

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, but, in 1937 there was an increase of 5.4 p.c. The number of paroles, as shown in Table 18, numbered 351 in 1937, as compared with 431 in 1936, 554 in 1935, and 731 in 1934.

Table 19 shows the ages of convicts by groups. In 1937, of the total of 3,264, 9.7 p.c. were under 21 years of age and 46.4 p.c. between 21 and 30 years of age; thus 56.1 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, 1930-37.

Schedule.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>In Custody, Beginnings of Years</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>3,187</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>4,591<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>3,552</b>	<b>3,097<sup>1</sup></b>
Received by—								
Forfeiture of parole.....	1	8	8	6	2	11	8	12
Revoked paroles.....	23	19	Nil	3	Nil	4	6	Nil
Recapture.....	1	1	3	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Transfer.....	187	172	145	218	179	241	180	176
Received from gaols, etc.....	1,436	1,699	1,787	2,123	1,532	1,221	1,364	1,332
<b>Totals Received.....</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>	<b>1,521</b>
Discharged by—								
Death.....	14	12	16	15	21	17	13	17
Escape.....	1	1	3	1	Nil	2 <sup>2</sup>	Nil	1
Expiry of sentence.....	559	654	837	1,063	943	1,226	1,263	738
Order of the Court.....	2	1	Nil	4	5	5	2	Nil
Pardon.....	15	26	19	44	74	49	76	34
Parole.....	363	413	379	488	731	554	431	351
Transfer.....	187	170	150	219	228	241	182	178
Deportation.....	77	89	83	88 <sup>3</sup>	80	50	45	35
Transfer to provincial gaol and execution.....	2	Nil	Nil	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Return to provincial authorities..	10	6	6	1	2	1	Nil	Nil
<b>Totals Discharged.....</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>1,354</b>
<b>In Custody, Ends of Years.....</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>	<b>3,264</b>

<sup>1</sup> This discrepancy between those in custody at the end of the previous fiscal year and the beginning of this year appears in the report of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries.

<sup>2</sup> Includes 1 by extradition.

<sup>3</sup> From asylum.