

There were decreases in the following :—

Assault (indecent) .. .. .	29	Breaches of prohibition orders .. .. .	231
Drunkenness .. .. .	2,263	Absent from ships without leave .. .. .	58
Indecent exposure, &c. .. .. .	49	Stowing away on ships .. .. .	49
Using profane, indecent, or obscene language .. .. .	204	Supplying liquor to persons under twenty-one years .. .. .	66
Assaulting, resisting, or obstructing police .. .. .	61	Drunkenness or violent behaviour on railways .. .. .	49

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 .. .. .	787	756	31
Auckland .. .. .	5,173	4,634	539
Hamilton .. .. .	1,749	1,666	83
Gisborne .. .. .	807	785	22
Napier .. .. .	1,210	1,136	74
New Plymouth .. .. .	677	647	30
Wanganui .. .. .	1,105	1,061	44
Palmerston North .. .. .	1,119	1,057	62
Wellington .. .. .	4,463	4,197	266
Greymouth .. .. .	1,347	1,314	33
Christchurch .. .. .	3,445	3,010	435
Timaru .. .. .	870	788	82
Dunedin .. .. .	1,196	1,074	122
Invercargill .. .. .	751	718	33
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>24,699</b>	<b>22,843</b>	<b>1,856</b>

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1922 was 92·48, the figures of the preceding year being 94·36.

#### SERIOUS CRIMES.

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

Crimes.	1921.		1922.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson .. .. .	19	17	33	33
Robbery and aggravated robbery .. .. .	10	7	11	10
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. .. .. .	717	539	872	626
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	169	162	156	133
Murder .. .. .	10	8	5	5
Murder, attempted .. .. .	4	4	10	9
Rape .. .. .	12	10	4	2
Receiving stolen property .. .. .	124	124	138	136
Wounding with intent .. .. .	5	5	..	..
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>954</b>

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1921.	1922.
Unnatural offence .. .. .	6	8
Unnatural offence, attempted .. .. .	..	2
Indecently assaulting a male .. .. .	26	43
Incest .. .. .	13	8
Indecent acts .. .. .	25	27
Concealment of birth .. .. .	2	3
Assault, indecent .. .. .	114	85
Rape .. .. .	12	4
Rape, attempted .. .. .	3	11
Carnally knowing girls .. .. .	36	29
Carnally knowing girls, attempted .. .. .	6	12
Abortion, procuring, &c. .. .. .	4	5
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts .. .. .	280	231
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>468</b>