

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 685 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1930 was 6,125 (5,862 males and 263 females), whereas in 1929 the number was 6,810 (6,491 males and 319 females).

From the following table it will be observed that 34·5 per cent. of the males and 51·7 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 4·2 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1930, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.

—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not previously convicted	3,837	127	3,964
One previous conviction	693	40	733
Two previous convictions	371	24	395
Three previous convictions	217	19	236
Four previous convictions	145	12	157
Five previous convictions	105	7	112
Over five previous convictions	494	34	528
Totals	5,862	263	6,125

Number of foregoing who were members of the crews of vessels in port, 251.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1925 to 1929 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Commonwealth	97·3	99·5	101·3	94·27	89·5
New Zealand	58·6	53·0	44·6	43·20	46·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of ninety as compared with the preceding year. There were 561 prosecutions, resulting in 339 convictions, during 1930, as against 651 prosecutions and 383 convictions in 1929.

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 104 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a license, resulting in eighty-seven convictions, and there were also thirty-seven prosecutions, resulting in thirty-four convictions, for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-license districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1930 amounted to £1,433.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 398 prosecutions, resulting in 314 convictions, during the year under the Gaming Act, against 280 prosecutions and 243 convictions in 1929.

Prosecutions of Bookmakers.

The following return shows the result of prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1931 :—

Offence.	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Amount of Fines imposed.
Carrying on business of bookmaker	30	27	£ 2,311
Keeping common gaming-house	77	70	3,480
Found in common gaming-house	20	4	10
Laying totalizator odds	16	14	118
Publishing betting-charts	6	5	24
Betting with bookmaker	1	1	2
Street betting	28	28	1,071
Totals	178	149	7,016