

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1923.	1924.
Unnatural offence	6	35
Unnatural offence, attempted	3	...
Indecently assaulting a male	42	65
Incest	9	15
Indecent acts	27	19
Concealment of birth	5	2
Assault, indecent	90	113
Rape	9	6
Rape, attempted	12	4
Carnally knowing girls	30	34
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	7	10
Abortion, procuring, &c.	28	17
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	232	211
Totals	500	529

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been an increase of 435 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1924 was 7,470 (7,129 males and 341 females), whereas in 1923 the number was 7,035 (6,665 males and 370 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1924 as compared with 1923 :—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1923.	Number of Prosecutions, 1924.	Increase.	Decrease.
Whangarei	211	308	97	...
Auckland	1,609	1,921	312	...
Hamilton	567	609	42	...
Gisborne	210	253	43	...
Napier	333	402	69	...
New Plymouth	140	141	1	...
Wanganui	365	343	...	22
Palmerston North	309	352	43	...
Wellington	1,513	1,473	...	40
Greymouth	218	200	...	18
Christchurch	765	762	...	3
Timaru	295	225	...	70
Dunedin	341	294	...	47
Invercargill	159	187	28	...
Totals	7,035	7,470	635	200

From the following table it will be observed that 36·13 per cent. of the males and 61·29 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 5·47 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1924, 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 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.	
Whangarei ..	212	1	74	..	15	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	307	1	9
Auckland ..	897	30	119	8	155	11	102	8	86	13	68	11	363	50	1,790	131	137
Hamilton ..	450	2	71	..	28	..	21	..	9	..	2	..	26	..	607	2	1
Gisborne ..	121	1	43	1	33	1	13	1	6	..	..	..	32	1	248	5	5
Napier ..	242	7	56	2	28	..	18	..	9	..	11	..	28	1	392	10	22
New Plymouth ..	118	8	6	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	132	9	..
Wanganui ..	271	6	30	1	6	2	7	..	5	..	2	..	13	..	334	9	..
Palmerston North ..	219	4	39	3	12	..	6	1	6	..	4	..	54	4	340	12	..
Wellington ..	957	36	187	9	89	5	56	3	18	2	20	2	71	18	1,398	75	70
Greymouth ..	142	..	36	..	14	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	199	1	16
Christchurch ..	438	25	46	6	33	7	26	3	26	3	23	..	103	23	695	67	67
Timaru ..	163	3	20	..	12	..	3	..	6	..	5	..	13	..	222	3	19
Dunedin ..	181	9	22	..	21	1	17	1	13	1	1	..	23	4	278	16	26
Invercargill ..	142	..	7	..	11	..	10	..	4	..	4	..	9	..	187	..	18
Totals ..	4,553	132	756	31	459	28	287	17	189	19	147	13	738	101	7,129	341	390