

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	5,532	5,331	201
Hamilton	2,148	2,048	100
Napier	1,959	1,887	72
Wanganui	1,624	1,574	50
Palmerston North	1,153	1,114	39
Wellington	4,995	4,721	274
Greymouth	696	686	10
Christchurch	3,085	2,955	130
Timaru	823	797	26
Dunedin	1,426	1,382	44
Invercargill	837	817	20
Totals	24,278	23,312	966

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1919 was 96·02, the figures of the preceding year being 94·62.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1918.		1919.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	13	13	22	19
Robbery and aggravated robbery	6	5	5	4
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	406	326	521	426
Forgery and uttering	82	76	112	104
Murder	4	3	9	9
Murder, attempted	5	3	1	1
Rape	1	1	8	7
Receiving stolen property	97	97	63	63
Wounding with intent	5	5	3	3
Totals	619	529	744	636

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1918.	1919.
Unnatural offence	3	2
Unnatural offence, attempted	2	3
Indecently assaulting a male	8	14
Incest	4	3
Indecent acts	23	28
Concealment of birth	3	5
Assault, indecent	83	72
Rape	1	8
Rape, attempted	6	2
Carnally knowing girls	23	24
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	8
Abortion, procuring, &c.	4	11
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	200	208
Totals	369	388