

## DRUNKENNESS.

There has been a decrease of 2,262 in the number of prosecutions for drunkenness during the year as compared with the previous year.

The number charged with drunkenness in 1922 was 6,409 (6,088 males and 321 females), whereas in 1921 the number was 8,671 (8,248 males and 423 females).

The following return shows the number of prosecutions for drunkenness in each police district during the year 1922 as compared with 1921 :—

Police District.	Number of Prosecutions, 1921.	Number of Prosecutions, 1922.	Increase.	Decrease.
Whangarei.. ..	259	225	..	34
Auckland .. ..	1,565	1,385	..	180
Hamilton .. ..	705	470	..	235
Gisborne .. ..	332	207	..	125
Napier .. ..	444	283	..	161
New Plymouth ..	161	139	..	22
Wanganui .. ..	403	308	..	95
Palmerston North ..	408	275	..	133
Wellington.. ..	2,181	1,434	..	747
Greymouth.. ..	249	176	..	73
Christchurch .. ..	1,043	787	..	256
Timaru .. ..	321	306	..	15
Dunedin .. ..	406	275	..	131
Invercargill .. ..	194	139	..	55
Totals .. ..	8,671	6,409	..	2,262

From the following table it will be observed that 37·41 per cent. of the males and 62·3 per cent. of the females had previous convictions recorded against them, and 6·47 per cent. of the males were not permanent residents of the Dominion.

*Return showing the Number of Persons charged with Drunkenness during the Year 1922, 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 .. ..	168	1	32	..	8	..	6	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	224	1	..
Auckland .. ..	663	31	168	12	59	8	31	4	17	2	15	2	338	35	1,291	94	110
Hamilton .. ..	391	6	33	..	19	..	12	..	3	..	3	..	3	..	464	6	8
Gisborne .. ..	92	3	29	..	15	..	12	..	4	..	6	..	44	2	202	5	7
Napier .. ..	154	5	36	3	26	..	12	..	9	..	10	..	28	..	275	8	11
New Plymouth ..	103	6	22	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	131	8	..
Wanganui .. ..	240	6	28	1	12	..	9	..	4	..	8	..	..	..	301	7	..
Palmerston North..	133	7	34	5	27	5	20	1	22	3	8	..	9	1	253	22	..
Wellington .. ..	918	33	213	15	68	8	40	4	20	3	8	1	84	19	1,351	83	118
Greymouth .. ..	134	1	19	..	5	..	4	..	1	..	4	..	8	..	175	1	19
Christchurch .. ..	395	8	110	8	53	8	56	6	28	5	33	10	56	11	731	56	97
Timaru .. ..	164	6	37	2	13	2	16	..	10	..	11	..	43	2	294	12	9
Dunedin .. ..	153	7	32	1	12	2	17	1	9	1	3	..	32	5	253	17	9
Invercargill .. ..	102	1	14	..	6	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	138	1	6
Totals .. ..	3,810	121	807	48	326	33	243	16	139	15	109	13	654	75	6,088	321	394

*Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1921 and 1922, 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, 1921.		Number arrested, 1922.		Number convicted, 1922.		Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1922.		Increase in Arrests.		Decrease in Arrests.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M. and F.	M. and F.	M. and F.	M. and F.
Auckland and suburbs ...	815	57	887	43	885	43	2	..	58	..	..	..
Wellington and suburbs	1,709	117	1,078	74	1,077	74	1	..	..	..	674	..
Christchurch and suburbs	660	76	465	52	464	51	1	1	..	..	219	..
Dunedin and suburbs ...	375	9	211	15	211	15	..	..	..	..	158	..
Totals ...	3,559	259	2,641	184	2,637	183	4	1	58	..	1,051	..