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CRIMINAL STATISTICS, 1927.

SUPREME COURT AND MAGISTRACY.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years.

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
The number of cases reported to the Police	14,515	13,845	20,048	24,444
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Police Magistrates	35,484	32,358	36,976	38,746
The number of summary convictions :—				
1. For Offences against the person	411	330	313	398
2. Gambling	1,958	1,921	1,504	2,140
3. For Offences against the property other than predial larceny	2,013	1,500	1,552	1,713
4. For other Offences	18,728	17,847	22,881	23,409
5. For Opium Offences	6,457	5,895	6,489	6,760
The number of persons acquitted in the Inferior Courts	5,326	4,339	3,689	3,661

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

COMPARATIVE TABLE showing the Number of Offences, Apprehensions, Convictions, and Acquittals for the last Four Years.

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
The number of offences reported to the Police	392	308	393	...
The number of persons apprehended by the Police or summoned before the Marine Magistrate	1,006	721	720	...
The number of summary convictions :—				
1. For offences against the person	...	1	...	...
2. For breaching cargo.....	...	...	...	...
3. For offences against property other than breaching cargo...	...	...	...	...
4. For other offences,	375	297	379	...
The number of convictions in the Superior Courts :—				
1. For offences against the person	...	...	...	...
2. For offences against property	...	...	...	...
3. For other offences	...	...	...	...
The number of persons acquitted :—				
1. In the Marine Magistrate's Court	20	11	28	...
2. In the Superior Courts.....	...	...	...	...

SUPREME COURT.

1.—RETURN OF CRIMINAL CASES *tried in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong during the year 1927.*

Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	CRIME.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Sentence.					Charges abandoned.		Cases postponed.		Bail Forfeited.
					Death.	Death recorded.	Imprisonment over one year.	Imprisonment one year or under.	Privately flogged.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons.	
1	1	Accessory after the fact	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	6	Assault by two or more with intent to rob	5	..	..	..	5	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
2	8	Attempt to commit an offence	8	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Being found by night with implements of house breaking	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Breach of a deportation order ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	10	Bribery of a public servant	7	2	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
1	1	Burd, Main, disfigure etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
4	4	Common assault	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..
4	10	Conspiracy to commit an offence ..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
1	1	Demanding money on forged instruments	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Failure to report under Prevention of Crimes Ord. 1887	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	2	Forcibly taking a person for ransom	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
1	2	Forcibly detaining a person for ransom	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Forgery of a document	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
1	1	Housebreaking and larceny	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	3	Kidnapping	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	10	Larceny	7	1	..	..	4	3	..	2	2	..	..	..
5	5	Manslaughter	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
7	8	Murder	2	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Obtaining money by false pretences	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8	11	Offering bribe to public servant ..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
3	19	Piracy with violence	15	4	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	7	Piracy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..
1	1	Procuring delivery of money on forged instrument	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	18	Receiving stolen goods	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	14	..	..	..
27	52	Robbery by two or more	42	5	..	..	40	2	7	2	5	..	..	..
3	3	Robbery with violence	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
2	2	Stealing	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	1	Unlawful possession of arms	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	5	Unlawful possession in Colony of property stolen abroad	3	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	3	Uttering forged document	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
112	199		112	47	17	17	87	8	12	21	39	..	..	1

2.—Indictments and Informations in the Supreme Court,
including Courts analogous to the Courts of Quarter Sessions in England, *i.e.*,
District Courts, &c. (Year 1927.)

Showing how the cases tried in the Superior Courts ended.	Including Attempts and Conspiracies to commit the several offences.											
	Total.	Murder.	Manslaughter.	Piracy.	Concealment of Birth.	Abortion.	Rape.	Unnatural Crimes.	Robbery by two or more.	Other Offences against the Person.	Offences against Property.	Miscellaneous Offences.
Judgment for the Crown,...	112	2	1	15	..	..	..	..	42	11	11	30
Judgment for the prisoner,	47	6	3	4	..	..	..	..	5	2	1	26
Prisoner found insane,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases which fell through for want of prosecution or absence of accused, and cases thrown out by the Grand Jury (Attorney General),	39	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	5	5	3	18
Cases postponed,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bail Forfeited	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	199	8	5	26	..	..	..	..	52	18	15	75

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POLICE COURTS.

LIST of OFFENCES TRIED during the year 1927.

OFFENCES.	No. of CASES.	No. of PRI- SONERS.	OFFENCES.	No. of CASES.	No. of PRI- SONERS.
			<i>Brought forward</i>	3,657	5,470
Accessories and Abettors Ordinance—3 of 1865	3	4	Larceny Ordinance—5 of 1865.— <i>Continued</i>		
Advertisement Regulation Ordinance—19 of 1922	2	3	Sacrilege, Burglary and house breaking, (Sections 38—47)	57	66
Arms and Ammunition Ordinance—2 of 1900,— Contraventions of	101	106	Larceny in dwelling houses, (Sections 48—49),	61	62
Bankruptcy Ordinance—7 of 1891	2	2	“ in ships, Wharves, &c., (Sections 50—53)	1	1
Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance—7 of 1896,— Contraventions of	3	4	“ or embezzlement by clerks, servants, &c., (Sections 54—60)	80	66
Boarding House Ordinance—23 of 1917	20	20	Frauds by bankers, agents, &c., (Sections 62—74)	6	6
Chinese Marriage Preservation Ordinance—42 of 1912	4	4	Obtaining property by false pretences, (Sec. 75—78)	54	54
Coinage Offences Ordinance—7 of 1865,— Offences relating to the King's gold and silver coin, (Sections 3—12)	10	10	Receiving stolen property, (Sections 79—87)	158	187
(“ 13—14)	5	15	Apprehension of Offender's and other proceeding, (Sections 91—97)	2	1
Cinematograph Film Ordinance—23 of 1923	2	2	Licensing Ordinance—8 of 1887,— Contraventions of and Offences under	3,958	3,906
Common Law Offences	85	101	“ of Regulations made thereunder	2,397	2,408
Coroners Abolition Ordinance—5 of 1888	3	3	Live Stock Import and Export Regulation Ordinance— 15 of 1903	1	1
Criminal Intimidation Ordinance—13 of 1920	25	36	Liquor Licence Ordinance—9 of 1911,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part I, (Sections 3—40)	70	74
Dangerous Goods Ordinance—1 of 1873,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder	22	22	Part II, (Sections 41—73)	6	7
Dangerous Drugs Ordinance—22 of 1923	8	9	“ III, (“ 74—96)	89	95
Deportation Ordinance—25 of 1917	190	194	Macao Extradition Ordinance—1 of 1881	1	1
Dogs Ordinance—5 of 1893,— Contraventions of	618	616	Magistrates Ordinance—3 of 1890,— Offences under	2,793	4,210
Emergency Regulations Ordinance—5 of 1922	5	12	Malicious Damage Ordinance—6 of 1865,— Injuries by Sea or River banks etc., (Sec. 25—26)	...	...
Electricity Supply Ordinance—18 of 1911	3	3	Miscellaneous injuries, (Sections 42—44)	16	25
Eating House Ordinance—9 of 1911	15	15	Marine Store Protection Ordinance—13 of 1919	3	3
Employers and Servants Ordinance—45 of 1902,— Proceedings under	37	41	Marrried Women (Maintenance in case of desertion) Ordinance—10 of 1905,— Proceedings under	11	14
Extradition Act Ordinance—1870-1906	1	1	Medical Registration Ordinance—1 of 1884	1	1
Forest Offences Ordinance—32 of 1923	1	10	Merchant Shipping Ordinance—10 of 1899,— Contraventions of and Offences under Part VI, (Sections 21—30)	3	8
Forgery Ordinance—11 of 1922—(Sections 2—3)	2	3	Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder	12	12
(“ 4—8)	17	17	Merchandise Marks Ordinance—4 of 1890,— Contraventions of and Offences under	9	9
Uttering forged bank notes, (Section 9)	5	6	Midwife Ordinance—22 of 1910	1	1
(“ 10—15)	22	26	Misdemeanour Punishment Ordinance—1 of 1898,— Offences under	120	125
(“ 16—21)	17	14	New Territories (Regulations) Ordinance—8 of 1899	3	3
(“ 22—28)	2	2	Offences against the person Ordinance—2 of 1865,— Homicide, (Sections 2—9)	14	18
Ports Protection Ordinance—3 of 1911	2	2	Acts causing or tending to cause danger to life, &c., (Sections 16—31)	33	47
Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881	2	2	Assaults, (Sections 32—43)	417	537
Fisheries (dynamite) Ordinance—4 of 1911	1	2	Forcible taking or detention of persons, (Sections 44—45)	15	34
Gambling Ordinance—2 of 1891,— Contraventions of and Offences under	758	2,406	Loitering at night and suspected of felony (Section 57)	1	2
Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance—14 of 1901,— Contraventions of and Offences under	4	7	Opium Ordinance—30 of 1923,— Contraventions of, Part I, (Sections 1—3)	70	81
Indecent Exhibition Ordinance—3 of 1918	13	14	“ “ II, (“ 4—8)	31	34
Larceny Ordinance—5 of 1865,— Larceny by Bailee (Section 4)	15	16	“ “ III, (“ 9—20)	5,060	7,752
Simple Larceny	1,073	1,115	“ “ IV, (“ 21—43)	2	2
Larceny of cattle and other animals, (Sections 9—17), “ of things attached to or growing on land, (Sections 22—28)	4	4	Pawn Brokers Ordinance—1 of 1860,— Contraventions of	26	25
Larceny from the person and similar Offences, (Sections 29—37)	194	211	Peak Tramway Ordinance	3	3
	361	390	Plant Ordinance—11 of 1920	1	1
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,657	5,470	<i>Carried forward</i>	1,943	2,452

LIST of OFFENCES TRIED during the year 1927,—Continued.

OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	NO. OF PRISONERS.	OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	NO. OF PRISONERS.
<i>Brought forward</i>	1,943	2,452	<i>Brought forward</i>	20,453	26,560
Pharmacy Ordinance—9 of 1916	1	1	Servant Quarters Ordinance—11 of 1903,— Offences under	3	3
Piracy Prevention Ordinance—23 of 1914	1	1	Small tenements Recovery Ordinance—10 of 1897	...	...
Piracy Ordinance Sec. 7 Will. IV & Vict. Chap. 88... ..	4	21	Societies Ordinance—8 of 1920	7	8
Police Force Ordinance—11 of 1900,— Offences under	30	40	Special Police Reserve Ordinance—24 of 1914	1	1
Prevention of Crimes Ordinance—4 of 1887	3	3	Stamp Ordinance—8 of 1921,— Offences under	43	48
Post Office Ordinance—6 of 1900,— Contraventions of and Offences under	2	2	Stowaways Ordinance—5 of 1903.— Offences under	26	40
Printers and Publishers Ordinance—4 of 1886	1	1	Summary Offences Ordinance—1 of 1845,— Nuisances, Trespasses and Similar Offences, (Sections 3—21)	5,710	5,861
Prison Ordinance—4 of 1899,— Offences under	2	2	Offences against good order, (Sections 22—35)	259	501
Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance—4 of 1897,— Offences under	162	175	Possession of stolen goods, (Sections 36—41)	376	387
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance—1 of 1903,— Contraventions of Part I, (Sections 1—7)	8	8	Proceedings under Miscellaneous Provisions, (Sections 42—51)	3	9
“ “ II, (“ “ 8—95)	483	508	Tobacco Ordinance—10 of 1916	47	51
“ “ III, (“ “ 96—235)	54	57	Tramways Ordinance—10 of 1902,— Contraventions of Offences under	10	10
“ “ VI, (“ “ 255—264)	12	11	Travellers Restriction Ordinance—19 of 1915	4	3
Failure to comply with B. A. Notice	15	15	Vagrancy Ordinance—9 of 1897,— Proceedings under	92	100
“ “ S. B. “	258	258	Vaccination Ordinance—2 of 1923	6	8
Public Places Regulation Ordinance—2 of 1870,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder	7	8	Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance—40 of 1912,— Contraventions of Regulations made thereunder	4,646	4,639
Perjury Ordinance—21 of 1922	1	1	“ “ and Offences “ “	426	439
Railway Ordinance—21 of 1909	4	4	Volunteer Ordinance—2 of 1920	13	13
Registration of Persons Ordinance—35 of 1923	13	15	Water Works Ordinance—16 of 1903,— Offences under	3	3
Regulation of Chinese Ordinance—3 of 1888,— Offences under Part V, (Sections 22—28)	40	40	Weights and Measures Ordinance—2 of 1885,— Contraventions of and Offences under	22	22
“ “ VII, (“ “ 50—51)	4	4	Wild Birds and game preservation Ord.—6 of 1885	6	6
“ “ (“ “ 52—55)	2	2	Undecided Cases	100	100
River Steamer Ordinance—6 of 1895	1	1			
Rogue and Vagabond 5 Geo. IV, c. 83	32	34			
Sale of Food and Drug Ordinance—8 of 1896	7	7			
Seditious Publication Ordinance—6 of 1914	24	23			
<i>Carried forward</i>	20,453	26,560	TOTAL	32,222	38,846

ABSTRACT OF CASES under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during the Year 1927.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES.	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES.		TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS.		CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.																WRITS ISSUED BY THE POLICE MAGISTRATES DURING THE YEAR.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
	Total Number of Classes.		Total Number of Prisoners.		Convicted and Punished.		Discharged.		Committed for Trial at the Supreme Court.		Committed to Prison or Detained pending Orders of H.E. the Governor.		Ordered to find Security.						Witnesses punished for perverting False Charge or giving willful False Testimony.		Undecided.		Total Number of Prisoners.		Summons for Defendants.		Summons for Witnesses.		Notices of Re-hearing.		Warrants.					TOTAL.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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Assaults and other offences against the person,	629	799	279	119	144	19	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* TOTAL MALES AND FEMALES, 38,845

• Consisting of Offenders not sentenced to Imprisonment.

RETURN of PUNISHMENTS awarded in respect of CERTAIN CLASSES of OFFENCES, during the Year.

PUNISHMENTS.		Assaults and other offences against the person.	Malicious injuries to property.	Gambling.	Offences against property other than malicious injuries to property or predial larceny.	Offences against Revenue Acts, Highway Acts, Health Acts, and other Acts relating to the social economy of the colony.	Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to indentured coolies.	Other offences.
Description.	Number of each kind inflicted.							
Fines,	26,815	252	6	1,986	144	4,315	14	20,098
Imprisonment in lieu of fine or security, ...	2,547	44	...	51	148	1,886	...	418
Peremptory Imprisonment,	4,585	98	6	94	1,255	2,172	...	960
Whipping,	426	4	1	9	153	84	...	175
Juvenile Prison,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exposed in Stocks,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sentenced to House of Detention,	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Bound over with or without Sureties,	570	216	5	...	16	5	4	324
Juvenile Offences Prison, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL,	34,989	614	18	2,140	1,716	8,462	18	22,021

4.—ABSTRACT of CASES brought under COGNIZANCE of the POLICE MAGISTRATES' COURTS during a period of ten years 1918-1927.

CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF, AND THE NUMBER OF MALE AND FEMALE PRISONERS UNDER EACH HEAD.																					
Year	Total number of cases.	Convicted and punished.		Discharged.		Committed for trial at Supreme Court.		Committed to prison or detained pending order of His Excellency the Governor.		Ordered to find security To keep the peace, to be of good behaviour, and to answer any charge.		Did not appear and absconded.	Escaped before being brought for trial at the Magistrate.		Escaped.	Punished for preferring false charge or giving false testimony.		Undecided.		Total number of defendants.	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1918, ...	9,805	9,359	373	1,947	127	117	10	...	...	197	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	11,665	545
1919, ...	12,961	13,788	364	1,662	108	146	2	2	...	76	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	2	13,673	475
1920, ...	15,267	15,520	517	1,541	119	136	5	4	...	143	19	...	...	...	...	1	...	35	2	17,380	665
1921, ...	17,374	18,726	695	2,247	151	85	8	5	...	173	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	38	5	21,275	864
1922, ...	18,535	18,338	614	2,018	76	198	...	...	...	246	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	2	20,835	722
Total, ...	73,942	75,731	2,563	9,415	581	682	25	11	...	835	102	...	...	...	...	2	...	196	11	84,828	3,271
Average per Year, {	14,788.4	15,146.2	512.6	1,883	116.2	139.4	5	2.2	...	167	20.4	...	...	...	...	4	...	39.2	2.2	16,965.6	654.2
1923, ...	21,720	22,975	356	3,190	72	246	...	...	...	264	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	5	26,773	450
1924, ...	27,721	28,708	859	5,154	172	171	6	...	...	376	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	176	15	34,585	1,090
1925, ...	25,790	25,896	1,595	4,099	212	178	2	...	...	323	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	2	30,696	1,864
1926, ...	30,516	31,360	1,379	3,540	149	83	...	...	...	403	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	...	35,509	1,592
1927, ...	32,122	33,114	1,306	3,501	160	93	1	...	...	521	49	...	1	...	...	...	...	100	...	37,330	1,516
Total, ...	137,872	142,053	5,495	19,484	795	771	9	...	...	1,887	191	...	1	...	...	...	...	697	22	161,893	6,512
Average per Year, {	27,574.4	28,410.6	1,099	3,896.8	159	154.2	1.8	...	...	377.4	38.2	...	2	...	...	...	...	139.4	4.4	32,975.6	1,302.4
Grand Total for the 10 Years, {	211,814	217,784	8,058	28,899	1,376	1,453	34	11	...	2,722	293	...	...	...	...	2	...	893	33	249,721	9,783
Average per Year, {	21,181.4	21,778.4	805.8	2,889.9	137.6	145.3	3.4	1.1	...	272.2	29.3	...	...	...	...	2	...	89.3	3.3	24,972.1	978.3

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MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

1.—TABLE showing the Number of Persons brought before the Marine Magistrate by Arrest Warrants or Summonses for Offences, and how their Cases were disposed of.

	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, ...	...	...	2	...
Gambling,	...	...	...	...
Offences against property* (other than predial lar- ceny),	...	...	...	...
Refusal of duty,	...	...		...
Offences against Masters and Servants Acts, including Acts relating to indentured coolies,	...	...	...	...
Other offences,	24	12	651	...
Total number of persons summoned or apprehended, ...	24	12	654	...

* Include both offences against rights of property and injuries to the subjects of property.

2.—TABLE showing the Number of Summary Convictions for various Classes of Offences, and the kind of Punishments Inflicted.

Punishments.	Total number of offences.	Assaults and other offences against the person.	Ma- licious injuries to property.	Gam- bling.	Offences against pro- perty other than malicious injuries to property or predial larceny.	Offences against Harbour regula- tions.	Refusal of duty.	Other offences.
Fine,	316	...	...	...	...	190	...	126
Imprisonment in lieu of fine or surety,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peremptory imprisonment,	17	2	...	...	...	...	1	14
Bound over with or without sureties,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forfeiture of pay,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reprimanded,	13	...	...	...	...	9	...	4
Total,	346	2	...	...	...	199	1	144

NOTE.—Where there has been an appeal from the Marine Magistrate's decision the case is to be entered as finally decided, and not necessarily according to the Marine Magistrate's original decision.

3.—RETURN of CASES tried during the last Ten Years.

Year.	No. of cases.	No. of defendants.	Defendants, how disposed of.									
			Imprisoned with hard labour.	Imprisoned in default of fine.	Imprisonment without hard labour.	Fined.	Forfeiture of pay.	Reprimanded.	Sent back to duty.	To be discharged from ship.	Dismissed.	Forfeiture of gunpowder.
1918,	261	504	24	21	—	462	—	17	—	—	40	—
1919,	167	360	18	11	—	293	2	6	—	—	30	—
1920,	200	524	51	4	—	354	1	49	—	—	65	—
1921,	364	867	52	11	—	745	—	27	—	—	32	—
1922,	306	773	44	7	—	675	1	20	—	—	26	—
Total....	1,298	3,088	189	54	—	2,529	4	119	—	—	193	—
1923,	268	644	47	2	—	475	—	49	—	—	70	—
1924,	392	1,006	25	7	—	849	—	103	—	1	20	—
1925,	308	721	27	8	—	663	—	12	—	2	11	—
1926,	393	720	32	—	—	634	—	26	—	—	28	—
1927,	324	678	43	9	—	588	—	14	—	—	24	—
Total....	1,685	3,769	174	26	—	3,209	—	204	—	3	153	—
Average of { 1st period, {	259.0	617.6	37.8	10.8	—	505.8	.8	23.8	—	—	38.6	—
Average of { 2nd period, {	337.0	753.8	34.8	5.2	—	641.8	—	40.8	—	.6	30.6	—

POLICE.

1.—RETURN OF SERIOUS OFFENCES REPORTED DURING THE 10 YEARS ENDING 1927, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS ARRESTED, CONVICTED, AND DISCHARGED.

YEAR.	Murder.			Robbery.			Burglary and Larceny in Dwelling House.			Assault with Intent to Rob.			Kidnapping and Protection of Women and Girls.			Piracy.			Unlawful Possession.			Larceny.			Felonies not already given.			All Serious Offences.											
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	Total No. arrested.												
1918,	24	7	11	18	89	33	22	55	347	28	7	35	5	6	1	7	95	76	34	110	...	...	...	288	246	80	326	2,526	1,046	294	1,340	205	85	168	3,579	1,527	532	2,059	
1919,	31	10	13	23	115	43	9	52	375	30	4	31	7	5	2	7	126	111	28	139	...	...	...	472	430	89	519	3,132	1,403	264	1,757	279	158	93	3,537	2,280	502	2,782	
1920,	23	3	10	13	101	36	11	47	519	29	2	31	7	9	3	12	113	107	12	119	...	...	...	110	390	117	507	3,503	1,526	263	1,789	280	135	82	217	4,986	2,255	500	2,735
1921,	25	2	14	16	115	25	11	36	479	18	2	20	2	3	...	3	96	78	28	106	...	...	...	294	316	37	353	2,861	1,192	189	1,381	258	118	68	186	4,130	1,752	349	2,101
1922,	35	5	8	13	242	10	26	66	631	26	13	39	2	...	2	4	63	58	13	71	...	...	...	336	313	58	371	2,671	1,093	195	1,288	275	122	83	205	1,260	1,661	389	2,059
Total...	138	27	56	83	662	177	79	256	2,351	131	28	159	23	23	8	31	493	430	115	515	...	...	...	1,830	1,695	381	2,076	14,693	6,350	1,205	7,555	1,297	618	419	21,492	9,455	2,281	11,736	
1923,	28	6	10	16	151	30	19	49	599	72	7	79	4	7	...	7	68	62	13	75	...	...	...	431	246	127	373	1,949	879	264	1,143	225	165	102	267	2,457	5,309	993	6,302
1924,	19	7	1	8	109	32	12	44	587	77	13	90	3	3	2	5	65	64	13	77	...	...	...	365	323	72	395	2,112	1,673	191	1,264	639	388	171	562	3,932	1,972	482	2,454
1925,	30	7	19	26	173	56	22	78	467	39	5	35	1	1	...	1	10	5	7	12	...	...	...	336	307	102	409	1,787	832	130	962	841	601	165	766	3,645	1,839	450	2,289
1926,	27	9	4	13	119	39	16	55	557	51	10	64	2	3	...	3	23	20	11	31	...	...	...	258	233	49	282	2,155	1,019	147	1,166	827	556	200	756	3,971	1,936	437	2,373
1927,	17	4	8	12	100	39	14	53	675	79	15	94	5	7	4	11	23	21	9	30	...	...	...	326	307	44	351	2,615	1,331	173	1,507	1,111	754	279	1,633	4,879	2,554	546	3,100
Total...	121	33	42	75	672	196	83	279	2,886	312	50	362	15	21	6	27	189	172	53	225	...	...	...	1,616	1,416	394	1,810	10,618	5,137	965	6,042	3,643	2,461	920	3,384	18,884	13,610	2,905	16,918
Average of 1st period, 1918-1922,	27.6	5.4	11.2	16.6	122.4	35.4	15.8	51.2	462	26.2	5.6	31.8	4.6	4.6	1.6	6.2	98.6	86	23	109	...	...	...	366	339	76.2	415.2	2968.6	1270	211	1,511	269	123.6	83.8	266.1	4298.4	1,891	456.2	2374.2
Average of 2nd period, 1923-1927,	24.2	6.6	8.4	15	130.4	39.2	16.6	55.8	577	62.4	10	72.1	3	4.2	1.2	5.4	37.8	34.4	10.6	45	...	...	...	6.6	323.2	283.2	78.8	362	2129.6	1027.4	181	1,208.4	728.6	402.8	184	1,076.8	2,722	591.6	3303.6

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2.—RETURN of MINOR OFFENCES reported during the 10 Years ending 1926, showing Number of Prisoners Arrested, Courtied and Discharged.

YEAR.	ASSAULT.			GAMBLING.			MISCELLANEOUS.			DRUNKENNESS.	NUISANCES.	ALL MINOR OFFENCES.			
	Cases reported.	No. of Persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of Persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.	Cases reported.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons discharged.	Total No. arrested.
1918,	312	622	66	598	238	1,049	176	1,225	3,749	4,330	336	552	4,870	5,901	6,479
1919,	365	550	90	646	380	1,839	79	1,908	4,561	5,053	434	664	6,005	7,492	8,095
1920,	455	534	104	638	437	2,141	86	2,227	4,689	5,398	473	1,266	6,926	8,073	8,736
1921,	528	645	85	730	460	1,975	193	2,168	6,073	8,821	827	937	8,112	11,441	12,546
1922,	542	766	69	835	471	1,767	143	1,910	7,221	9,703	825	1,388	9,679	12,236	13,273
Total,	2,202	3,117	414	3,431	1,986	8,821	677	9,498	26,293	33,305	2,895	4,807	35,592	45,143	49,129
1923,	279	278	93	371	412	2,485	187	2,672	563	652	90	220	5,452	5,740	6,066
1924,	304	341	74	415	393	2,268	198	2,466	9,577	14,841	1,129	273	10,583	17,766	19,193
1925,	217	234	48	282	445	2,289	193	2,482	9,157	13,766	1,402	326	10,200	16,289	17,932
1926,	310	359	76	435	335	1,668	113	1,781	14,881	20,402	1,753	513	16,077	22,999	24,951
1927,	332	384	75	459	791	2,718	200	3,008	18,170	23,050	1,642	248	19,565	26,152	28,159
Total,	1,442	1,596	360	1,962	2,376	11,428	981	12,409	52,348	72,711	6,016	1,580	61,877	88,946	96,301
Average of 1st period,	440.4	623.4	82.8	686.2	397.2	1,764.2	135.4	1,899.6	5,258.6	6,661.	579.	961.4	7,118.4	9,028.6	9,825.8
Average of 2nd period,	288.4	319.2	73.2	392.4	473.2	2,285.6	196.2	2,481.8	10,489.6	14,542.2	1,203.2	316.	12,375.4	17,789.2	19,260.2

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PRISON.

1.—RETURN showing the NUMBER of PRISONERS on the last Day of each Week
of the Year 1927.

WEEK.	EUROPEANS.		CHINESE OR COLOURED.		TOTAL.	WEEK.	EUROPEANS.		CHINESE OR COLOURED.		TOTAL.
	Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.			Males.	Fe- males.	Males.	Fe- males.	
1927.						1927.					
January 5	4	...	1,017	42	1,063	July 6	5	...	1,148	98	1,251
" 12	6	...	1,038	44	1,088	" 13	5	...	1,135	88	1,228
" 19	7	...	1,054	44	1,105	" 20	5	...	1,144	94	1,243
" 26	6	...	1,069	45	1,120	" 27	5	...	1,144	85	1,224
February 2	5	...	1,052	44	1,101	August 3	5	...	1,154	69	1,228
" 9	6	...	1,014	46	1,066	" 10	6	...	1,123	61	1,190
" 16	5	...	1,036	49	1,090	" 17	6	...	1,118	57	1,181
" 23	3	...	1,040	42	1,085	" 24	6	...	1,108	57	1,171
March 2	9	...	1,064	51	1,124	" 31	6	...	1,119	55	1,180
" 9	8	...	1,126	48	1,182	September 7	9	...	1,138	51	1,198
" 16	9	...	1,092	54	1,155	" 14	9	...	1,141	55	1,205
" 23	7	...	1,082	59	1,148	" 21	7	...	1,164	56	1,227
" 30	11	1	1,119	62	1,193	" 28	7	...	1,212	59	1,278
April 6	7	...	1,125	61	1,193	October 5	7	...	1,212	54	1,273
" 13	7	...	1,106	72	1,185	" 12	10	...	1,203	59	1,272
" 20	9	...	1,111	75	1,195	" 19	11	...	1,192	61	1,254
" 27	7	...	1,141	77	1,225	" 26	9	...	1,155	56	1,220
May 3	5	...	1,123	78	1,206	November 2	11	...	1,161	48	1,210
" 10	6	...	1,106	77	1,189	" 9	11	...	1,173	47	1,221
" 17	7	...	1,105	77	1,189	" 16	11	...	1,149	49	1,199
" 24	6	...	1,125	81	1,212	" 23	11	...	1,166	52	1,229
June 1	7	...	1,196	80	1,283	" 30	8	...	1,146	48	1,202
" 8	7	...	1,170	82	1,259	December 7	6	...	1,145	54	1,205
" 15	8	...	1,162	81	1,251	" 14	10	...	1,142	57	1,209
" 22	7	...	1,144	78	1,229	" 21	10	...	1,148	61	1,219
" 29	6	...	1,147	102	1,255	" 28	9	...	1,112	53	1,174

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2.—STATEMENT of the DAILY AVERAGE of PRISONERS for each Month of the Year, from 1918 to 1927.

MONTHS.	1918.			1919.			1920.			1921.			1922.			1923.			1924.			1925.			1926.			1927.		
	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.	E.	I.	C.
January,	5	13	583	2	11	661	5	10	774	7	11	769	7	7	659	10	7	841	7	6	909	4	5	1,077	8	6	958	6	8	1,080
February, ...	5	10	568	4	13	657	6	9	769	8	9	745	6	9	637	11	6	837	7	7	925	6	6	1,091	7	8	952	5	6	1,078
March,	5	11	551	6	10	655	7	10	712	6	9	693	2	8	585	10	4	827	8	7	957	3	5	1,125	7	9	993	9	8	1,139
April,	6	10	560	7	9	714	6	10	708	4	7	724	2	7	641	15	3	833	7	7	990	3	5	1,162	5	9	1,018	8	7	1,174
May,	2	11	579	4	10	715	7	11	726	9	3	783	1	7	751	17	2	835	6	9	999	5	5	1,266	8	6	1,066	6	7	1,197
June,	1	11	592	4	12	756	7	9	707	8	5	814	3	8	816	15	3	819	4	8	1,054	6	7	1,274	6	9	1,078	7	8	1,225
July,	Nil.	14	568	5	9	731	5	11	694	3	4	821	3	9	849	12	5	823	8	6	1,099	7	10	1,141	6	9	1,078	5	8	1,224
August,	1	23	542	5	11	786	4	11	731	2	6	782	2	7	888	11	4	847	9	5	1,119	7	8	1,022	6	15	1,100	6	5	1,168
September, ...	3	13	552	4	13	800	8	12	726	3	9	800	7	6	803	15	5	846	10	6	1,135	6	8	1,026	7	17	1,079	7	4	1,200
October,	2	10	636	6	15	829	9	21	757	6	7	760	2	5	898	10	5	877	7	8	1,174	6	8	1,018	5	19	1,005	9	5	1,233
November, ...	1	12	661	7	14	801	3	14	787	4	7	655	3	6	926	9	5	887	6	9	1,152	9	7	1,019	4	15	1,050	10	5	1,196
December, ...	4	8	640	7	14	763	4	9	767	4	6	676	8	7	854	9	5	857	6	9	1,104	7	8	1,029	5	11	1,038	9	10	1,181
TOTAL,	35	146	7,032	61	141	8,868	71	137	8,858	64	83	9,022	46	86	9,307	144	541	10,129	85	87	12,617	69	82	13,214	74	133	12,435	87	81	14,095
AVERAGE, ...	3	12	586	5	12	739	6	11	738	5	7	772	4	7	776	12	5	844	7	7	1,051	6	7	1,103	6	11	1,037	7	7	1,175

C.=Chinese.

I.=Indians.

E.=Europeans.