

Major Offences.—In Table 34 are shown the various major offences for which juvenile delinquents were convicted in 1926 and 1927. It will be observed that theft, together with house- and shop-breaking, accounts for the great bulk of the offences; in 1927, 79 p.c. of the major offences were of this character.

34.—Juvenile Delinquents convicted of Major Offences, by Offences, 1926 and 1927

Offences.	1926.	1927.	Increase or Decrease.			
			No.	p.c.		
Assault, aggravated, and wounding.....	16	14	—	2	—	12-50
" common.....	109	99	—	10	—	9-17
" indecent.....	22	28	+	6	+	27-27
Sexual offences.....	8	5	—	3	—	37-50
Endangering life by obstructing railway.....	60	28	—	32	—	53-33
Manslaughter.....	2	—	—	2	—	100-00
Other offences against the person.....	3	5	+	2	+	66-67
House and shop-breaking.....	653	770	+	117	+	17-92
Robbery.....	6	2	—	4	—	66-67
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	3,462	3,289	—	173	—	5-00
Fraud and false pretences.....	8	23	+	14	+	175-00
Arson.....	30	5	—	25	—	83-33
Other wilful damage to property.....	553	793	+	240	+	43-40
Forgery.....	14	7	—	7	—	50-00
Immoral and indecent conduct.....	114	68	—	46	—	40-35
Various other misdemeanours.....	30	21	—	9	—	30-00
Total.....	5,990	5,156	+	86	+	1-39

Minor Offences.—Of the 3,029 juvenile delinquents found guilty of minor offences in 1927, 755 were convicted of breaches of municipal by-laws, 479 of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, 340 of disobedience and incorrigibility, 463 of trespass, 182 of truancy, 296 of vagrancy and indecent conduct, and 514 of other minor offences.

Subsection 5.—Police Statistics.

In 1927, 143 cities and towns with a population of 4,000 and over supplied police statistics to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These cities and towns, with an aggregate population of 3,380,659, had 4,460 policemen, who made 219,573 arrests and summonses. The total number of offences committed during the year and made known to the police was 253,588, and the number of prosecutions was 209,843, or 83 p.c. of the known offences. Convictions secured in respect of these offences numbered 174,054, being 68.6 p.c. of the known offences and 82.9 p.c. of the prosecutions.

The number of automobiles reported stolen was 9,364, of which 9,076 were recovered. Of 7,251 bicycles stolen 3,958 were recovered. The value of other lost articles reported to the police was \$1,591,688, of which 60 p.c. was recovered.

Subsection 6.—Penitentiary Statistics.

The Penitentiaries Branch of the Department of Justice is charged with the administration of the various penitentiaries in Canada. Six institutions are included in the system, the two largest of which are at Portsmouth, Ont., and St. Vincent de