

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	..	..	..	..	1,491	1,415	76
Auckland	..	..	..	..	11,477	10,610	867
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	3,234	2,878	356
Gisborne	..	..	..	..	1,643	1,601	42
Napier	..	..	..	..	1,743	1,593	150
New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	1,087	1,072	15
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	1,567	1,476	91
Palmerston North	..	..	..	..	1,956	1,832	124
Wellington	..	..	..	..	8,700	8,080	620
Nelson	..	..	..	..	841	822	19
Greymouth	..	..	..	..	1,136	1,082	54
Christchurch	..	..	..	..	5,537	4,722	815
Timaru	..	..	..	..	790	742	48
Dunedin	..	..	..	..	2,663	2,589	74
Invercargill	..	..	..	..	1,144	1,107	37
Totals	..	..	..	..	45,009	41,621	3,388

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1940 was 92·5, the figures of the preceding year being 93·07.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.					1939.		1940.	
					Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	..	..	..	..	15	13	56	55
Robbery and aggravated robbery	..	..	..	..	17	14	28	13
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	..	..	..	..	1,603	1,012	1,733	1,285
Forgery and uttering	..	..	..	..	130	125	83	81
Murder	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	4
Murder, attempted	..	..	..	..	4	4	1	1
Rape	..	..	..	..	11	11	7	7
Receiving stolen property	..	..	..	..	176	175	139	139
Wounding with intent	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	3
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,962	1,360	2,054	1,588

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.					1939.	1940.
Unnatural offence	..	..	..	..	26	10
Unnatural offence, attempted	..	..	..	..	6	3
Indecently assaulting a male	..	..	..	..	68	105
Incest	..	..	..	..	8	13
Indecent acts	..	..	..	..	38	37
Concealment of birth	..	..	..	..	7	4
Assault, indecent	..	..	..	..	149	175
Rape	..	..	..	..	11	7
Rape, attempted	..	..	..	..	4	6
Carnally knowing girls	..	..	..	..	119	105
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	..	..	..	..	21	15
Abortion, procuring, &c.	..	..	..	..	10	16
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	..	..	..	..	242	193
Totals	..	..	..	..	709	689