

The principal decreases were,—

Arson	14	Illegally on premises	43
Assaults and robbery	20	Malicious injury to property	59
Breaches of the peace	82	Obscene and profane language	42
Burglary, breaking and entering, &c. ..	90	Refusing to quit licensed premises ..	31
Cruelty to animals	33	Sly-grog selling	20
Deserting or absenting from H.M. ships ..	27	Sureties of the peace	25
Discharging firearms	19	Theft from dwellings	70
Drunkenness	19	Theft of cattle and horses	18
Forgery and uttering	20	Trespass	67
Furious riding and driving	26	Vagrancy	61
Gaming offences	50		

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from all offences reported during the year 1911 was 93·97, the figures of the preceding year being 95·39.

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

District.	Number of all Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Auckland	6,622	5,978	644
Thames	842	817	25
Napier	1,874	1,833	41
Wanganui	2,663	2,558	105
Wellington	5,513	5,234	279
Greymouth	877	816	61
Christchurch	3,971	3,774	197
Dunedin	1,940	1,807	133
Invercargill	697	675	22
	24,999	23,492	1,507

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the preceding year :—

Crimes.	1910.		1911.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	29	23	15	13
Assault and robbery	39	38	19	16
Burglary (breaking into shops and dwellings) ..	461	359	371	284
Forgery and uttering	142	130	122	108
Murder	6	5	5	5
" attempted	2	2	1	1
Rape	7	7	5	5
Receiving stolen property	51	51	42	42
Shooting with intent	1	1
	738	616	580	474

During the last ten years the number of serious crimes as above described has varied from 520 to 759, the present total (580) being somewhat below the average.

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Crimes.	1910.	1911.
Assaults, indecent	57	72
Bestiality	1	3
Carnally knowing girls	22	31
Carnally knowing, attempted	3	6
Concealment of birth	3	4
Incest	5	6
Indecent exposure or behaviour	371	378
Rape	7	5
Rape, attempted	13	13
Sodomy	3	6
Sodomy, attempted	6	2
	491	526