

HIGH COURT.

RAROTONGA.

Criminal Jurisdiction.—For the twelve months the Court dealt with 1,144 cases for criminal offences, and breaches of regulations and local Ordinances as follows:—

HIGH COURT.—CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

Analysis of Cases heard during the Year ended 31st March, 1936.

Burglary	4
Theft	69
Receiving stolen property	1
Conversion to own use	1
Assault	11
Indecent assault	3
Carnal knowledge—girl under fifteen years	1
Adultery (by married persons)	4
Gaming by Natives	6
Perjury	1
Escaping from lawful custody	10
Forgery	1
False pretences	1
Wilful mischief to property	7
Provoking breach of the peace	2
Disorderly conduct in public place	4
Furious driving	1
Obscene language in public place	1
Obstructing the police	1
Animal trespass	190
Drunkenness	3
Wilful trespass	14
Manufacturing intoxicating liquor	32
Attempt to manufacture intoxicating liquor	1
Consuming intoxicating liquor (Natives)	599
Giving intoxicating liquor to Natives.. .. .	1
Permitting liquor to be consumed by Natives.. .. .	2
Breaches of local Ordinances and regulations as follows:—	
Cohabiting	32
Failing to register dog	24
Failing to secure animal	1
Tethering an animal upon public place	3
Keeping pig in settlement	14
Loitering at night after 10 p.m.	52
Riding bicycle at night without a light	23
Driving motor-car in state of intoxication	1
Open tea-shop after 10 p.m.	2
Throwing stone	2
Urinate in public place	1
Breach of Fruit Regulations	5
Breach of Motor-vehicles Ordinances	7
Breach of Fishing Regulations	4
Breach of District Improvements Ordinance, 1918	2
Total	1,144
How dealt with:—	
Convicted and sentenced to imprisonment	62
Convicted and fined	878
Convicted and discharged	62
Convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon	43
Convicted and motor-drivers' license cancelled	1
Cases withdrawn	58
Cases dismissed	17
Cases adjourned <i>sine die</i>	11
Cases adjourned to next month	12
Total	1,144

The work of the High Court in Group Islands is not incorporated in the above, but is shown in the reports, set out later, relating to the various islands.

Civil Jurisdiction.—Twenty-two cases involving debt, damages, divorce, probate, &c., were disposed of.