

Tables 18-20 give the more important penitentiary statistics as reported by the Superintendent. The number of convicts in penitentiaries was 1,865 in 1910, rose to 2,118 in 1916 and declined to 1,468 in 1918. After demobilization and the depression of 1921, the number of convicts rose to 2,640 in 1922, declined to 2,225 in 1924 and then increased to 4,164 in 1932. The increase was particularly rapid after 1929, amounting to 1,395 or 44 p.c. in three years. The number of convicts in 1936, at 3,098, was lower than in any year since 1929. The number of paroles, as shown in Table 18, numbered 431 in 1936, as compared with 554 in 1935, 731 in 1934, and 488 in 1933.

Table 19 shows the ages of convicts by groups. In 1935, of the total of 3,098, 9.0 p.c. were under 21 years of age and 47.5 p.c. between 21 and 30 years of age; thus 56.5 p.c. were under 30. In 1914 there were 2,003 convicts of whom 9.3 p.c. were under 20 and 44.4 p.c. between 20 and 30, a total of 53.7 p.c. under 30. In 1923 there were 2,486 convicts and 11.3 p.c. were under 20, 46.6 p.c. between 20 and 30, or 57.9 p.c. under 30 years of age. The average age of convicts appears to be slightly younger since the War, but no definite trend is shown in the past decade, although there is a good deal of variation from year to year. Detailed statistics of the race, nationality by place of birth, conjugal state, sex, and religion of convicts are presented in Table 20.

#### 18.—Movement of Convicts, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1929-36.

Schedule.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>In Custody Beginnings of Years.</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>3,187</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>3,552</b>
Received by—								
Forfeiture of parole.....	6	1	8	8	6	2	11	8
Revoked paroles.....	14	23	19	—	3	—	4	6
Recapture.....	—	1	1	3	1	—	—	—
Transfer.....	110	187	172	145	218	179	241	180
Received from gaols, etc.....	1,253 <sup>1</sup>	1,436	1,699	1,787	2,123	1,532	1,221	1,364
<b>Totals Received.....</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,558</b>
Discharged by—								
Death.....	16	14	12	16	15	21	17	13
Escape.....	2 <sup>2</sup>	1	1	3	1	—	2 <sup>1</sup>	—
Expiry of sentence.....	577	559	654	837	1,063	943	1,226	1,263
Order of the Court.....	1	2	1	—	4	5	5	2
Pardon.....	10	15	26	19	44	74	49	76
Parole.....	384	363	413	379	488	731	554	431
Transfer.....	110	187	170	150	219	228	241	182
Deportation.....	61	77	89	83	88 <sup>3</sup>	80	50	45
Transfer to provincial gaol and execution.....	—	2	—	—	5	—	—	—
Return to provincial authorities.	13	10	6	6	1	2	1	—
<b>Totals Discharged.....</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,012</b>
<b>In Custody Ends of Years.....</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>3,187</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>3,098</b>

<sup>1</sup> From asylum. <sup>2</sup> One from asylum. <sup>3</sup> Two from provincial institutions. <sup>4</sup> This discrepancy between those in custody at the end of the fiscal year 1933 and the beginning of 1934 appears in the reports of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries for those years. <sup>5</sup> Includes 1 by extradition.