

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1914 and 1915 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1914.		Number arrested, 1915.		Number convicted, 1915.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	23	...	18	...	18	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	50	4	77	6	77	6	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	14	1	13	...	13	...	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	7	...	6	1	6	1	...	...
Totals ...	94	5	114	7	114	7	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1910 to 1914 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.
Commonwealth ...	126·0	133·2	143·5	139·5	139·9
New Zealand...	117·0	112·3	111·0	108·5	120·6

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (282) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 52 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1915 as compared with 1914, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Convictions, 1915.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.
Auckland ...	34	52	12	40
Hamilton ...	30	22	11	11
Napier ...	8	15	8	7
Wanganui ...	25	20	8	12
Wellington ...	38	46	29	17
Greymouth ...	32	72	41	31
Christchurch ...	35	20	10	10
Dunedin ...	17	25	13	12
Invercargill ...	11	10	5	5
Totals ...	230	282	137	145

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each Principal Centre during the Year 1915 as compared with 1914, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1914.	Prosecutions, 1915.	Convictions, 1915.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1915.
Auckland and suburbs ...	17	34	7	27
Wellington and suburbs ...	8	14	7	7
Christchurch and suburbs ...	12	3	1	2
Dunedin and suburbs ...	1	17	7	10
Totals ...	38	68	22	46

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 173 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 136 convictions against 171 prosecutions and 127 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1915 amounted to £2,715, as against £2,547 in 1914.