

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS on SUNDAYS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1909 and 1910 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1909.		Number arrested, 1910.		Number convicted, 1910.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1910.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	23	...	13	5	13	5	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	32	6	33	7	33	7	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	19	3	15	2	15	2	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	9	2	11	1	11	1	...	...
Totals ...	83	11	72	15	72	15	...	...

The large increase in the number of persons charged with drunkenness calls for notice, but no definite conclusions can be drawn from the figures. Offences of this nature are governed by a variety of conditions, such as increase of population, an influx of strangers, prosperity of the country, and last, but not least, the vigilance of the police.

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population, for the years, 1907, 1908, and 1909, in Australia and New Zealand. These are the latest figures available at the time of writing :—

	1907.	1908.	1909.
Commonwealth	127·7	119·5	119·4
New Zealand	110·8	112·2	110·1

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (256) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 43 as compared with the preceding year.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS in each District during the Year 1910 as compared with 1909, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.				Prosecutions, 1909.	Prosecutions, 1910.	Convictions, 1910.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1910.
Auckland ... ..	...	...	...	49	40	10	30
Thames ... ..	...	...	...	8	16	7	9
Napier ... ..	...	...	...	13	12	7	5
Wanganui ... ..	...	...	...	19	21	10	11
Wellington ... ..	...	...	...	28	47	20	27
Greymouth ... ..	...	...	...	55	82	45	37
Christchurch ... ..	...	...	...	24	22	13	9
Dunedin ... ..	...	...	...	16	16	10	6
Invercargill ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	...	...	...	213	256	122	134

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PROSECUTIONS against PUBLICANS within each Principal Centre during the Year 1910, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.				Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with.
Auckland and suburbs ...	...	...	...	14	1	13
Wellington and suburbs ...	...	...	...	17	6	11
Christchurch and suburbs ...	...	...	...	9	6	3
Dunedin and suburbs ...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Totals ... ..	...	...	...	41	13	28