

RETURN showing the NUMBER of OFFENCES REPORTED, PERSONS APPREHENDED, and COMPARISON of CRIME during the Year ending 31st December, 1898, and Year ending 31st December, 1899.

Offences.	1898.	1899.										Increase.	Decrease.	
	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	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.	F.					
Abandoning children	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Abduction	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Abortion, procuring	2	3	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	1	..
Absconding from apprenticeship ..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Absconding from bail	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Absconding from industrial schools ..	87	68	60	..	..	54	6	..	..	60	..	..	..	..
Abusive and threatening language ..	299	306	306	..	..	182	16	86	22	306	..	..	7	..
Armed, with felonious intent ..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Arson	29	27	12	5	1	2	..	2	1	11	1	..	..	2
Arson, attempted	13	7	4	1	..	..	..	2	1	4	..	..	..	6
Assaults, common	741	788	778	..	..	461	20	271	26	778	..	..	47	..
Assaults, indecent	43	41	34	22	..	6	..	7	..	35	12	..	..	2
Assaults occasioning bodily harm ..	60	53	53	14	1	16	1	19	2	53	11	..	..	7
Assaults on bailiffs	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Assaults on police	111	100	100	5	..	82	3	9	1	100	5	..	..	11
Assaults and robbery	32	36	34	25	..	..	..	9	1	35	14	..	..	..
Attempts to commit felony	1	5	4	1	..	2	..	1	..	4	..	..	4	..
Bankruptcy offences	18	15	13	4	..	5	..	4	..	13	2	..	..	3
Being in possession of house-breaking implements ..	3	4	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	4	1	..	1	..
Begging	17	26	26	..	..	22	1	2	1	26	..	..	9	..
Bestiality	2	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	..	3	..
Bigamy	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..
Blackmailing, attempted	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Breaches of the peace	296	360	360	..	..	301	5	56	2	364	..	..	64	..
Bribery, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c. ..	335	322	190	91	6	73	2	19	..	191	74	2	..	13
Carnally knowing girls	16	18	18	14	..	..	..	4	..	18	6	..	2	..
Carnally knowing, attempted ..	1	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	2	..
Casting away a ship	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Cattle- and horse-stealing (see Theft).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cattle-maiming	13	4	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	9
Coinage offences	3	8	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	5	..
Concealment of birth	3	4	4	..	2	1	..	1	1	5	..	2	1	..
Conspiring to defraud	5	9	9	12	..	..	..	1	..	13	3	..	4	..
Conspiring to defeat the course of justice	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Contempt of Court	2	6	6	..	..	4	..	2	..	6	..	..	4	..
Cruelty to animals	180	168	164	..	..	126	1	38	..	165	..	..	..	12
Cruelty to children	7	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6
Cutting and wounding	2	7	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	..	5	..
Damaging police uniform	40	42	42	..	..	40	..	2	..	42	..	..	2	..
Defacing brands on stock	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Deserting and failing to provide for wives and children ..	403	392	341	..	..	241	5	90	5	341	..	..	..	11
Deserters and stragglers from H.M. ships	101	69	42	..	..	42	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	32
Deserting merchant vessels	42	108	73	..	..	68	..	5	..	73	..	..	66	..
Deserting New Zealand Police ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Discharging firearms	22	36	36	..	..	27	..	9	..	36	..	..	14	..
Disobeying orders on board ships ..	46	57	55	..	..	46	..	9	..	55	..	..	11	..
Disobeying orders of Court and summonses	436	444	403	..	..	296	1	104	2	403	..	..	8	..
Disobeying terms of release under First Offenders' Probation Act ..	3	7	5	..	..	4	..	1	..	5	..	..	4	..
Disorderly and riotous conduct ..	273	320	320	..	..	283	6	26	5	320	..	..	47	..
Distillation offences	3	6	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	3	..
Distributing obscene literature ..	2	5	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	3	..
Disturbing meetings and congregations	85	53	53	..	..	36	..	18	..	54	..	..	..	32
Drunkenness	5,532	6,289	6,289	..	..	5,323	899	56	11	6,289	..	..	757	..
Escaping from custody	6	8	8	3	..	5	..	..	..	8	2	..	2	..
Escaping from lunatic asylums ..	10	15	14	..	..	14	..	..	..	14	..	..	5	..
Failing to pay Chinese poll-tax ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
Failing to support parents and near relatives	220	262	254	..	..	171	3	78	3	255	..	..	42	..
False declarations	8	48	46	3	..	29	7	7	..	46	..	..	40	..
False pretences	186	208	202	40	1	115	9	36	1	202	33	..	22	..
Fish, illegally taking	14	27	27	..	..	17	..	10	..	27	..	..	18	..
Forcible entry	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Forgery and uttering	94	79	77	70	2	3	..	..	..	75	62	2	..	15
Fortune-telling	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Furious riding and driving	60	58	58	..	..	57	..	1	..	58	..	..	..	2
Game, illegally shooting	43	31	31	..	..	30	..	1	..	31	..	..	..	12
Gaming offences	171	220	220	..	..	176	3	41	..	220	..	..	49	..
Harbouring deserters from merchant vessels	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..