1916.                            | 1917.                            |                                                            |                                                                                                                 |    |                      |       |            |     |                                                          |    | Increase or Decrease in Number of Offences reported. |           |     |
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|                                                             | Number of all Offences reported. | Number of all Offences reported. | Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted. | Results of Cases in which Persons were apprehended or summoned. (Charges against Males and Females separately.) |    |                      |       |            |     | Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial. |    | Increase.                                            | Decrease. |     |
|                                                             |                                  |                                  |                                                            | Committed for Trial.                                                                                            |    | Summarily convicted. |       | Dismissed. |     |                                                          |    |                                                      |           |     |
|                                                             |                                  |                                  |                                                            | M.                                                                                                              | F. | M.                   | F.    | M.         | F.  | M.                                                       | F. |                                                      |           |     |
| Illegally interfering with dead body ..                     | ..                               | 2                                | 2                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | 128   | 10         | 5   | ..                                                       | 2  | ..                                                   | 2         | ..  |
| Illegally on premises ..                                    | 160                              | 143                              | 143                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 1                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 1         | 17  |
| Illegally pawning ..                                        | ..                               | 1                                | 1                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 1                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Incest ..                                                   | 5                                | 16                               | 16                                                         | 16                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 1                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | 11        | ..  |
| Indecent exposure or behaviour ..                           | 300                              | 263                              | 259                                                        | 2                                                                                                               | .. | 236                  | 11    | 10         | ..  | 3                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 37  |
| Indecent Publications Act, offences under ..                | 11                               | 17                               | 17                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 16                   | ..    | 1          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 6         | ..  |
| Introducing liquor into Maori pa ..                         | 41                               | 56                               | 54                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 47                   | ..    | 7          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 15        | ..  |
| Keeping disorderly houses or brothels ..                    | 59                               | 71                               | 71                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 17                   | 49    | 3          | 2   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 12        | ..  |
| Killing animals with intent to steal the carcasses ..       | ..                               | 2                                | 2                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 2                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | 2         | ..  |
| Libel ..                                                    | 3                                | 2                                | 2                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 2                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 1   |
| Malicious injury to property ..                             | 318                              | 331                              | 328                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | 1  | 299                  | 9     | 17         | 2   | ..                                                       | 1  | 13                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Maliciously killing or maiming animals ..                   | 13                               | 4                                | 4                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | 1                    | ..    | 1          | ..  | 1                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 9   |
| Manslaughter ..                                             | 8                                | 11                               | 11                                                         | 10                                                                                                              | 1  | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 2                                                        | .. | 3                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Mischief not otherwise specified in this return ..          | 206                              | 181                              | 178                                                        | 1                                                                                                               | .. | 148                  | 14    | 13         | 2   | 1                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 25  |
| Murder ..                                                   | 4                                | 14                               | 14                                                         | 9                                                                                                               | 5  | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 2                                                        | .. | 10                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Murder, attempted ..                                        | 3                                | 13                               | 12                                                         | 11                                                                                                              | 1  | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 4                                                        | .. | 10                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Neglected and criminal children ..                          | 296                              | 241                              | 241                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 159                  | 64    | 12         | 6   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 55  |
| Obscene and profane language ..                             | 912                              | 772                              | 769                                                        | 1                                                                                                               | .. | 691                  | 41    | 23         | 13  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 140 |
| Obstructing or resisting police ..                          | 161                              | 155                              | 155                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 144                  | ..    | 11         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 6   |
| Obstructing railway-lines ..                                | 11                               | 22                               | 22                                                         | 2                                                                                                               | .. | 17                   | 1     | 2          | ..  | 2                                                        | .. | 11                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Obstructing railway officers ..                             | 5                                | 13                               | 13                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 12                   | ..    | 1          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 8                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Obstructing thoroughfares ..                                | 64                               | 52                               | 51                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 48                   | 1     | 2          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 12  |
| Opium, smoking or being in possession of ..                 | 28                               | 8                                | 8                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 7                    | ..    | 1          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 20  |
| Perjury ..                                                  | 20                               | 5                                | 5                                                          | 5                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 4                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 15  |
| Personating electors ..                                     | ..                               | 1                                | 1                                                          | 1                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Poison-laying ..                                            | ..                               | 10                               | 8                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 8                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 10                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Prohibited immigrants, unlawfully landing ..                | 8                                | 9                                | 9                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 9                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Rape ..                                                     | 6                                | 2                                | 2                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 2                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 4   |
| Rape, attempted ..                                          | 6                                | 4                                | 4                                                          | 4                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 4                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 2   |
| Receiving stolen goods ..                                   | 73                               | 74                               | 74                                                         | 8                                                                                                               | 8  | 46                   | 1     | 8          | 3   | 4                                                        | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Refusing to quit licensed premises ..                       | 83                               | 60                               | 60                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 56                   | 1     | 3          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 23        | ..  |
| Rescuing cattle from being impounded ..                     | 16                               | 13                               | 13                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 11                   | ..    | 2          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 3   |
| Robbery or extortion ..                                     | 5                                | 2                                | 2                                                          | 1                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 3   |
| Sending false telegrams ..                                  | ..                               | 1                                | 1                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | 1     | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Shooting with intent ..                                     | 3                                | 1                                | 1                                                          | 1                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 2   |
| Sly-grog selling ..                                         | 141                              | 137                              | 133                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 108                  | 10    | 13         | 2   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 4   |
| Smuggling ..                                                | 4                                | 3                                | 3                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 1                    | ..    | 2          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 1   |
| Sodomy ..                                                   | 3                                | 7                                | 7                                                          | 7                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 7                                                        | .. | 4                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Sodomy, attempted ..                                        | 5                                | 3                                | 3                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | 1                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 2   |
| Soliciting prostitution ..                                  | 52                               | 104                              | 104                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | 101   | 3          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 52                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Stone-throwing ..                                           | 100                              | 95                               | 95                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 82                   | 2     | 11         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 5   |
| Stowing away on board ships ..                              | 15                               | 3                                | 3                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 3                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 12  |
| Suicide, attempted ..                                       | 69                               | 66                               | 66                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 47                   | 10    | 6          | 3   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 3   |
| Supplying noxious drug with intent to commit a crime ..     | ..                               | 3                                | 3                                                          | 3                                                                                                               | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | 3                                                        | .. | 3                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Sureties of the peace ..                                    | 25                               | 39                               | 39                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 22                   | 3     | 10         | 4   | ..                                                       | .. | 14                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Theft (undescribed) ..                                      | 2,534                            | 2,390                            | 1,971                                                      | 88                                                                                                              | 7  | 1,563                | 116   | 173        | 24  | 74                                                       | 3  | ..                                                   | 144       | ..  |
| Theft as a bailee ..                                        | 1                                | ..                               | ..                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 1         | ..  |
| Theft, attempted ..                                         | 9                                | 10                               | 9                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 9                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Theft by servants ..                                        | 126                              | 77                               | 72                                                         | 14                                                                                                              | 3  | 45                   | 7     | 2          | 1   | 10                                                       | 3  | ..                                                   | 49        | ..  |
| Theft from dwellings ..                                     | 229                              | 166                              | 114                                                        | 38                                                                                                              | .. | 66                   | 2     | 8          | ..  | 30                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 63        | ..  |
| Theft from the person ..                                    | 35                               | 23                               | 18                                                         | 11                                                                                                              | .. | 3                    | 1     | 2          | 1   | 7                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | 12        | ..  |
| Theft of cattle and horses ..                               | 40                               | 47                               | 34                                                         | 23                                                                                                              | .. | 2                    | ..    | 9          | ..  | 17                                                       | .. | 7                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Theft of dogs ..                                            | 8                                | 4                                | 4                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 4                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | ..        | 4   |
| Theft of pigs ..                                            | 4                                | 20                               | 19                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 11                   | ..    | 8          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 16                                                   | ..        | ..  |
| Theft of sheep ..                                           | 22                               | 13                               | 9                                                          | 2                                                                                                               | .. | 4                    | ..    | 3          | 2   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 9         | ..  |
| Theft of post-letters ..                                    | 41                               | 17                               | 16                                                         | 9                                                                                                               | .. | 4                    | ..    | 1          | 2   | 9                                                        | .. | ..                                                   | 24        | ..  |
| Threatening letters ..                                      | ..                               | 3                                | 3                                                          | 1                                                                                                               | .. | 1                    | ..    | 1          | ..  | 1                                                        | .. | 3                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Threatening to shoot ..                                     | 2                                | ..                               | ..                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 2         | ..  |
| Travelling by rail and refusing to pay fares ..             | 49                               | 46                               | 46                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 41                   | 4     | 1          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 3         | ..  |
| Trespass ..                                                 | 96                               | 54                               | 54                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 51                   | ..    | 3          | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 42        | ..  |
| Vagrancy offences not otherwise specified in this return .. | 722                              | 534                              | 534                                                        | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 388                  | 111   | 27         | 8   | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 188       | ..  |
| Wearing military uniform without authority ..               | 2                                | 3                                | 3                                                          | ..                                                                                                              | .. | 3                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 1                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Wounding with intent ..                                     | 2                                | 6                                | 6                                                          | 1                                                                                                               | .. | 5                    | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | 4                                                    | ..        | ..  |
| Unlawful assembly ..                                        | 3                                | ..                               | ..                                                         | ..                                                                                                              | .. | ..                   | ..    | ..         | ..  | ..                                                       | .. | ..                                                   | 3         | ..  |
| Totals ..                                                   | 24,920                           | 21,724                           | 20,701                                                     | 799                                                                                                             | 52 | 17,483               | 1,351 | 905        | 111 | 580                                                      | 52 | 547                                                  | 3,743     |     |
|                                                             |                                  |                                  |                                                            |                                                                                                                 |    |                      |       |            |     |                                                          |    | Dec.,                                                | 3,199     |     |