

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (294) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 38 as compared with the preceding year.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST PUBLICANS IN EACH DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1911 AS COMPARED WITH 1910, THE NUMBER CONVICTED, AND THE NUMBER DISCHARGED OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

District.	Prosecutions, 1910.	Prosecutions, 1911.	Convictions, 1911.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1911.
Auckland	40	83	56	27
Thames	16	20	11	9
Napier	12	9	4	5
Wanganui	21	29	15	14
Wellington	47	25	12	13
Greymouth	82	73	33	40
Christchurch	22	30	26	4
Dunedin	16	12	9	3
Invercargill	13	9	4
Totals	256	294	175	119

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST PUBLICANS WITHIN EACH PRINCIPAL CENTRE DURING THE YEAR 1911, THE NUMBER CONVICTED, AND THE NUMBER DISCHARGED OR OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

Centre.	Prosecutions.	Convictions.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with.
Auckland and suburbs	7	4	3
Wellington and suburbs	17	6	11
Christchurch and suburbs	10	10	...
Dunedin and suburbs	1	...	1
Totals	35	20	15

SLY-GROG.

There were 178 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 123 convictions, against 196 prosecutions and 117 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1911 amounted to £2,670, as against £1,862 in 1910.

The amounts of fines in the various districts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	785	0	0
Thames	340	0	0
Napier	25	0	0
Wanganui	75	0	0
Wellington	420	0	0
Greymouth
Christchurch	170	0	0
Dunedin	410	0	0
Invercargill	445	0	0
Total	£2,670	0	0

The direct cost to the Dominion in detecting and prosecuting sly-grog sellers during the year was £662 11s., this being £2,007 9s. less than the amount of fines imposed.

GAMING OFFENCES.

There were 152 prosecutions, resulting in 120 convictions, during the year under the gaming laws, against 205 prosecutions and 169 convictions in 1910.

CRIMINAL REGISTRATION.

On the 31st March last the finger-print collection consisted of the impressions of 12,097 offenders, being an increase of 1,192 on the previous year. The impressions of 592 prisoners were received during the last quarter—an increase of 219 on the corresponding period of the preceding twelve months.