

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1933.	1934.
Unnatural offence	14	6
Unnatural offence, attempted	4	..
Indecently assaulting a male	82	62
Incest	10	18
Indecent acts	25	36
Concealment of birth	2	2
Assault, indecent	82	96
Rape	5	6
Rape, attempted	1	6
Carnally knowing girls	44	62
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	32	14
Abortion, procuring, &c.	5	9
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	196	155
Totals	502	472

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 205 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1934 was 3,294 (3,152 males and 142 females), whereas in 1933 the number was 3,499 (3,344 males and 155 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 39·07 per cent. of the males and 66·43 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 2·03 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1934, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	1,920	47	1,967
One previous conviction	328	12	340
Two previous convictions	183	16	199
Three previous convictions	133	8	141
Four previous convictions	112	..	112
Five previous convictions	98	3	101
Over five previous convictions	378	56	434
Totals	3,152	142	3,294

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 64.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1929 to 1933 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Commonwealth	89·5	73·0	58·6	60·7	67·6
New Zealand	46·3	42·4	32·1	26·7	23·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 108 as compared with the preceding year. There were 654 prosecutions, resulting in 411 convictions during 1934, as against 546 prosecutions and 328 convictions in 1933.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 67 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 64 convictions, and there were also 63 prosecutions, resulting in 42 convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1934 amounted to £1,030 12s. 6d.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 558 prosecutions, resulting in 490 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 524 prosecutions and 475 convictions in 1933.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1935 :—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
Carrying on business of bookmaker	35	34	£ 835 0 0
Keeping common gaming-house	80	77	2,716 0 0
Laying totalizator odds	9	8	92 0 0
Publishing betting-charts	7	5	65 0 0
Street betting	11	8	385 0 0
Totals	142	132	4,093 0 0