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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1898.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1898.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
6,864	805	37	357	5,665

* 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 ...	141		908	79
Offences against the good order of families	13		26	10
Offences against Property ° ...	97		333	57
Other Offences	378		8,590	38
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	629		9,857	184

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	5,019	137	39	2	4,841
Fine and Imprisonment	130	58	16	11	45
Admonition	4,034	527	161	17	3,346
Imprisonment	674	203	141	—	313
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9,857	925	357	30	8,545

* 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 1898		Total	Murder other than Wife and Child Murder	Manlaughter	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)	...	124	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	...	2	31	6	...	...	23
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	...	60	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	16	...	1	23	4	...	...	15

(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.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
The number of offences reported to the Police	8,555	8,007	9,672	7,567	6,864
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	14,746	14,404	14,855	11,940	10,670
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	1,789	1,525	1,206	1,082	908
2. For offences against the good order of families	69	17	53	14	26
3. For offences against property	495	566	467	434	333
4. For other offences	11,365	11,204	11,827	9,381	8,590
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	53	53	47	61	62
2. For offences against the good order of families	6	15	3	18	6
3. For offences against property	28	22	50	33	33
4. For other offences	24	11	34	8	23
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	881	918	1,115	838	629
2. In the Superior Courts	36	73	53	71	60

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