

## DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 2,033 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1917 was 8,800 (8,216 males and 584 females), whereas in 1916 the number was 10,833 (10,096 males and 737 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1917 as compared with 1916 :—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1916.	Number of Prosecutions, 1917.	Decrease.
Auckland .. .. .	1,740	1,479	261
Hamilton .. .. .	668	576	92
Napier .. .. .	766	690	76
Wanganui .. .. .	1,222	1,071	151
Wellington .. .. .	3,075	2,519	556
Greymouth .. .. .	241	173	68
Christchurch .. .. .	1,812	1,331	481
Dunedin .. .. .	1,063	802	261
Invercargill .. .. .	246	159	87
Totals .. .. .	10,833	8,800	2,033

From the following table it will be observed that 36·61 per cent. of the males and 47·43 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 8·95 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion :—

*Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1917, and the Number of Previous Convictions against them, so far as is known.*

Police 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 .. .. .	871	59	217	18	87	9	71	6	41	3	31	2	59	5	1,377	102	188
Hamilton .. .. .	441	10	55	..	45	..	9	..	1	..	13	..	2	..	566	10	..
Napier .. .. .	342	6	144	2	53	..	35	1	35	1	23	3	44	1	676	14	14
Wanganui .. .. .	745	32	148	7	63	3	31	4	14	..	6	..	18	..	1,025	46	3
Wellington .. .. .	1,618	148	187	16	129	24	70	3	37	8	42	20	202	15	2,285	234	224
Greymouth .. .. .	102	2	30	2	13	1	9	1	4	..	3	..	6	..	167	6	19
Christchurch .. .. .	567	34	156	13	79	12	89	7	58	7	36	3	228	42	1,213	118	122
Dunedin .. .. .	433	14	102	5	53	12	41	2	30	3	14	2	78	13	751	51	162
Invercargill .. .. .	89	2	12	1	11	..	10	..	8	..	4	..	22	..	156	3	4
Totals .. .. .	5,208	307	1,051	64	533	61	365	24	228	22	172	30	659	76	8,216	584	736

*Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1916 and 1917, the Number convicted, the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with (Males and Females shown separately), and the Increase or Decrease in Arrests.*

Centre.	Number arrested, 1916.		Number arrested, 1917.		Number convicted, 1917.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.		Increase in Arrests.	Decrease in Arrests.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Auckland and suburbs ...	866	51	841	53	841	53	...	...	...	23
Wellington and suburbs	2,162	246	1,804	204	1,804	204	...	...	...	400
Christchurch and suburbs	803	131	636	96	634	95	2	1	...	202
Dunedin and suburbs ...	737	67	565	49	563	49	2	...	...	190
Totals ...	4,568	495	3,846	402	3,842	401	4	1	...	815