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CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1907-1908.

I.—OFFENCES.

TABLE showing the number of Offences reported to the Police or the Magistrates during 1907-8.

Total number of Offences reported	Offences against the person	Offences against the good order of families	Offences against Property *	Other Offences
34,539	5,501	122	2,226	26,650

* 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	165	55	1,390	52
Offences against the good order of families	9	2	17	17
Offences against Property *	61	39	388	42
Other Offences	437	315	20,214	37
Total Number of Persons Summoned or apprehended	671	411	22,009	148

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	16,916	1,084	211	8	15,613
Fine and Imprisonment	12	2	—	6	4
Admonition	4,679	142	38	—	4,499
Imprisonment	330	143	107	1	79
Bound over with or without sureties ...	72	19	32	2	19
Total	22,009	1,390	388	17	20,214

* Each person convicted as a separate case.

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IV.—INDICTMENTS AND INFORMATIONS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS.
His Majesty's Criminal Court.

How the Cases were disposed of in the year 1907-8. (Each prisoner to be considered as forming a separate case)	Total	Murder other than Wife or Child Murder	Manslaughter	Attempt at Murder	Murder of Wife, Reputed Wife, or Concubine	Child Murder	Concealment of Birth	Abortion	Other Offences against the Person	Malignant Injuries to property	Robbery with Violence	Other Offences against property	Offences against the good order of families	Rape	False Evidence	Miscellaneous Offences
Judgment for the Crown (convicted)	98	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	36	...	5	22	13	...	1	15
Judgment for the Prisoner (liberated)	50	2	1	—	...	...	...	...	9	...	—	13	4	...	—	21

V.—COMPARATIVE TABLE

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

	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8
The number of offences reported to the Police... ..	15,119	19,830	22,525	31,579	30,918	34,539
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Magistrates	15,722	17,523	18,563	23,521	22,770	23,239
The number of summary convictions:—						
1. For offences against the person	619	804	602	659	972	1,390
2. For offences against the good order of families	19	58	28	27	10	17
3. For offences against property	210	368	213	341	310	388
4. For other offences	13,610	14,784	16,254	21,268	20,237	20,214
The number of convictions:—						
1. For offences against the person	69	58	55	40	25	42
2. For offences against the good order of families	2	15	17	9	19	13
3. For offences against property	32	30	18	16	25	27
4. For other offences	33	31	6	7	13	16
The number of persons acquitted:—						
1. In the Inferior Courts	1,078	1,288	1,322	1,096	1,116	1,082
2. In the Superior Courts	50	87	48	58	43	50