

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1917 and 1918 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1917.		Number arrested, 1918.		Number convicted, 1918.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1918.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	13	...	21	2	21	2	...	...
Wellington and suburbs ...	62	3	63	...	63	...	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	17	4	8	2	8	2	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	14	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
Totals ...	106	7	94	4	94	4	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1913 to 1917 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.
Commonwealth ..	139.5	139.9	126.6	102.5	93.0
New Zealand ..	108.5	120.6	117.9	97.3	78.3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (615) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 123 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1918 as compared with 1917, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Convictions, 1918.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1918.
Auckland ...	57	56	25	31
Hamilton ...	26	20	11	9
Napier ...	19	35	16	19
Wanganui ...	95	128	42	86
Palmerston North ...	...	24	13	11
Wellington ...	82	110	60	50
Greymouth ...	81	123	46	77
Christchurch ...	41	59	33	26
Dunedin ...	59	33	24	9
Invercargill ...	32	27	11	16
Totals ...	492	615	281	334

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each principal Centre during the Year 1918 as compared with 1917, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Convictions, 1918.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1918.
Auckland and suburbs ...	30	19	4	15
Wellington and suburbs ...	28	45	22	23
Christchurch and suburbs ...	11	17	10	7
Dunedin and suburbs ...	38	24	16	8
Totals ...	107	105	52	53

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 130 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 97 convictions, against 133 prosecutions and 118 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1918 amounted to £1,396, as against £1,632 in 1917.