

More convictions were recorded for theft than for any other offence and 23.8 p.c. of the 6,093 thefts were of motor-vehicles. Such offences as the latter often lead to more serious crimes such as robbery and burglary, which were the next most frequent. Theft, too, is the most common cause for bringing young women before the courts on indictment, though with them theft of cars is almost negligible.

Offences common to males tend towards those requiring physical strength and daring but women are given to offences that require mental agility and cunning, such as fraud, embezzlement and false pretences, forgery and uttering forged documents.

## 2.—Convictions for Indictable Offences of Young Offenders, by Classes, Year Ended Sept. 30, 1947

| Class and Offence  | Numbers of Convictions |              |
|--|------------------------|--------------|
|  | Male                   | Female       |
| <b>Class I.—Offences Against the Person—</b>                     |                        |              |
| Abduction.....   | 5                      | —            |
| Assault, common and aggravated.....                              | 1,454                  | 60           |
| Offences against females <sup>1</sup> .....                      | 233                    | 7            |
| Manslaughter and murder.....                                     | 22                     | 1            |
| Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....                     | 22                     | 4            |
| Non-support, desertion.....                                      | 45                     | 5            |
| Other offences against the person.....                           | 106                    | 13           |
| <b>Totals, Class I.....</b>                                      | <b>1,887</b>           | <b>90</b>    |
| <b>Class II.—Offences Against Property with Violence—</b>        |                        |              |
| Burglary and robbery.....  | 3,716                  | 30           |
| <b>Totals, Class II.....</b>                                     | <b>3,716</b>           | <b>30</b>    |
| <b>Class III.—Offences Against Property Without Violence—</b>    |                        |              |
| Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....                     | 817                    | 149          |
| Receiving stolen goods.....                                      | 580                    | 22           |
| Theft.....   | 6,093                  | 419          |
| <b>Totals, Class III.....</b>                                    | <b>7,490</b>           | <b>590</b>   |
| <b>Class IV.—Malicious Offences Against Property—</b>            |                        |              |
| Arson.....   | 16                     | —            |
| Malicious damage to property.....                                | 479                    | 13           |
| <b>Totals, Class IV.....</b>                                     | <b>495</b>             | <b>13</b>    |
| <b>Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences Against the Currency—</b> |                        |              |
| Offences against currency.....                                   | 1                      | —            |
| Forgery and uttering forged documents.....                       | 727                    | 156          |
| <b>Totals, Class V.....</b>                                      | <b>728</b>             | <b>156</b>   |
| <b>Class VI.—Other Offences—</b>                                 |                        |              |
| Carrying unlawful weapons.....                                   | 249                    | 3            |
| Dangerous or reckless driving.....                               | 407                    | 5            |
| Driving car while drunk.....                                     | 224                    | 4            |
| Offences against public morals.....                              | 52                     | 28           |
| Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....               | 40                     | 12           |
| Gambling and lotteries.....                                      | 44                     | 6            |
| Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....                            | 11                     | 85           |
| Riots and unlawful assembly.....                                 | 203                    | 3            |
| Various.....   | 472                    | 41           |
| <b>Totals, Class VI.....</b>                                     | <b>1,762</b>           | <b>187</b>   |
| <b>Grand Totals.....</b>   | <b>16,018</b>          | <b>1,066</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Offences against females include the following crimes: abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procurement, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.