

CASUALTIES.

The following are the casualties for the year ended 31st March last : Retired under section 26, Police Force Act, 1918, 1 ; retired on pension under the Public Service Superannuation Act, 7 ; retired as medically unfit, 7 ; died, 6 ; resigned voluntarily, 4 ; resigned compulsorily, 1 ; dismissed, 6 : total, 32.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

The criminal statistics (Appendix A) deal with offences reported to the police during the year ended 31st December last, and show an aggregate net increase of 882 on the figures of 1934. The proportion of offences to the population was 2·11 per cent., as against 2·07 the previous year.

There were increases during the year under the following headings, viz. :—

Assault (common)	52	Minor breaches of Motor-vehicles Act ..	599
Assault (indecent)	34	Unlawfully using horses, motor-cars, &c. ..	101
Burglary, house or shop breaking ..	36	Opium-smoking, &c.	35
Failing to maintain wives or children ..	34	Receiving property dishonestly obtained ..	60
False pretences	60	Stealing postal packets, &c.	46
Found on licensed premises after hours ..	146	Theft from dwellings	26
Being intoxicated in charge of motor-vehicle	77	Unlawfully on premises at night without criminal intent	27
Reckless or negligent driving of motor-vehicle	317		

The principal decreases were—

Assaulting, obstructing, or resisting constables, &c.	35	Mischief	49
Breaches of Arms Act	29	Theft (petty)	427
Drunkenness	124	Theft by clerks or servants	96
Forgery	51	Using profane, indecent, or obscene language	35
		Vagrancy offences	78

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	1,167	1,128	39
Auckland	7,237	6,503	734
Hamilton	2,114	1,977	137
Gisborne	1,106	1,046	60
Napier	1,439	1,320	119
New Plymouth	1,295	1,235	60
Wanganui	1,180	1,064	116
Palmerston North	1,669	1,551	118
Wellington	5,817	5,400	417
Nelson	931	839	92
Greymouth	880	798	82
Christchurch	3,616	3,294	322
Timaru	679	618	61
Dunedin	2,882	2,765	117
Invercargill	1,156	1,063	93
Totals	33,168	30,601	2,567

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1935 was 92·26, the figures of the preceding year being 91·16.