

Indecent and sexual offences were as under:—

Offences.	1919.	1920.
Unnatural offence	2	5
Unnatural offence, attempted	3	1
Indecently assaulting a male	14	12
Incest	3	5
Indecent acts	28	18
Concealment of birth.. .. .	5	2
Assault, indecent	72	70
Rape	8	4
Rape, attempted	2	8
Carnally knowing girls	24	14
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	8	7
Abortion, procuring, &c.	11	10
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	208	220
Totals	388	376

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 763 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1920 was 8,979 (8,470 males and 509 females), whereas in 1919 the number was 8,216 (7,758 males and 458 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1920 as compared with 1919:—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1919.	Number of Prosecutions, 1920.	Increase.	Decrease.
Whangarei	137	153	16	..
Auckland	1,473	1,775	302	..
Hamilton	631	763	132	..
Napier	702	689	..	13
Wanganui	500	539	39	..
Palmerston North	394	359	..	35
Wellington.. .. .	2,240	2,478	238	..
Greymouth.. .. .	154	187	33	..
Christchurch	912	1,109	97	..
Timaru	336	283	..	53
Dunedin	542	407	..	135
Invercargill	195	237	42	..
Totals	8,216	8,979	999	236

From the following table it will be observed that 32·88 per cent. of the males and 58·94 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 13·5 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1920, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

Police District.	Not previously convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foreigners who were Members of Crew of Vessels in Port.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Whangarei	137	..	14	..	1	..	1	153
Auckland	964	41	149	12	114	18	78	9	97	14	112	10	138	19	1,652	123	414	
Hamilton	647	9	54	5	28	..	13	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	749	14	..
Napier	344	7	104	7	67	..	38	..	43	..	38	2	34	5	668	21	26	
Wanganui	342	8	83	3	49	1	27	..	8	..	8	..	10	..	527	12	10	
Palmerston North.. .. .	248	10	25	..	15	..	24	2	12	1	11	1	10	..	345	14	..	
Wellington	1,746	106	210	44	142	27	71	19	34	14	28	4	31	2	2,262	216	460	
Greymouth	136	..	16	..	9	..	3	1	5	..	6	..	11	..	186	1	45	
Christchurch	540	15	123	9	56	9	70	14	36	9	47	7	154	20	1,026	83	121	
Timaru	166	3	30	2	20	..	15	..	8	..	7	..	31	1	277	6	7	
Dunedin	227	8	47	1	23	3	24	1	6	..	13	1	50	3	390	17	51	
Invercargill	188	2	24	..	15	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	235	2	11
Totals	5,685	209	879	83	539	58	368	46	253	38	274	25	472	50	8,470	509	1,145	