

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1916 and 1917 (Males and Females shown separately).

Centre.	Number arrested, 1916.		Number arrested, 1917.		Number convicted, 1917.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	15	...	13	...	13	...	...	...
Wellington and suburbs...	111	4	62	3	62	3	...	...
Christchurch and suburbs	43	2	17	4	17	4	...	...
Dunedin and suburbs ...	24	1	14	...	14	...	...	...
Totals ...	193	7	106	7	106	7	...	...

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1912 to 1916 in Australia and New Zealand :—

	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Commonwealth ...	143·5	139·5	139·9	126·6	102·5
New Zealand ...	111·0	108·5	120·6	117·9	97·3

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (492) against hotelkeepers during the year shows an increase of 184 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1917 as compared with 1916, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

District.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Convictions, 1917.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.
Auckland ...	34	57	21	36
Hamilton ...	13	26	14	12
Napier ...	3	19	7	12
Wanganui ...	31	95	49	46
Wellington ...	69	82	53	29
Greymouth ...	63	81	39	42
Christchurch ...	45	41	22	19
Dunedin ...	30	59	39	20
Invercargill ...	20	32	16	16
Totals ...	308	492	260	232

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers within each principal Centre during the Year 1917 as compared with 1916, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

Centre.	Prosecutions, 1916.	Prosecutions, 1917.	Convictions, 1917.	Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1917.
Auckland and suburbs ...	23	30	9	21
Wellington and suburbs ...	27	28	16	12
Christchurch and suburbs ...	9	11	4	7
Dunedin and suburbs ...	14	38	22	16
Totals ...	73	107	51	56

SLY-GROG SELLING.

There were 133 prosecutions during the year for sly-grog selling, resulting in 118 convictions, against 141 prosecutions and 107 convictions during the preceding year.

The fines imposed on sly-grog sellers during the year 1917 amounted to £1,632, as against £2,249 in 1916.