

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED; and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1895, and Year ending 31st December, 1896.

Offences.	1895.	1896.										Increase.	Decrease.
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Persons apprehended or summoned.						Total Number of Persons apprehended or summoned.	Number of Convictions amongst those committed for Trial.			
			Committed for Trial.	Summarily Convicted.		Discharged.		M.		F.			
				M.	F.	M.	F.				M.		
Abandoning children	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Abduction	3	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..
Abortion, procuring	8	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..
Absconding from bail	4	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1
Absconding from industrial schools ..	42	50	..	..	47	2	..	..	49	..	..	8	..
Abusive and threatening language ..	235	283	..	..	164	16	85	16	281	..	..	48	..
Armed, with felonious intent	2	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	1	..
Arson	21	40	13	..	..	..	3	2	18	5	..	19	..
Arson, attempted	10	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	2
Assaults, common	765	787	2	..	447	23	277	27	776	1	..	22	..
Assaults, indecent	15	25	13	..	2	..	9	..	24	10	..	10	..
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	42	35	8	..	13	..	12	2	35	4	..	..	7
Assaults on bailiffs	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Assaults on police	57	69	..	..	61	1	7	..	69	..	..	12	..
Assaults and robbery	42	24	8	..	1	..	4	..	13	5	..	..	18
Attempts to commit felony	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Bankruptcy offences	46	23	11	..	9	..	3	..	23	3	..	..	23
Begging	9	13	..	..	11	1	1	..	13	..	..	4	..
Being in possession of house-breaking implements	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4
Bestiality	1	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	3	..
Bigamy	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	1
Breach of the peace	270	294	..	..	234	13	42	5	294	..	..	24	..
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	458	346	89	..	18	..	29	..	136	56	..	..	112
Carnally knowing girls	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	..
Carnally knowing, attempted	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Cattle- and horse-stealing (see Theft)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle-maiming	7	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	4
Coinage offences	16	9	2	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	7
Concealment of birth	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	5	..
Conspiring to defraud	8	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	1
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..
Contempt of Court	9	8	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1
Cruelty to animals	145	137	..	..	104	1	32	..	137	..	..	..	8
Cruelty to children	8	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7
Cutting and wounding	10	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	7
Damaging police uniform	24	25	..	..	23	..	2	..	25	..	..	1	..
Defiling an imbecile woman	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Demanding goods with menaces ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children ..	479	587	..	..	312	9	190	7	518	..	..	108	..
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships	71	56	..	..	45	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	15
Deserting merchant vessels	7	15	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	8	..
Discharging firearms	13	10	..	..	8	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	3
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	50	58	..	..	48	..	10	..	58	..	..	8	..
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	191	359	..	..	250	3	80	4	337	..	..	168	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	3	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct ..	217	355	..	..	316	9	29	..	354	..	..	138	..
Dissuading witnesses from giving evidence	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Distillation offences	1	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	2	..
Distributing obscene literature ..	..	5	1	..	3	..	1	..	5	1	..	5	..
Disturbing meetings and congregations	72	36	..	..	29	..	4	..	33	..	..	..	36
Drunkenness	4,636	5,005	..	..	4,115	809	73	8	5,005	..	..	369	..
Embezzlement	23	14	10	..	1	..	2	..	13	8	..	..	9
Escaping from custody	7	12	2	..	8	..	1	..	11	1	..	5	..
Escaping from lunatic asylums ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Extortion	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..
Failing to support parents and near relatives	153	154	..	..	100	2	38	3	143	..	..	1	..
False declarations	2	9	1	1	3	..	4	..	9	..	1	7	..
False pretences	154	141	33	..	59	3	27	2	124	22	..	..	13
False trade-marks	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fish, illegally taking	21	19	..	..	15	..	4	..	19	..	..	..	2
Forcible entry	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	5
Forgery and uttering	91	83	54	7	1	..	9	..	71	43	5	..	8
Fortune-telling	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Furious riding and driving	80	69	..	..	59	1	9	..	69	..	..	..	11
Game, illegally shooting	18	54	..	..	46	..	8	..	54	..	..	36	..
Gaming offences	76	63	..	..	52	1	10	..	63	..	..	..	13