

custody on Mar. 31, 1932, as compared with the same date in the previous year. The number of paroles, as shown in Table 18 for 1932, is a decrease of 34 compared with the previous year. It has fluctuated considerably between the 566 mark in 1924 and the figure of 379 set for 1932. Table 19, showing the ages of convicts by groups, indicates that since 1925, when the total number in custody reached 2,345, there has been a decrease in the average age of those in custody. In the last five years, the convicts under 30 increased from 1,317 to 2,435 or by 1,118, while the total number in custody increased by 1,684; so that convicts under 30 showed both an actual and a proportional increase. Detailed statistics of nationality, religion, conjugal state and racial origin of convicts are presented in Table 20.

Movement of Population of Penal Institutions.—Penal institutions may be classified under four heads: penitentiaries, with slow turnover, since prisoners have long sentences; reformatories for boys and reformatories for girls, also with rather slow turnovers, but more rapid in the case of boys than in that of girls; and lastly common gaols, where the turnover is extremely rapid. If the average population for the year be the average of the inmates at the beginning and end of the year, and the number discharged be the turnover, the turnover in 1931 was: in penitentiaries, 43 p.c.; in reformatories for boys, 314 p.c.; in reformatories for girls, 99 p.c.; in gaols, no less than 1,379 p.c. Thus the average time spent in gaol was about four weeks. In dealing with these figures it must be borne in mind that common gaol population changes from day to day and is partly made up of accused persons awaiting trial who may be liberated to-day or sent to a penitentiary or reformatory to-morrow.

17.—Population of Penal Institutions, 1929-31.

NOTE.—Penitentiary statistics until 1919 were supplied directly by each penitentiary and were for the calendar year. For 1920 and subsequent years they have been supplied by the Superintendent of Penitentiaries and are for the fiscal year ended Mar. 31. For other institutions, the figures are as at Sept. 30.

Penal Institutions.	In Custody, beginning of year.	Admitted during year.	Discharged during year.	In Custody, end of year.
1929.				
Penitentiaries.....	2,560	1,383	1,174	2,769
Reformatories for boys.....	2,435	7,615	7,328	2,722
Reformatories for girls.....	437	465	494	408
Gaols.....	3,129	57,165	56,715	3,579
Totals.....	8,561	66,628	65,711	9,478
1930.				
Penitentiaries.....	2,769	1,648	1,230	3,187
Reformatories for boys.....	2,846 ¹	9,728 ¹	9,469 ¹	3,105 ¹
Reformatories for girls.....	602 ²	543 ²	497 ²	648 ²
Gaols.....	3,579	63,672	62,968	4,283
Totals.....	9,796³	75,591³	74,164³	11,223³
1931.				
Penitentiaries.....	3,187	1,899	1,372	3,714
Reformatories for boys.....	3,105 ¹	10,014 ¹	9,737 ¹	3,180 ¹
Reformatories for girls.....	648 ²	684 ²	644 ²	932 ²
Gaols.....	4,283	59,358	59,065	4,467
Totals.....	11,223³	71,955³	70,818³	12,293³

¹St. John's Industrial School, Toronto, added in 1930.

²Alexander Industrial School, Toronto,

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