

X

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

1908-1909.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1908-9.

Total number of Offences reported	Offences against the person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
36,249	6,862	195	2,860	26,332

* 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' Courts by Arrest, Warrant or Summons for Offences, and how their cases were disposed of in the Magistrates' Courts.

	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	111	39	1,332	44
Offences against the good order of families	7	2	9	21
Offences against Property *	52	44	575	43
Other Offences	365	185	19,017	6
Total Number of Persons Summoned or apprehended	535	270	20,933	114

NOTE—Purely Civil Cases on which Magistrates exercise jurisdiction are not included in this or the following table.
* See foot-note above.

III.—SUMMARY CONVICTIONS.

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

Punishment	Total Number of Offences *	Assaults and other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to Property	Offences against the good order of families	Other Offences
Fine	16,354	1,079	334	—	14,941
Fine and Imprisonment	15	3	1	9	2
Admonition	4,065	100	63	—	3,902
Imprisonment	358	140	44	—	74
Bound over with or without sureties...	112	10	33	—	69
Other punishments	29	—	—	—	29
Total	20,933	1,332	575	9	19,017

* Each person convicted as a separate case.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.
His Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1908-9. (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Murder other than Wife or Child Murder	Manslaughter	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against property	Offences against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	83	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	22	3	3	27	15	...	...	5
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	31	...	2*	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	—	8	6	...	1	...

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE

Showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Six Years.

	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	19,830	22,525	31,579	30,918	34,539	36,249
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates ...	17,523	18,563	23,521	22,770	23,239	21,852
The number of summary convictions :—						
1. For offences against the person	804	602	659	972	1,390	1,332
2. For offences against the good order of families	58	28	27	10	17	9
3. For offences against property	368	213	341	310	388	575
4. For other offences	14,784	16,254	21,268	20,237	20,214	19,017
The number of convictions :—						
1. For offences against the person	58	55	40	25	42	30
2. For offences against the good order of families	15	17	9	19	13	15
3. For offences against property	30	18	16	25	27	33
4. For other offences	31	6	7	13	16	5
The number of persons acquitted :—						
1. In the Inferior Courts... ..	1,288	1,322	1,096	1,116	1,082	805
2. In the Superior Courts	87	48	58	43	50	31