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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1897.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1897.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
7,567	974	43	408	6,142

* 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 ...	197		1,082	95
Offences against the good order of families	16		14	23
Offences against Property * ...	65		434	53
Other Offences	560		9,381	20
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	838		10,911	191

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	6,393	536	138	1	5,718
Fine and Imprisonment	256	72	9	5	167
Admonition	3,604	156	62	1	3,385
Imprisonment	658	241	175	—	242
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	10,911	1,005	384	10	9,512

* 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 1897 (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Murder other than Wife and Child Murder	Masslaughter	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)	120	5	1	55	1	...	32	18
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	71	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	33	...	7	13	5	...	2	10

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
The number of offences reported to the Police	8,956	8,555	8,007	9,672	7,567
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	16,246	14,746	14,494	14,855	11,940
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person... ..	1,683	1,789	1,525	1,206	1,082
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	36	69	17	53	14
3. For offences against property	599	495	566	467	434
4. For other offences	12,952	11,395	11,204	11,827	9,381
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person... ..	61	53	53	47	61
2. For offences against the good order of families ...	36	6	15	3	18
3. For offences against property	12	28	22	50	33
4. For other offences	22	24	11	34	8
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	780	881	918	1,115	838
2. In the Superior Courts	64	36	73	53	71

