

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 19 in the number of persons prosecuted for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

From the following table it will be observed that 37·39 per cent. of the males and 65·75 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 6·78 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents in the Dominion.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS DURING THE YEAR 1911,
AND THE NUMBER OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS AGAINST THEM, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN.

District.	Not previously convicted.		One Previous Conviction.		Two Previous Convictions.		Three Previous Convictions.		Four Previous Convictions.		Five Previous Convictions.		Over Five Previous Convictions.		Totals.		Number of Foregoing who were Members of Crews of Vessels in Port.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Auckland ..	1,599	18	304	14	219	18	72	9	67	22	46	14	280	75	2,587	170	213
Thames ..	203	6	43	..	15	..	13	2	12	..	3	..	13	..	302	8	5
Napier ..	563	15	162	6	110	3	67	..	37	1	15	1	48	7	1,002	33	43
Wanganui ..	738	22	309	12	137	7	106	3	16	2	6	1	68	5	1,380	52	..
Wellington ..	1,963	144	377	66	179	33	105	24	42	15	29	18	42	6	2,737	306	328
Greymouth ..	270	4	52	2	23	2	12	..	5	..	3	..	10	2	375	10	30
Christchurch ..	871	46	211	19	94	14	78	11	40	9	46	9	172	42	1,512	150	60
Dunedin ..	447	15	81	9	51	3	35	2	19	1	4	..	81	30	718	60	53
Invercargill ..	167	5	49	3	22	..	12	1	3	1	8	..	22	4	283	14	7
	6,821	275	1,588	131	850	80	500	52	241	51	160	43	736	171	10,896	803	739

The number charged with drunkenness in 1910 was 11,718 (10,898 males and 820 females), whereas in 1911 the number was 11,699 (10,896 males and 803 females).

RETURN showing the NUMBER of PERSONS arrested for DRUNKENNESS within each Principal Centre during the Years 1910 and 1911, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Total Increase in Arrests.

Centre.	Number arrested, 1910.		Number arrested, 1911.		Number convicted, 1911.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.		Total Increase in Arrests.	Total Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	1,942	163	1,847	165	1,845	165	2	...	...	93
Wellington and suburbs	2,194	289	2,158	295	2,149	295	9	...	..	30
Christchurch and suburbs	790	107	897	130	897	130	...	...	130	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	562	47	559	58	559	58	...	...	8	...
Totals ...	5,488	606	5,461	648	5,450	648	11	...	138	123

Total increase, 15.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR DRUNKENNESS ON SUNDAYS WITHIN EACH PRINCIPAL CENTRE DURING THE YEARS 1910 AND 1911 (MALES AND FEMALES SHOWN SEPARATELY).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1910.		Number arrested, 1911.		Number convicted, 1911.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	13	5	34	...	34	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs ...	33	7	41	7	41	7	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	15	2	19	2	19	2	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	11	1	4	...	4	...	...	...
Totals ...	72	15	98	9	98	9	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for the years 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1910, in Australia and New Zealand. These are the latest figures available at the time of writing:—

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Commonwealth	127·7	119·5	119·4	126·0
New Zealand	110·8	112·2	110·1	117·0