

HIGH COURT.

RAROTONGA.

Criminal Jurisdiction.—For the twelve months the Court dealt with 1,131 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, 1937.

Burglary	6
Theft	42
Receiving stolen property	5
Causing actual bodily harm	1
Carnal knowledge—girl under fifteen years	1
Indecent assault	2
Attempted rape	1
Assault	18
Adultery (by married persons)	14
False pretences	1
Cruelty to an animal	2
Wilful mischief to property	8
Disorderly conduct in public place	7
Obstructing the police	1
Animal trespass	101
Drunkenness	4
Prostitution	6
Soliciting prostitution	3
Brothel	1
Wilful trespass	8
Contempt of Court	1
Appeal from decision of Commissioner	1
Manufacturing intoxicating liquor	16
Consuming intoxicating liquor (Natives)	697
Giving intoxicating liquor to Natives	5
Driving a motor-car in a state of intoxication	2
Attempt to defraud grantee of instrument	1
Deceiving a Medical Officer	1
Uttering counterfeit coin	3
Unlawful conversion to own use of motor-car	1
Escaping from lawful custody	27
Breaches of Local Ordinances and Regulations, as follows :—	
Cohabiting	6
Failing to register dog	44
Loitering at night after 10 p.m. in public place	42
Riding bicycle at night without a light	29
Breach of Fruit Regulations	9
Breach of Rarotonga Motor-vehicles Ordinances	9
Keeping open a teashop	2
Keeping pig in settlement	1
Breach of Section 4, Rarotonga Ordinances, 1932	2
Total	1,131

How dealt with :—

Convicted and sentenced to imprisonment	42
Convicted and fined	965
Convicted and discharged	37
Convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon	16
Convicted to be thrashed	1
Cases withdrawn	33
Cases dismissed	19
Cases adjourned <i>sine die</i>	10
Cases adjourned to next month	8
Total	1,131

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.—Fifty-eight cases were heard at Rarotonga for the period under review, including 20 actions for debt, involving the sum of £596 7s. 1d., and 14 for divorce.

OUTER GROUP.

During the year the Chief Judge periodically visited all Lower Group Islands and dealt with the more serious cases on the criminal side which were reserved for hearing by him, and also all civil cases and applications for divorce.