

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1935, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

—				Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	..	..	..	1,739	50	1,789
One previous conviction	..	..	..	232	14	246
Two previous convictions	..	..	..	162	6	168
Three previous convictions	..	..	..	99	5	104
Four previous convictions	..	..	..	104	1	105
Five previous convictions	..	..	..	150	4	154
Over five previous convictions	..	..	..	571	33	604
Totals	..	..	..	3,057	113	3,170

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 77.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1930 to 1934 in Australia and New Zealand :—

				1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
Commonwealth	..	..	..	73·0	58·6	60·7	67·6	68·9
New Zealand	..	..	..	42·4	32·1	26·7	23·3	22·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 9 as compared with the preceding year. There were 645 prosecutions, resulting in 404 convictions during 1935, as against 654 prosecutions and 411 convictions in 1934.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 63 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in 53 convictions, and there were also 64 prosecutions, resulting in 57 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 1935 amounted to £938 10s.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 578 prosecutions, resulting in 554 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 558 prosecutions and 490 convictions in 1934.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1936 :—

Offence.				Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.		
Carrying on business of bookmaker	..	..	..	50	48	£	s.	d.
Keeping common gaming-house	..	..	..	79	77	858	10	0
Found in common gaming-house	..	..	..	2	2	2,775	10	0
Laying totalizator odds	..	..	..	6	6	2	10	0
Publishing betting-charts	..	..	..	8	8	17	0	0
Betting with bookmakers	..	..	..	1	1	41	0	0
Street betting	..	..	..	4	2	5	0	0
Totals	..	..	..	150	144	20	0	0