

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1920.	1921.
Unnatural offence	5	6
Unnatural offence, attempted	1	..
Indecently assaulting a male	12	26
Incest	5	13
Indecent acts	18	25
Concealment of birth	2	2
Assault, indecent	70	114
Rape	4	12
Rape, attempted	8	3
Carnally knowing girls	14	36
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	7	6
Abortion, procuring, &c.	10	4
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	220	280
Totals	376	527

DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 308 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1921 was 8,671 (8,248 males and 423 females), whereas in 1920 the number was 8,979 (8,470 males and 509 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1921 as compared with 1920 :—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1920.	Number of Prosecutions, 1921.	Increase.	Decrease.
Whangarei	153	259	106	..
Auckland	1,775	1,565	..	210
Hamilton	566	705	139	..
Gisborne	374	332	..	42
Napier	403	444	41	..
New Plymouth	157	161	..	36
Wanganui	451	403	..	48
Palmerston North	359	408	49	..
Wellington	2,478	2,181	..	297
Greymouth	187	249	62	..
Christchurch	1,109	1,043	..	66
Timaru	283	321	38	..
Dunedin	407	406	..	1
Invercargill	237	194	..	43
Totals	8,979	8,671	435	743

From the following table it will be observed that 35·18 per cent. of the males and 63·35 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 10·79 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1921, 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.	
Whangarei	190	1	42	..	13	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	258	1	..
Auckland	794	42	362	29	109	19	77	14	32	13	22	2	40	10	1,436	129	177
Hamilton	568	10	72	2	17	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	27	..	693	12	..
Gisborne	159	4	59	..	41	..	22	..	11	1	..	..	32	3	324	8	1
Napier	238	7	84	3	43	2	23	..	15	..	10	1	15	3	428	16	13
New Plymouth	115	5	19	..	12	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	156	5	..
Wanganui	275	4	59	2	32	1	14	1	7	..	7	..	1	..	395	8	..
Palmerston North	188	4	47	4	47	..	44	..	35	2	15	1	20	1	396	12	..
Wellington	1,502	47	253	32	100	16	91	20	38	9	30	1	42	..	2,056	125	489
Greymouth	184	..	33	1	10	..	5	2	1	..	2	1	10	..	245	4	26
Christchurch	558	20	125	9	59	11	50	7	31	7	39	13	96	18	958	85	126
Timaru	204	2	44	1	25	..	13	..	9	..	12	..	11	..	318	3	10
Dunedin	221	3	48	..	36	2	18	1	7	..	7	..	60	3	397	9	41
Invercargill	150	6	16	..	8	..	4	..	4	..	1	..	5	..	188	6	7
Totals	5,346	155	1,263	83	552	51	384	45	193	32	145	19	365	38	8,248	423	890