

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.
Whangarei	827	789	38
Auckland	6,121	5,585	536
Hamilton	2,036	1,912	124
Gisborne	945	932	13
Napier	1,244	1,171	73
New Plymouth	764	722	42
Wanganui	1,138	1,106	32
Palmerston North	1,282	1,225	57
Wellington	4,335	4,020	315
Greymouth	1,236	1,204	32
Christchurch	3,235	2,894	341
Timaru	854	795	59
Dunedin	1,267	1,196	71
Invercargill	835	805	30
Totals	26,119	24,356	1,763

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1923 was 93·25, the figures of the preceding year being 92·48.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1922.		1923.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	33	33	8	3
Robbery and aggravated robbery	11	10	10	8
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	872	626	743	498
Forgery and uttering	156	133	242	230
Murder	5	5	7	6
Murder, attempted	10	9	1	1
Rape	4	2	9	9
Receiving stolen property	138	136	121	121
Wounding with intent	...	...	3	3
Totals	1,229	954	1,144	879

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1922.	1923.
Unnatural offence	8	6
Unnatural offence, attempted	2	3
Indecently assaulting a male	43	42
Incest	8	9
Indecent acts	27	27
Concealment of birth	3	5
Assault, indecent	85	90
Rape	4	9
Rape, attempted	11	12
Carnally knowing girls	29	30
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	12	7
Abortion, procuring, &c.	5	28
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	231	232
Totals	468	500