MENTAL PATIENTS.

During the year nine mental patients were admitted and eight discharged, leaving a total of five still under treatment at the close of the year.

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED OR SUMMONED, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED OR DISMISSED, AND A COMPARISON OF CRIME DURING THE YEAR 1926.

Offences.	1925. Offences reported.	1926. Offences reported.	Number arrested or summoned.	Number convicted. M.	Number convicted. F.	Offences dismissed or withdrawn. M.	Offences dismissed or withdrawn. F.	Increase.	Decrease.
Misleading justice—									
Bribery, attempted	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Escape from legal custody	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	..
Offences against morality—									
Adultery	19	7	7	4	2	1	..	..	12
Abduction to carnally know	22	13	13	11	..	2	..	..	9
Aiding abduction	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Incest	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
Bigamy	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Offences against the person—									
Assault, common	57	44	44	30	..	14	..	..	13
Assault, indecent	7	4	4	2	1	1	..	..	3
Assault causing actual bodily harm	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Carnal knowledge	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
Rape	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Conspiring to murder	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	2	..
Murder	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Attempt to murder	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
Offences against rights of property—									
Burglary	2	3	1	..	..	1	..	1	..
Thefts from dwellings	15	18	12	10	..	2	..	3	..
Unlawful entry	9	11	9	7	..	2	..	2	..
Theft	59	87	77	63	3	10	1	28	..
Forgery	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Trespass	19	69	69	60	6	3	..	50	..
Wilful damage	2	5	5	2	..	3	..	3	..
Receiving stolen property	2	9	8	7	..	1	..	7	..
Gaming offences—									
Found in gaminghouse	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Breaches of the Arms Ordinance—									
Unlawful transfer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Unlawfully in possession of arms	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	1
Unlicensed firearms	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Unlawfully importing arms	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Police offences—									
Breach of the peace	30	33	33	28	..	5	..	3	..
Disorderly conduct	44	25	25	20	1	4	..	..	19
Drunkenness	4	5	5	4	..	1	..	1	..
Indecent acts	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	..
Cruelty to animals	7	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	5
Stone-throwing	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..
Insulting language to officials	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Converting animals and vehicles to own use	3	9	9	7	..	2	..	6	..
Threatening language	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tethering horses on public roads	..	4	4	4	..	..	..	4	..
Opium offences—									
Opium-smuggling	3	3	3	2	..	1	..	..	..
Opium-smoking	1	3	3	2	..	1	..	2	..
In possession of opium	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	3	..
Permitting opium-smoking	..	4	4	3	..	1	..	4	..
Liquor offences—									
Manufacturing liquor (beer)	6	10	10	7	2	1	..	4	..
Liquor found in occupied premises	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
In possession of liquor	6	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	4
Importing liquor	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selling liquor	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
Distilling liquor	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Consuming methylated spirits	1	11	11	10	..	1	..	10	..
By-law breaches—									
Wandering cattle	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Trespassing cattle	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Driving unlicensed	27	20	20	20	..	..	..	..	7
Driving without lights	13	8	8	7	..	1	..	..	5
Furious riding and driving	15	6	6	5	..	1	..	..	9
Unlicensed vehicles	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Negligent driving	12	19	19	17	..	2	..	7	..
Driving with improper brakes	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Negligent riding	6	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
Riding without reins	..	22	22	21	..	1	..	22	..
Riding bicycle without lights	..	6	6	6	..	..	..	6	..