

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1876.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Magistrates during 1876.

Total Number of Offences reported.	Offences against the Person.	Gambling.	Offences* against Property (other than Prædial Larceny).	Other Offences.
9,103	604	260	1,401	6,838

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Marine Magistrate during 1876.

Total Number of Offences reported.	Offences against the Person.	Gambling.	Offences* against Property (other than Prædial Larceny).	Other Offences.
212	30	...	...	182

* Include both Offences against rights of Property and Injuries to the subjects of Property.

II.—APPREHENSIONS AND SUMMONSES.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons brought before the Magistrates' Court by Arrest Warrants or Summons for Offences, and how their Cases were disposed of in the Magistrates' Court.

	Number Discharged for want of Prosecution by the Party complaining or for want of Evidence.	Number of Cases Dismissed on the Merits.	Number of Persons summarily Convicted.	Number of Persons Committed for Trial in the Superior Courts.
Offences against the Person,...	10	69	86	2
Gambling, .....	...	...	...	...
Offences against Property * other than Prædial Larceny, .....	...	32	33	5
Offences against Master and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies, .....	...	7	5	...
Other Offences,	2	328	1,844	1
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended, .	12	436	1,068	8

NOTE.—Purely Civil Cases in which Magistrates exercise jurisdiction are not to be included in this or the following Table.

* See foot note (*) above.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons brought before the Marine Magistrate by Arrest Warrants or Summons for Offences, and how their Cases were disposed of in the Marine Magistrate's Court.

	Number Discharged for want of Prosecution by the Party complaining or for want of Evidence.	Number of Cases Dismissed on the Merits.	Number of Persons summarily Convicted.	Number of Persons Committed for Trial in the Superior Courts.
Offences against the Person,...	1	5	25	...
Gambling, .....	...	...	...	...
Offences against Property * other than Prædial Larceny, .....	...	...	...	...
Refusal of Duty,.....	17	6	104	...
Offences against Master and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies, .....	...	...	...	...
Other Offences,.....	0	27	160	...
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended,...	27	38	298	...

III.—SUMMARY CONVICTIONS. (Police Court).

TABLE showing the Number of Summary Convictions for various Classes of Offences, and the kind of Punishment Inflicted.

Punishments.	Total Number of Offences.	Assaults and other Offences against the Person.	Malicious Injuries to Property.	" Gambling.	Offences against Property other than Malicious Injuries to Property or Prædial Larceny.	Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the Social Economy of the Colony.	Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured Coolies.	Other Offences.
Fine,	6,236	292	108	155	346	4,188	20	1,118
Imprisonment, in lieu of fine or surety,.....	110	55	2	6	15	13	1	18
Peremptory Imprisonment, ...	816	21	...	87	554	...	...	154
Whipping,	53	1	9	...	41	2	...	...
Bound over with or without sureties,	137	42	...	1	37	14	...	43
Total,	7,352	411	119	249	993	4,217	30	1,333

NOTE.—Where there has been an Appeal from the Magistrate's decision the case is to be entered as finally decided, and not necessarily according to the Magistrate's original decision.

TABLE showing the Number of Summary Convictions for various Classes of Offences, and the kind of Punishments Inflicted. (Marine Court).

Punishments.	Total Number of Offences.	Assaults and other Offences against the Person.	Ma-licious Injuries to Property.	Gam-bling.	Offences against Pro-erty other than Malicious Injuries to Property or Prædial Larceny.	Offences against Harbour Regulations.	Refusal of Duty.	Other Offen-ces.
Fine,	92	11	...	...	...	7	...	74
Imprisonment, in lieu of fine or surety,	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Peremptory Im-prisonment,	137	13	...	...	11	...	72	41
Forfeiture of pay,	65	1	...	...	...	...	32	32
Bound over with or without sureties, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	298	25	...	...	11	7	104	151

NOTE.—Where there has been an Appeal from the Marine Magistrate's decision the case is to be entered as finally decided, and not necessarily according to the Marine Magistrate's original decision.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS,

Including Courts analogous to the Courts of Quarter Sessions in England—*i.e.*, District Courts, &c.

State how the Cases tried in the Superior Courts ended. (Each prisoner tried should be counted as a separate case; but where any large batch of prisoners have been convicted together, the fact might be mentioned in a note below).	Total.	Murder, other than Wife and Child Murder.	Manslaughter.	Attempt at Murder.	Include in the Returns below the Indictments for Attempts and Conspiracies to commit the several Offences.											
					Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine.	Child Murder.	Concealment of Birth.	Abortion	Rape.	Unnatural Crimes.	Other Offences against the Person.	Malicious Injuries to Property.	Robbery with Violence.	Prædial Larceny.	Other Offences against Property.	Miscellaneous Offences.
Judgment for the Crown, .	76	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	4	...	47	15
Judgment for the Prisoner,	24	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	15	1
Prisoner found Insane, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Case fell through for want of Prosecution, including cases where a Bill was thrown out by Grand Jury,	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	2

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
The number of Offences reported to the Police,	7,480	5,762	5,481	6,546
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates,	13,015	10,101	9,930	10,426
The number of Summary Convictions:—				
1. For Offences against the Person,	579	428	413	411
2. For Gambling,	258	193	155	249
3. For Offences against Property other than Prædial Larceny,	902	772	971	1,112
4. For other Offences,	6,127	5,235	5,072	5,580
The number of Convictions in the Superior Courts:—				
1. For Offences against the person,	7	83	12	10
2. For Prædial Larceny, .....	..	..	..	..
3. For Offences against Property other than Prædial Larceny,	36	12	45	51
4. For other Offences,	7	20	11	15
The number of persons acquitted:—				
1. In the Inferior Courts,	2,143	1,020	1,913	2,044
2. In the Superior Courts,	21	23	25	24

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years. (Marine Magistrate's Court.)

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
The number of Offences reported to the Police,	215	112	219	212
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrate,	409	193	432	363
The number of Summary Convictions:—				
1. For Offences against the Person,	27	17	33	25
2. For Broaching Cargo, .....	..	..	..	..
3. For Offences against Property other than Broaching Cargo, .....	..	..	..	..
4. For other Offences,	226	115	263	273
The number of Convictions in the Superior Courts:—				
1. For Offences against the Person, .....	..	..	..	..
2. For Prædial Larceny, .....	..	..	..	..
3. For Offences against Property other than Prædial Larceny, .....	..	..	..	..
4. For other Offences, .....	..	..	..	..
The number of persons acquitted:—				
1. In Marine Magistrate's Court,	155	61	136	65
2. In the Superior Courts,	21	23	25	24