

The following return shows the number of offences reported in each police district during the year, the number of cases in which arrests or summonses resulted, and the number in which no prosecution followed :—

Police District.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Number in which no Arrests or Summonses resulted.
Whangarei	1,571	1,495	76
Auckland	12,328	11,339	989
Hamilton	3,059	2,873	186
Gisborne	1,589	1,536	53
Napier	1,893	1,790	103
New Plymouth	1,402	1,330	72
Wanganui	1,423	1,382	41
Palmerston North	2,218	2,148	70
Wellington	7,304	6,968	336
Nelson	846	809	37
Greymouth	914	867	47
Christchurch	4,834	4,417	417
Timaru	856	735	121
Dunedin	2,963	2,871	92
Invercargill	1,108	1,058	50
Totals	44,308	41,618	2,690

The percentage of arrests or summonses resulting from offences reported during the year 1938 was 93·92, the figures of the preceding year being 93·39.

SERIOUS CRIMES.

The following is a return of the number of serious crimes as compared with the previous year :—

Crimes.	1937.		1938.	
	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.	Number of Offences reported.	Number of Offences in which Arrests resulted.
Arson	12	8	15	13
Robbery and aggravated robbery	8	8	14	13
Burglary, breaking into shops, dwellings, &c.	1,116	819	1,206	916
Forgery and uttering	173	159	118	105
Murder	4	4	7	6
Murder, attempted	5	4	..	..
Rape	5	5	12	11
Receiving stolen property	122	123	98	96
Wounding with intent	3	3	4	4
Totals	1,448	1,133	1,474	1,164

Indecent and sexual offences were as under :—

Offences.	1937.	1938.
Unnatural offence	16	27
Unnatural offence, attempted	12	5
Indecently assaulting a male	73	61
Incest	20	21
Indecent acts	19	35
Concealment of birth	4	1
Assault, indecent	112	102
Rape	5	12
Rape, attempted	15	8
Carnally knowing girls	92	29
Carnally knowing girls, attempted	9	9
Abortion, procuring, &c.	18	14
Exposure of person and grossly indecent acts	222	222
Totals	617	546