

The number of indecent and sexual offences dealt with during the year under review was 451, being 99 in excess of the previous year. The majority (349) were cases of indecent exposure or behaviour. The exemplary punishment recently inflicted for outrages on girls of tender years will no doubt have a salutary effect.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 993 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 41.39 per cent. of the males and 61.79 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 7.48 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS charged with DRUNKENNESS during the Year 1907, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as known.

District.	Not Pre-vious Convicted.		One Pre-vious Conviction.		Two Pre-vious Convictions.		Three Pre-vious Convictions.		Four Pre-vious Convictions.		Five Pre-vious Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland	938	57	164	21	125	9	68	5	27	..	6	5	278	87	1,606	184	107
Thames	189	6	40	..	15	..	13	..	9	..	7	..	10	..	283	6	6
Napier	618	12	175	9	50	8	22	2	18	1	10	2	74	4	967	38	11
Wanganui	678	33	194	14	99	9	49	13	16	..	6	..	24	..	1,066	69	7
Wellington	1,527	112	519	51	296	32	240	18	141	15	69	21	131	15	2,923	264	251
Greymouth	146	2	16	3	7	4	7	..	6	..	3	..	7	..	192	9	13
Christchurch	839	82	118	14	67	10	57	9	48	4	49	5	175	40	1,353	164	158
Dunedin	402	14	62	2	46	10	29	7	38	5	69	20	123	38	769	96	132
Invercargill	153	1	24	1	9	1	9	1	1	..	2	..	11	1	209	5	16
	5,490	319	1,312	115	714	83	494	55	304	25	221	53	833	185	9,368	835	701

The number charged with drunkenness in 1906 was 9,210 (8,411 males and 799 females), whereas in 1907 the number was 10,203 (9,368 males and 835 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1906-7, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or withdrawn (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Increase in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1906.		Number arrested, 1907.		Number convicted, 1907.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1907.		Total Increase in Arrests. M. and F.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs	...	1,235	172	1,311	180	1,311	179	...	1	84
Wellington and suburbs	...	1,908	242	2,299	245	2,294	244	5	1	394
Christchurch and suburbs	...	575	94	811	146	807	144	4	2	288
Dunedin and suburbs	...	452	93	581	86	581	86	...	...	122
Totals	...	4,170	601	5,002	657	4,993	653	9	4	888

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS on SUNDAYS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1906-7 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1906.		Number arrested, 1907.		Number convicted, 1907.		Number discharged or withdrawn, 1907.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs	20	1	12	4	12	3	...	1
Wellington and suburbs	15	2	14	2	14	2	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	3	1	10	3	10	3	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs	2	...	4	1	4	1	...	...
Totals	40	4	40	10	40	9	...	1