

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	1,366	1,264	102
Auckland	8,461	7,527	934
Hamilton	2,078	1,941	137
Gisborne	1,250	1,181	69
Napier	1,810	1,704	106
New Plymouth	1,147	1,083	64
Wanganui	1,191	1,098	93
Palmerston North	1,520	1,431	89
Wellington	6,002	5,323	679
Nelson	857	767	90
Greymouth	1,098	997	101
Christchurch	4,418	3,952	466
Timaru	758	647	111
Dunedin	2,111	1,886	225
Invercargill	1,301	1,205	96
Totals	35,368	32,006	3,362

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1932 was 90·49, the figures of the preceding year being 89·03.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1931.		1932.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	30	28	33	27
Robbery and aggravated robbery	21	15	9	4
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	1,608	886	1,553	946
Forgery and uttering	241	231	224	211
Murder	13	9	15	13
Murder, attempted	5	5	2	2
Rape	7	7	3	3
Receiving stolen property	158	158	283	283
Wounding with intent	1	1	1	1
Totals	2,084	1,340	2,123	1,490

The number of murders, 15 (being an increase of two on the previous year), is regrettably high. Three are in respect to infants whose deaths were regarded as unlawfully caused. In two of these cases no arrest resulted.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1931.	1932.
Unnatural offence	5	..
Unnatural offence, attempted	3	2
Indecently assaulting a male	54	24
Incest	2	13
Indecent acts	6	28
Concealment of birth	7	6
Assault, indecent	102	82
Rape	7	3
Rape, attempted	7	7
Carnally knowing girls	69	74
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	7	11
Abortion, procuring, &c.	11	11
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	209	180
Totals	489	441