

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 988 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1919 was 8,216 (7,758 males and 458 females), whereas in 1918 the number was 7,228 (6,733 males and 495 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1919 as compared with 1918:—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1918.	Number of Prosecutions, 1919.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland	1,159	1,610	451	..
Hamilton	515	631	116	..
Napier	724	702	...	22
Wanganui	454	500	46	..
Palmerston North	389	394	5	..
Wellington	2,050	2,240	190	..
Greymouth	123	154	31	..
Christchurch	875	912	37	..
Timaru	226	336	110	..
Dunedin	554	542	..	12
Invercargill	159	195	36	..
Totals	7,228	8,216	1,022	34

From the following table it will be observed that 35·32 per cent. of the males and 60·04 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 10·1 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1919, 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	903	42	191	21	118	18	77	11	39	9	25	5	127	24	1,480	180	224
Hamilton	508	18	47	..	30	..	11	..	3	..	4	..	10	..	613	18	..
Napier	379	15	84	3	70	2	46	..	28	..	26	..	43	6	676	26	17
Wanganui	322	15	74	3	37	2	22	..	9	..	5	..	11	..	480	20	4
Palmerston North	275	6	40	5	20	1	9	..	5	4	4	..	25	..	378	16	..
Wellington	1,456	70	259	35	123	11	62	21	40	15	37	2	106	3	2,083	157	297
Greymouth	117	1	14	1	4	..	5	..	4	..	3	..	5	..	152	2	16
Christchurch	419	8	97	10	58	8	67	7	30	8	25	5	152	18	848	64	118
Timaru	188	..	37	..	19	..	15	..	11	..	6	..	59	1	335	1	13
Dunedin	303	6	68	5	46	3	31	1	12	1	4	..	56	6	520	22	84
Invercargill	148	2	15	..	7	..	3	..	4	..	3	..	13	..	193	2	11
Totals	5,018	183	926	83	532	45	348	40	185	37	142	12	607	58	7,758	458	784

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1918 and 1919, 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, 1918.		Number arrested, 1919.		Number convicted, 1919.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	612	55	898	83	897	83	1	...	314	...
Wellington and suburbs	1,549	180	1,742	154	1,741	154	1	...	167	...
Christchurch and suburbs	511	57	525	51	522	51	3	...	8	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	383	45	400	21	398	21	2	...	...	7
Totals ...	...	...	3,055	337	3,565	309	7	...	489	7