

## 4.—Juvenile Delinquency.

Juveniles under 16 years of age to the number of 7,962 were found guilty of various offences in the year ended Sept. 30, 1924, as compared with 6,571 in 1923, an increase of 1,391. Of these 4,722 were convicted of "major" offences and 3,240 of "minor" offences, terms which correspond very nearly to "indictable" and "non-indictable" offences, as applied to adults. Convictions for "major" offences numbered 4,165 in 1923, and convictions for "minor" offences 2,406. The offences proven against juveniles in 1923 and 1924 are shown by provinces in Table 34 and by chief types of major offences committed in Table 35.

**34.—Juvenile Delinquents convicted of Major and Minor Offences, by Provinces and Sex, 1923 and 1924.**

Provinces.		Major Offences.			Minor Offences.		
		1923.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.	1923.	1924.	Increase or Decrease.
Prince Edward Island.....	M.	10	31	+ 21	-	-	-
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	10	31	+ 21	-	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	M.	249	246	- 3	75	136	+ 61
	F.	4	5	+ 1	1	8	+ 7
	Total	253	251	- 2	76	144	+ 68
New Brunswick.....	M.	59	58	- 1	-	21	+ 21
	F.	1	1	-	-	1	+ 1
	Total	60	59	- 1	-	22	+ 22
Quebec.....	M.	844	722	-122	519	590	+ 71
	F.	20	60	+ 40	109	135	+ 26
	Total	864	782	- 82	628	725	+ 97
Ontario.....	M.	1,589	1,963	+374	951	1,261	+310
	F.	44	81	+ 37	98	122	+ 24
	Total	1,633	2,044	+411	1,049	1,383	+334
Manitoba.....	M.	550	682	+132	428	708	+280
	F.	31	68	+ 37	67	98	+ 31
	Total	581	750	+169	495	806	+311
Saskatchewan.....	M.	241	338	+ 97	21	46	+ 25
	F.	8	24	+ 16	7	1	- 6
	Total	249	362	+113	28	47	+ 19
Alberta.....	M.	241	189	- 52	36	30	- 6
	F.	5	3	- 2	2	1	- 1
	Total	246	192	- 54	38	31	- 7
British Columbia.....	M.	256	240	- 16	74	71	- 3
	F.	12	11	- 1	18	11	- 7
	Total	268	251	- 17	92	82	- 10
Yukon.....	M.	1	-	- 1	-	-	-
Canada.....	M.	4,040	4,469	+429	2,104	2,863	+759
	F.	125	253	+128	302	377	+ 75
	Total	4,165	4,722	+557	2,406	3,240	+834

**Major Offences.**—In Table 35 are shown the various major offences for which juvenile delinquents were convicted in 1923 and 1924. It will be observed that theft, together with house and shop-breaking, constitutes the great bulk of the offences; in 1923, 83 p.c. of the major offences were of this character.