

of "minor" offences, terms which correspond very nearly to "indictable" and "non-indictable" offences, as applied to adults. Convictions for "major" offences numbered 5,653 in 1930 and convictions for "minor" offences 2,772. The offences proven against juveniles in 1930 and 1931 are shown by provinces in Table 14 and by chief major offences committed for the years 1925-31 in Table 15.

#### 14.—Juvenile Delinquents Convicted of Major and Minor Offences, by Provinces and Sex, 1930 and 1931.

Province.	Major Offences.				Minor Offences.			
	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
Prince Edward Island.....	8	14	2	—	—	1	—	—
Nova Scotia.....	192	152	11	3	109	50	13	12
New Brunswick.....	123	155	8	11	149	185	21	35
Quebec.....	993	1,178	40	82	434	435	114	128
Ontario.....	2,068	1,657	87	101	859	784	94	76
Manitoba.....	818	826	51	59	463	349	57	41
Saskatchewan.....	367	276	14	21	70	51	6	5
Alberta.....	435	422	8	8	203	155	5	4
British Columbia.....	408	327	20	19	170	136	5	10
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>5,412</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>311</b>

**Major Offences.**—In Table 15 are shown the various major offences for which juvenile delinquents were convicted in 1925 to 1931. It will be observed that theft, house- and shop-breaking with theft, and other wilful damage to property account for the great bulk of the offences; in 1931, 91 p.c. of the major offences were of this character.

#### 15.—Juvenile Delinquents Convicted of Major Offences, by Offences, 1925-31.

Offence.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	Increase or Decrease in 1931.
Manslaughter.....		2		—	1	—	1	+ 1
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest.....	—	8	5	13	10	5	8	+ 3
Indecent assault.....	37	22	28	43	25	49	42	— 7
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	11	16	14	24	48	10	52	+42
Common assault.....	114	109	99	67	93	101	119	+18
Endangering life on railway.....	40	60	28	35	42	31	32	+ 1
Other offences against the person.....	5	3	5	2	3	3	2	— 1
Breaking, entering and theft.....	677	653	770	818	972	944	948	+ 4
Robbery.....	17	6	2	6	4	7	12	+ 6
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	3,275	3,462	3,289	3,255	3,081	3,662	3,139	—523
False pretences and fraud.....	12	8	22	19	15	24	11	—13
Arson.....	12	30	5	17	11	31	39	+ 8
Other wilful damage to property.....	581	553	793	620	679	702	749	+47
Forgery and offences against currency.....	7	14	7	13	12	17	10	— 7
Immorality.....	144	114	68	96	63	52	109	+57
Various other offences.....	48	30	21	44	46	15	37	+22
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>5,090</b>	<b>5,156</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>5,311</b>	<b>—342</b>

**Minor Offences.**—Of the 2,457 juvenile delinquents found guilty of minor offences in 1931, 598 were convicted of breaches of municipal by-laws, 430 of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, 288 of disobedience and incorrigibility, 297 of trespass, 329 of truancy, 264 of vagrancy and indecent conduct and 251 of other minor offences.