

X.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1896.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1896.

| Total Number of Offences reported | Offences against the Person | Offences against the good order of families | Offences against Property * | Other Offences |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 9,672 | 1,085 | 60 | 451 | 8,076 |

* 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 | 180 | | 1,206 | 68 |
| Offences against the good order of families | 14 | | 53 | 5 |
| Offences against Property ° | 103 | | 467 | 67 |
| Other Offences | 818 | | 11,827 | 47 |
| Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended | 1,115 | | 13,553 | 187 |

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 | 8,450 | 669 | 213 | 9 | 7,559 |
| Fine and Imprisonment | 101 | 34 | 9 | 9 | 49 |
| Admonition | 3,934 | 114 | 34 | 1 | 3,785 |
| Imprisonment | 1,068 | 389 | 211 | 34 | 434 |
| Whipping | — | — | — | — | — |
| Bound over with or without sureties | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 13,553 | 1,206 | 467 | 53 | 11,827 |

* 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 1896 (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case) | Total | Murder other than Wife and 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 | Offence against the good order of families | Rape | False Evidence | Miscellaneous Offences |
|--|-------|---|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Judgment for the Crown (convicted) | 134 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 | 1 | 2 | 47 | 3 | ... | 1 | 33 |
| Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated) | 53 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 | ... | ... | 17 | 2 | ... | 1 | 12 |

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

| | 1892 | 1893 | 1894 | 1895 | 1896 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| The number of offences reported to the Police | 8,631 | 8,956 | 8,555 | 8,007 | 9,672 |
| The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates | 15,686 | 16,246 | 14,746 | 14,404 | 14,855 |
| The number of summary convictions :— | | | | | |
| 1. For offences against the person | 1,575 | 1,683 | 1,789 | 1,525 | 1,206 |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families | 48 | 36 | 69 | 17 | 53 |
| 3. For offences against property | 598 | 599 | 495 | 566 | 467 |
| 4. For other offences | 12,442 | 12,952 | 11,365 | 11,204 | 11,827 |
| The number of convictions :— | | | | | |
| 1. For offences against the person | 77 | 61 | 53 | 53 | 47 |
| 2. For offences against the good order of families | 20 | 36 | 6 | 15 | 3 |
| 3. For offences against property | 40 | 12 | 28 | 22 | 50 |
| 4. For other offences | 1 | 22 | 24 | 11 | 34 |
| The number of persons acquitted :— | | | | | |
| 1. In the Inferior Courts | 448 | 780 | 881 | 918 | 1,115 |
| 2. In the Superior Courts | 37 | 64 | 36 | 73 | 53 |

