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CRIMINAL STATISTICS

1888.

I—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1888.

Total Number of offences Reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,550	1,079	43	391	6,037

* 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 ...	198		1,195	51
Offences against the good order of families	12		16	21
Offences against Property * ...	75		426	30
Other Offences	670		8,602	3
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	955		10,239	105

NOTE — Purely Civil Cases in 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	7,458	507	78	—	6,873
Fine and Imprisonment	194	32	9	—	153
Admonition	945	10	7	—	928
Imprisonment	1,642	286	148	16	1,192
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10,239	835	242	16	9,146

Each person convicted counted as a separate case.

IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.

Her Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1888.	Total	Murder, other than Wife and Child Murder	Manslaughter	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Rapist's Wife, or Boy or Girl	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Other Offences against the Person	Malicious Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against property	Offence against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	79	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	19	14	...	...	2
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	26	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	5	7	...	...	1

(Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)

V. — COMPARATIVE TABLE.

showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals
for the last Five Years.

	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
The number of offences reported to the Police ...	8,203	7,832	7,075	7,126	7,650
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates ...	13,546	*12,316	11,237	10,845	11,299
The number of summary convictions —					
1. For offences against the person ...	1,204	1,290	1,246	1,065	835
2. For offences against the good order of families	6	11	25	24	16
3. For offences against property ...	401	419	389	241	242
4. For other offences ...	10,759	9,719	8,408	8,538	9,146
The number of convictions : —					
1. For offences against the person ...	17	35	19	29	42
2. For offences against the good order of families	5	6	6	6	14
3. For offences against property ...	14	10	12	20	23
4. For other offences ...	6	3	5	5	2
The number of persons acquitted : —					
1. In the Inferior Courts ...	1,122	921	1,116	1,089	955
2. In the Superior Courts ...	6	12	12	15	24

* 1 handed over to the Military.