

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1918 and 1919 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1918.		Number arrested, 1919.		Number convicted, 1919.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	21	2	39	1	39	1	...	...
Wellington and suburbs ...	63	...	50	2	50	2	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs ...	8	2	6	1	6	1	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	2	...	10	...	10	...	...	...
Totals ...	94	4	105	4	105	4	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1914 to 1918 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Commonwealth ...	139·9	126·6	102·5	93·0	86·1
New Zealand ...	120·6	117·9	97·3	78·3	63·5

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (488) against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 127 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1919 as compared with 1918, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Prosecutions, 1919.	Convictions, 1919.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.
Auckland ...	56	49	22	27
Hamilton ...	20	18	7	11
Napier ...	35	65	49	16
Wanganui ...	128	111	53	58
Palmerston North ...	24	35	23	12
Wellington ...	110	78	51	27
Greymouth ...	123	58	29	29
Christchurch ...	59	24	19	5
Timaru ...	...	11	4	7
Dunedin ...	33	10	7	3
Invercargill ...	27	29	20	9
Totals ...	615	488	284	204

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1919 as compared with 1918, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1918.	Prosecutions, 1919.	Convictions, 1919.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1919.
Auckland and suburbs ...	19	22	8	14
Wellington and suburbs ...	45	15	8	7
Christchurch and suburbs ...	17	9	6	3
Dunedin and suburbs ...	24	2	1	1
Totals ...	105	48	23	25

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 50 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 41 convictions, and there were also 64 prosecutions, resulting in 45 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1919 amounted to £1,820, as against £1,396 in 1918.