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CRIMINAL STATISTICS

1900.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the Number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1900.

Total Number of Offences reported	Offences against the Person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against property *	Other Offences
6,279	908	45	306	5,020

* 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 ...	159		1,106	81
Offences against the good order of families	11		41	43
Offences against Property * ...	69		374	74
Other Offences	471		7,762	52
Total Number of Persons Summoned or Apprehended	710		9,283	250

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	4,906	127	25	4	4,742
Fine and Imprisonment	115	41	15	8	43
Admonition	3,627	443	131	15	3,018
Imprisonment	635	193	162	2	314
Whipping	—	—	—	—	—
Bound over with or without sureties	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9,283	804	333	29	8,117

* 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 1900		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	Offences against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
(Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)																	
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	... ..	115	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	4	...	26	...	...	1	33
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	... ..	41	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	...	10	2	...	...	16

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE.

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

	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
The number of offences reported to the Police	9,672	7,567	6,864	5,650	6,279
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	14,855	11,940	10,670	9,506	9,810
The number of summary convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person	1,206	1,082	908	1,083	1,106
2. For offences against the good order of families	53	14	26	35	41
3. For offences against property	467	434	333	358	374
4. For other offences	11,827	9,381	8,590	7,340	7,762
The number of convictions :—					
1. For offences against the person	47	61	62	61	73
2. For offences against the good order of families	3	18	6	28	36
3. For offences against property	50	33	33	40	54
4. For other offences	34	8	23	20	31
The number of persons acquitted:—					
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,115	838	629	736	527
2. In the Superior Courts	53	71	60	35	41

