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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1899.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1899.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property*	Other Offences
5,650	857	38	268	4,487

* 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 ...	131		1,083	73
Offences against the good order of families	8		35	36
Offences against Property * ...	62		358	67
Other Offences	455		7,340	43
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	656		8,816	219

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	4,865	119	30	3	4,713
Fine and Imprisonment	108	47	13	9	39
Admonition	3,227	460	139	12	2,616
Imprisonment	616	186	154	—	276
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,816	812	336	24	7,644

* Each person convicted 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 1899 (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)		Total	Murder other than Wife and Child Murder	Manflaughter	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)	... ..	149	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	57	...	3	37	28	...	4	16
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	... ..	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	2	8	5	...	4	3

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
The number of offences reported to the Police	8,007	9,672	7,567	6,864	5,650
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	14,404	14,855	11,940	10,670	9,506
The number of summary convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	1,525	1,206	1,082	908	1,083
2. For offences against the good order of families	17	53	14	26	35
3. For offences against property	566	467	434	333	358
4. For other offences	11,204	11,827	9,381	8,590	7,340
The number of convictions:—					
1. For offences against the person	53	47	61	62	61
2. For offences against the good order of families	15	3	18	6	28
3. For offences against property	22	50	33	33	40
4. For other offences	11	34	8	23	20
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	918	1,115	838	629	736
2. In the Superior Courts	73	53	71	60	35

