

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness within each Principal Centre during the Years 1923 and 1924, 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, 1923. |     | Number arrested, 1924. |     | Number convicted, 1924. |     | Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924. |     | Increase in Arrests. | Decrease in Arrests. |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
|                          | M.                     | F.  | M.                     | F.  | M.                      | F.  | M.   | F.  | M. and F.            | M. and F.            |
| Auckland and suburbs ... | 919                    | 81  | 1,112                  | 82  | 1,110                   | 82  | 2  | ... | 194                  | ...                  |
| Wellington and suburbs   | 1,115                  | 76  | 1,106                  | 71  | 1,106                   | 71  | ...  | ... | ...                  | 14                   |
| Christchurch and suburbs | 457                    | 70  | 471                    | 59  | 471                     | 58  | ...  | 1   | 3                    | ...                  |
| Dunedin and suburbs ...  | 251                    | 18  | 187                    | 17  | 187                     | 17  | ...  | ... | ...                  | 65                   |
| Totals ...               | 2,742                  | 245 | 2,876                  | 229 | 2,874                   | 228 | 2  | 1   | 197                  | 79                   |

Return showing the Number of Persons arrested for Drunkenness on Sundays within each Principal Centre during the Years 1923 and 1924 (Males and Females shown separately).

| Centre.                   | Number arrested, 1923. |     | Number arrested, 1924. |     | Number convicted, 1924. |     | Number discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924. |     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|--|-----|
|                           | M.                     | F.  | M.                     | F.  | M.                      | F.  | M.   | F.  |
| Auckland and suburbs ...  | 46                     | 5   | 47                     | 6   | 47                      | 6   | ...  | ... |
| Wellington and suburbs... | 23                     | 2   | 32                     | 1   | 32                      | 1   | ...  | ... |
| Christchurch and suburbs  | 9                      | 1   | 15                     | 2   | 15                      | 2   | ...  | ... |
| Dunedin and suburbs ...   | 6                      | ... | 5                      | ... | 5                       | ... | ...  | ... |
| Totals ...                | 84                     | 8   | 99                     | 9   | 99                      | 9   | ...  | ... |

The following table shows the convictions for drunkenness per ten thousand of the population for each year from 1919 to 1923 in Australia and New Zealand :—

|                 | 1919. | 1920. | 1921. | 1922. | 1923. |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Commonwealth .. | 79.5  | 92.7  | 96.9  | 101.8 | 102.9 |
| New Zealand ..  | 67.6  | 71.6  | 69.0  | 48.4  | 52.2  |

PROSECUTIONS AGAINST HOTELKEEPERS.

The number of prosecutions (487) against hotelkeepers during the year shows a decrease of 14 as compared with the preceding year.

Return showing the Number of Prosecutions against Hotelkeepers in each District during the Year 1924 as compared with 1923, the Number convicted, and the Number discharged or otherwise dealt with.

| District.            | Prosecutions, 1923. | Prosecutions, 1924. | Convictions, 1924. | Discharged or otherwise dealt with, 1924. |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| Whangarei ...        | 1                   | 3                   | 3                  | ...                                       |
| Auckland ...         | 44                  | 29                  | 13                 | 16  |
| Hamilton ...         | 12                  | 27                  | 21                 | 6   |
| Gisborne ...         | 16                  | 12                  | 6                  | 6   |
| Napier ...           | 22                  | 29                  | 18                 | 11  |
| New Plymouth ...     | 38                  | 24                  | 17                 | 7   |
| Wanganui ...         | 13                  | 11                  | 6                  | 5   |
| Palmerston North ... | 73                  | 36                  | 17                 | 19  |
| Wellington ...       | 76                  | 86                  | 38                 | 48  |
| Greymouth ...        | 101                 | 106                 | 41                 | 65  |
| Christchurch ...     | 48                  | 62                  | 38                 | 24  |
| Timaru ...           | 34                  | 11                  | 6                  | 5   |
| Dunedin ...          | 18                  | 27                  | 19                 | 8   |
| Invercargill ...     | 5                   | 24                  | 13                 | 11  |
| Totals ...           | 501                 | 487                 | 256                | 231                                       |