

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	1,413	1,351	62
Auckland	7,262	6,572	690
Hamilton	2,870	2,641	229
Gisborne	1,171	1,113	58
Napier	1,673	1,648	25
New Plymouth	1,401	1,358	43
Wanganui	1,204	1,129	75
Palmerston North	1,464	1,369	95
Wellington	6,266	5,928	338
Nelson	788	733	55
Greymouth	997	917	80
Christchurch	4,177	3,800	377
Timaru	678	606	72
Dunedin	2,951	2,836	115
Invercargill	1,133	1,051	82
Totals	35,448	33,052	2,396

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1936 was 93·24, the figures of the preceding year being 92·26.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1935.		1936.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	25	21	15	14
Robbery and aggravated robbery	7	2	9	8
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	1,325	938	1,063	774
Forgery and uttering	190	178	104	92
Murder	11	6	8	4
Murder, attempted	6	6	5	4
Rape	13	13	..	..
Receiving stolen property	215	215	166	166
Wounding with intent	..	..	2	2
Totals	1,792	1,379	1,372	1,064

Eight deaths occurred as a result of murder, being 3 less than in the previous year. Of the offenders, 4 were arrested, 1 committed suicide, and in one case no arrest was made despite long and diligent investigation. Of the 4 arrested, 3 were committed for trial, and the charge against the other was dismissed by a Magistrate. Of the 3 committed for trial, all were acquitted, but one whose acquittal was on the grounds of insanity was ordered to be detained in a mental hospital.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1935.	1936.
Unnatural offence	7	16
Unnatural offence, attempted	1	8
Indecently assaulting a male	47	66
Incest	21	13
Indecent acts	32	11
Concealment of birth	1	3
Assault, indecent	130	133
Rape	13	..
Rape, attempted	7	5
Carnally knowing girls	86	74
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	14	17
Abortion, procuring, &c.	18	11
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	166	202
Totals	543	559