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CRIMINAL STATISTICS, 1922.**SUPREME COURT AND MAGISTRACY.****COMPARATIVE TABLE** showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
The number of cases reported to the Police,	10,542	11,912	12,242	13,939
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Police Magistrates,	16,680	18,525	22,693	21,557
The number of summary convictions :—				
1. For offences against the person,	293	329	341	244
2. Gambling,	1,660	1,682	2,418	1,175
3. For offences against the property other than predial larceny,	1,835	1,775	1,308	1,415
4. For other offences,	7,800	9,680	5,430	9,293
5. For Opium Offences,.....	609	877	3,039	2,397
The number of convictions in the Supreme Courts :—				
1. For offences against the person,	17	21	5	20
2. Predial larceny,.....	...	...	...	...
3. For offences against the property other than predial larceny,	45	33	26	46
4. For other offences,	16	16	18	35
The number of persons acquitted :—				
1. In the Inferior Courts,	1,933	1,740	2,539	2,094
2. In the Superior Courts,.....	16	19	19	22

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.**COMPARATIVE TABLE** showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
The number of offences reported to the Police,	167	200	364	306
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Marine Magistrate,	360	524	867	773
The number of summary convictions :—				
1. For offences against the person,	3	...	1	5
2. For broaching cargo,.....	...	1	...	...
3. For offences against property other than broaching cargo,	...	1	...	...
4. For other offences,	155	181	348	281
The number of convictions in the Superior Courts :—				
1. For offences against the person,.....	...	...	...	...
2. For offences against property, .....	...	...	...	...
3. For other offences, .....	...	...	...	...
The number of persons acquitted :—				
1. In the Marine Magistrate's Court,	30	65	18	26
2. In the Superior Courts, .....	...	...	...	...

SUPREME COURT.

1.—RETURN OF CRIMINAL CASES tried in the Supreme Court of Hongkong during the year 1922.

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIME.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Sentence.		Charges abandoned.	Cases postponed.
					Death.	Death recorded.		
1	1	Accessory before the fact to kidnapping.....	1	1				
1	1	Armed robbery	2	1				
2	2	Arson	3	1				
4	4	Assault by two or more with intent to rob	3	1				
1	1	Assault with intent to prevent apprehension...	1	1				
..	..	Breach of Bankruptcy Ordinance .....	..	..		
9	9	Breach of Order for deportation	9	9				
3	3	Bribery of a Public Servant	3	3				
1	1	Burglary and Stealing in a dwelling house....	1	1				
1	1	Common assault	1	1				
1	2	Conspiracy to defraud	2	2				
1	2	Conspiracy to kidnap	2	2				
1	1	Doing acts with a view to the commission of a felony	1	1				
..	..	Forgery .....	..	..		
1	5	Having in possession counterfeit silver coins...	3	2				
1	1	Indecent assault	1	1				
1	1	Kidnapping	1	1				
4	4	Manslaughter.....	28	2				
7	11	Murder	7	4	7			
1	1	Obtaining money by false pretences.....	1	1				
1	1	Perjury	1	1				
1	4	Piracy	4	4				
1	2	Possession of coining machinery	2	2				
1	1	Possession of explosive substance.....	1	1				
2	4	Receiving stolen goods.....	3	1				
27	42	Robbery by two or more	34	8	34			
1	1	Sending a letter demanding money with menaces	1	1	1			
8	11	Unlawful possession of arms and ammunition...	11	11				
2	2	Unlawful wounding	1	1				
3	3	Uttering forged bank-notes	2	1				
1	1	Uttering forged instruments	1	1				
1	1	Wounding with intent.....	1	1				
87	123		101	22	7	...	84	9
							19	4
							5	5
							1	1

Note.—Indicted 124

Either not indicted or *Nolle prosequi* entered (included under the heading of "Charges abandoned") 5

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* In one case the imprisonment is without hard labour.

§ In one case a fine has been imposed and paid.

2.—Indictments and Informations in the Supreme Court, including Courts analogous to the Courts of Quarter Sessions in England, i.e., District Courts, &c. (Year 1922.)

Showing how the cases tried in the Superior Courts ended.	Including Attempts and Conspiracies to commit the several offences.								
	Total.	Murder.	Manslaughter.	Attempt at Murder.	Concealment of Birth.	Abortion.	Rape.	Unnatural Crimes.	Robbery with Violence.
Judgment for the Crown,...	101	7	2						
Judgment for the prisoner,	22	4	2						
Prisoner found insane, ...	..	..	..			
Cases which fell through for want of prosecution or absence of accused, and cases thrown out by the Grand Jury (Attorney General), ...	5						
Cases postposed,	1						
	129	11	4	
				1
				35
				4
				2
				1
				42

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POLICE COURTS.

LIST OF OFFENCES TRIED during the year 1922.

OFFENCES.	No. of CASES.	No. of PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. of CASES.	No. of PRISONERS.	
			<i>Brought forward,</i>	1,916	2,840	
Accessories and Abettors Ordinance—3 of 1865,—	8	9	Larceny Ordinance—5 of 1865.—Continued.			
Arms and Ammunition Ordinance—2 of 1900,— Contraventions of.	207	211	Larceny of cattle and other animals, (Sections 9—17), " of things attached to or growing on land, (Sections 22—28),	10	10	
Asiatic Emigration Ordinance—30 of 1915,	2	2	Larceny from the person and similar Offences, (Sections 29—37),	162	206	
Bankruptcy Ordinance—7 of 1891,	4	4	Sacrilege Burglary and house breaking, (Sections 38—47),	389	438	
Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance—7 of 1896,— Contraventions of.	4	4	Larceny in dwelling houses, (Sections 48—50),	42	43	
Boarding House Ordinance—23 of 1917,	5	5	" or embezzlement by clerks, servants, &c., (Sections 54—60),	30	32	
Chinese Marriage Preservation Ordinance—42 of 1912, ...	1	1	Frauds by bankers, agents, &c., (Sections 62—74),	34	34	
Coinage Offences Ordinance—7 of 1865,— Offences relating to the King's gold and silver coin, (Sections 3—12),	5	9	Obtaining property by false pretences, (Section 75—78),	6	7	
Offences relating to the King's foreign coin, (Sections 15—20),	1	6	Receiving stolen property, (Sections 79—87),	62	73	
Offences relating to the King's coins miscellaneous...	1	3	Licensing Ordinance—8 of 1887,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	65	81	
Common Law Offences,	55	71	" Regulations made thereunder,	2,617	2,639	
Copyright Ordinance—11 of 1918,	2	2	Liquor Licence Ordinance—9 of 1911,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part I, (Sections 3—10),	323	330	
Criminal Intimidation Ordinance—13 of 1920,	19	27	Magistrates Ordinance—3 of 1890,— Offences under,	70	72	
Coroner's Abolition Ordinance—5 of 1888,	1	1	Malicious Damage Ordinance—6 of 1865 — Injuries by fire to buildings and goods therein, (Sections 2—9),	985	1,198	
Dangerous Goods Ordinance—1 of 1873,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,.....	26	30	Injuries to crops, tree and vegetable productions....	4	11	
Deportation Ordinance—25 of 1917,	103	103	Miscellaneous injuries, (Sections 42—44),	2	4	
Dogs Ordinance—5 of 1893,— Contraventions of,	126	126	Marine Store Protection Ordinance—13 of 1919,	35	43	
Employers and Servants Ordinance—45 of 1902,— Proceedings under,	12	11	Married Women (Maintenance in case of desertion) Ordinance—10 of 1905,— Proceedings under,	5	5	
Evidence Ordinance—2 of 1889,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	1	Merchant Shipping Ordinance—1 of 1899,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part VI, (Sections 21—30),	2	2	
Explosive Substance Ordinance—23 of 1913,	7	2	Medical Registration Ordinance—1 of 1881,	15	16	
Fisheries (Dynamite) Ordinance—4 of 1911,	2	12	Merchandise Marks Ordinance—4 of 1890,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	1	
Forgery Ordinance—1 of 1865,— Forgery of Bank notes, (Sections 14—15),	3	3	Misdemeanour Punishment Ordinance—1 of 1898,— Offences under,	6	6	
Forgery of Bills of Exchange, etc. (Sections 22—28),	8	9	Offences against the person Ordinance—2 of 1865,— Homicide, (Sections 2—9),	74	76	
Demanding Property upon forged instruments, (Sec- tion 39),	1	1	Attempt to Murder (Sections 10—14),	22	28	
Forgery Ordinance No.—11 of 1922,	20	24	Acts causing or tending to cause danger to life, &c., (Sections 16—31),	1	1	
Fugitive Offenders Act 1881,— Proceedings under,	2	3	Assaults, (Sections 32—43),	37	40	
Gambling Ordinance—2 of 1891,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	425	1,212	Forcible taking or detention of persons, (Sections 44—45),	374	406	
Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance—14 of 1901,— Contraventions of and Offences under,	2	2	Abominable offences, (Sections 50—54),	8	10	
Holts Wharf Ordinance—3 of 1921,	1	1	Opium Ordinance—4 of 1914,— Contraventions of Part I, (Sections 5—18),	1	1	
Importation and Exportation Ordinance—32 of 1915,.....	27	39	" " II, C .. 19—34),	113	134	
Indecent Exhibition Ordinance—3 of 1918,	1	1	" " III, C .. 35—62),	1,749	2,689	
Larceny Ordinance—5 of 1865,— Simple Larceny,	840	881	Opium Ordinance—27 of 1917,	1	1	
			Order and Cleanliness Ordinance—2 of 1867,	15	15	
			Pawn Brokers Ordinance—1 of 1860,— Contraventions of,	75	81	
			Pharmacy Ordinance—9 of 1916,	3	3	
			Piracy Prevention Ordinance—23 of 1914,	3	3	
				Carried forward,	9,259	11,534
				Carried forward,		

LIST OF OFFENCES, ETC.,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	No. OF CASES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. OF PRISONERS.	No. OF CASES.
<i>Brought forward,</i>	9,259	11,534	<i>Brought forward,</i>	9,935	11,238
Police Force Ordinance—11 of 1900.— Offences under,	14	17	Societies Ordinance—47 of 1911,	9	11
Post Office Ordinance—6 of 1900.— Contraventions of and Offences under,	2	2	Stamp Ordinance—16 of 1901.— Offences under,	47	47
Printers and Publishers Ordinance—4 of 1886.— Contraventions of and Offences under,	1	2	Stowaways Ordinance—5 of 1903.— Offences under,	37	195
Prison Ordinance—4 of 1899.— Offences under,	2	2	Summary Offences Ordinance—1 of 1845.— Nuisances, Trespasses and Similar Offences, (Sections 3—21),	3,427	3,512
Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance—4 of 1897.— Offences under,	48	54	Offences against good order, (Sections 22—35),	246	374
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance—1 of 1903.— Contraventions of Part I, (Sections 1—7),	14	14	Possession of stolen goods, (Sections 36—41),	287	310
" " II, (" 8—95),	322	325	Proceedings under Miscellaneous Provisions, (Sections 41—42,)	2	2
" " III, (" 96—235),	168	168	Suppression of Piracy Ordinance—1 of 1868,	1	1
Failure to Comply with B. A. Notice,	2	2	Theatres and Public Performances Regulation Ordinance—18 of 1908,	6	6
Public Places Regulation Ordinance—2 of 1870.— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	5	7	Tobacco Ordinance—10 of 1916,	267	271
Railway Ordinance—21 of 1909,	3	5	Tramway Ordinance—10 of 1902.— Contraventions of Rules made under bye-laws,	6	6
Registration of Persons Ordinance—6 of 1916,	1	4	" and Offences made thereunder,	5	5
Regulation of Chinese Ordinance—3 of 1888.— Offences under Part III, (Sections 7—17),	1	1	Vagrancy Ordinance—9 of 1897.— Proceedings under,	32	36
" " V, (" 22—28),	12	13	Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance—40 of 1912.— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder,	3,253	3,388
Rents Ordinance 1921 and 1922,	8	8	" and Offences " "	568	580
Rogue and Vagabond 5 Geo. IV, c. 83,	65	70	Water Works Ordinance—16 of 1903.— Offences under,	70	74
Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance—8 of 1896.— Offences under,	6	6	Weights and Measures Ordinance—2 of 1885.— Contraventions of and Offences under,	19	19
Servant Quarters Ordinance—11 of 1903.— Offences under,	2	4	Wild Birds and Game Preservation Ordinance—6 of 1885,	4	4
			Undecided Cases,	39	37
<i>Carried forward,</i>	9,935	12,238	TOTAL,	18,260	21,116

ABSTRACT of Cases under Cognizance of the Police Magistrates' Courts during the Year 1922.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	COURTS, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.												WRETS ISSUED BY THE POLICE MAGISTRATES DURING THE YEAR.																
		Convicted and Punished.						Discharged.						Commited for Trial at the Supreme Court.						Commited for Trial or Detained pending Trial before the Governor.										
To be of Good Behaviour.		To keep the Peace.		Any Charge.		To be of Good Behaviour.		To keep the Peace.		Any Charge.		To be of Good Behaviour.		To keep the Peace.		Any Charge.		To be of Good Behaviour.		To keep the Peace.		Any Charge.		To be of Good Behaviour.						
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Assaults and other offences against the person,.....	444	496	225	13	128	6	28	29	...	55	3	8	1	473	23	5,742	22	10	154	...	1161	307	100	7,496
Malicious injuries to property,.....	41	58	29	..	22	2	4	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	2	1,177	35	...	...	...	...
Gambling,.....	426	1,212	1,098	32	77	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against property other than malicious injuries to property or criminal larceny, Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the social economy of the Colony,.....	1,640	1,805	1,324	68	321	3	67	...	...	9	2	6	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,728	77	...	...	...	...
Offences against Opium Ordinance No. 4 of 1914 and No. 6 of 1922,.....	4,320	4,394	3,983	190	914	1	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to Indentured coolies,.....	14	21	13	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	91	15	16	...	...	...	...	2	1	19	2	...	...
Other offences,.....	9,450	10,291	9,079	214	750	23	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	2	154	19	18	3	...	...	85	2	10,639	252	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	18,221	21,116	18,061	605	1,924	72	180	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total,.....	18,221	21,116	18,061	605	1,924	72	180	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES, 21,116

* Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

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MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

1.—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.

	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,	2	2	9	...
Gambling, .....	...	...	...	...
Offences against property* (other than predial lar- ceny), .....	...	...	...	...
Refusal of duty, .....	...	...	1	...
Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to indentured coolies, .....	...	...	...	...
Other offences,	24	18	737	...
Total number of persons summoned or apprehended, ...	26	20	747	...

* Include both offences against rights of property and injuries to the subjects of property.

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

Punishments.	Total number of offences.	Assaults and other offences against the person.	Ma- licious injuries to property.	Gam- bling.	Offences against prop- erty other than malicous injuries to property or predial larceny.	Offences against Harbour regula- tions.	Refusal of duty.	Other offences.
Fine,	231	...	...	...	...	97	...	134
Imprisonment in lieu of fine or surety,.....	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Peremptory imprisonment, Bound over with or without sureties,	35	5	...	...	...	...	1	29
Forfeiture of pay,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Reprimanded,	13	...	...	...	...	9	...	4
Total,.....	286	5	...	...	...	106	1	174

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.

3.—RETURN of CASES tried during the last Ten Years.

Defendants, how disposed of.

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2.—RETURN of MINOR OFFENCES reported during the 10 Years ending 1922, showing Number of Prisoners Arrested, Convicted, and Discharged.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.			GAMBLING.			MISCELLANEOUS.			DRUNKENNESS.			ALL MINOR OFFENCES.					
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No.		
1913,	615	91	766	4,489	168	4,657	5,635	8,153	700	9,153	56	1,489	8,561	13,769	959	14,728		
1914,	479	126	783	521	2,564	279	2,843	3,622	4,364	537	4,901	55	1,157	5,834	7,585	942	8,527	
1915,	591	165	756	370	2,129	185	2,314	4,365	4,765	472	5,237	60	1,068	6,337	7,485	822	8,307	
1916,	472	42	704	375	1,836	250	2,086	5,668	5,997	444	6,441	35	1,250	7,800	8,495	736	9,231	
1917,	412	564	80	644	315	1,582	175	1,757	4,207	4,498	384	4,882	22	1,126	6,082	6,644	639	7,283
Total,	2,452	3,301	504	3,805	2,347	12,600	1,057	13,657	23,497	28,077	2,537	30,614	228	6,090	34,614	43,978	4,098	48,076
1918,	312	522	66	588	238	1,049	176	1,225	3,749	4,330	336	4,666	19	552	4,870	5,901	578	6,479
1919,	365	550	90	640	380	1,889	79	1,968	4,561	5,053	434	5,487	35	664	6,005	7,492	603	8,095
1920,	455	534	104	638	437	2,141	86	2,227	4,689	5,395	473	5,871	79	1,266	6,926	8,073	663	8,736
1921,	528	645	85	730	460	1,975	193	2,168	6,073	8,821	827	9,648	114	937	8,112	11,441	1,105	12,546
1922,	542	766	69	835	471	1,767	143	1,910	7,221	9,708	825	10,528	57	1,388	9,679	12,236	1,037	13,273
Total,	2,202	3,017	414	3,431	1,986	8,821	677	9,498	26,293	33,305	2,895	36,200	304	4,807	35,592	45,143	3,986	49,129
Average of 1st period,	490.4	660.2	100.8	761.0	40.9.4	2,520.0	211.4	2,731.4	4,699.4	5,615.4	507.4	6,122.8	45.6	1,218.0	6,922.8	8,795.6	819.6	9,615.2
Average of 2nd period,	440.4	603.4	82.8	686.2	397.2	1,764.2	135.4	1,899.6	5,258.6	6,661.0	579.0	7,240.0	60.8	961.4	7,118.4	9,028.6	797.2	9,825.8

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PRISON.

1.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of PRISONERS on the last Day of each Week of the Year 1922.

WEEK.	EUROPEANS.		CHINESE OR COLOURED.		TOTAL.	WEEK.	EUROPEANS.		CHINESE OR COLOURED.		TOTAL.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1922.											
January 2	6	...	640	27	673	July 5	2	...	821	26	849
„ 11	9	...	640	28	677	„ 12	3	...	853	27	883
„ 18	7	...	655	24	686	„ 19	2	...	853	23	878
„ 25	9	...	637	24	670	„ 26	4	...	835	22	861
February 1	7	...	625	23	655	August 2	4	...	842	24	870
„ 8	7	...	639	21	667	„ 9	2	...	867	30	899
„ 15	7	...	623	19	649	„ 16	2	...	874	36	912
„ 22	5	...	619	20	644	„ 23	1	...	867	36	904
March 1	3	...	609	19	631	„ 30	...	...	858	38	896
„ 8	1	...	572	17	590	September 6	...	...	846	34	880
„ 15	1	...	553	19	573	„ 13	1	...	845	33	879
„ 22	2	...	572	18	592	„ 20	14	...	847	31	892
„ 29	1	...	586	21	608	„ 27	13	...	845	30	888
April 5	2	...	607	20	629	October 4	3	...	867	32	902
„ 12	3	...	607	20	630	„ 11	2	...	864	29	895
„ 19	2	...	631	19	652	„ 18	3	...	880	31	914
„ 26	1	...	690	22	713	„ 25	2	...	883	31	916
May 3	1	...	705	31	737	November 1	3	...	901	33	937
„ 10	1	...	739	34	774	„ 8	2	...	919	32	953
„ 17	...	...	747	32	779	„ 15	4	...	901	28	933
„ 24	1	...	750	27	778	„ 22	3	...	918	26	947
„ 31	1	...	793	27	821	„ 29	2	...	890	26	918
June 7	1	...	781	30	812	December 6	10	...	881	29	920
„ 14	8	...	792	34	834	„ 13	10	...	870	28	908
„ 21	11	...	801	33	845	„ 20	9	...	871	25	905
„ 28	2	...	816	32	850	„ 27	10	...	835	24	869

