

6.—Penal Institutions and Training School Statistics, 1945-47—concluded

Institutions	1945	1946	1947
	No.	No.	No.
Common Gaols. Inmates—			
In custody at beginning of year.....	3,206	3,958	4,185
Admitted during the year.....	53,801	65,788	66,279
Discharged during the year.....	53,026	65,541	66,304
In custody at end of year.....	3,981	4,185	4,160
Total Inmates of Institutions—			
In custody at beginning of year.....	10,693	11,469	12,023
Admitted during the year.....	62,920	77,361	79,127
Discharged during the year.....	62,265	76,894	78,669
In custody at end of year.....	11,334	11,936	12,481

PART VI.—BACKGROUND OF CRIME AND DELINQUENCY IN NEWFOUNDLAND PRIOR TO UNION WITH CANADA

Section 1.—Total Offences

Statistics of criminal and other offences in Newfoundland, Canada's tenth province, will be treated separately in the Year Book until such time as the Criminal Code of Canada comes into effect in that Province.

In Newfoundland indictable offences are handled by the Supreme Court both in St. John's and on circuit.

All charges involving small thefts, traffic offences, etc., are dealt with summarily by 20 local magistrates. Permission for summary trial may be sought for other offences by the police from the Secretary for Justice and the accused.

The Newfoundland Constabulary police the city of St. John's and 40 outpost stations which include all the major settlements of the Island. Under the Department of Natural Resources, the Newfoundland Ranger Force, which corresponds to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, covers the remainder of the Island and Labrador.

Table 1 shows the prosecutions for offences tried summarily for the year 1947.

1.—Prosecutions in Newfoundland for Offences Tried Summarily for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1947

Type of Offence	Cases	Con- victions	Dis- missed	With- drawn	Pending	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Offences against the person.....	St. John's.....	89	74	14	1	—
	Outports.....	75	68	7	—	—
Totals.....	164	142	21	1	—	
Offences against property.....	St. John's.....	371	335	31	1	4
	Outports.....	287	269	17	—	1
Totals.....	658	604	48	1	5	
Offences against good order.....	St. John's.....	1,806	1,696	107	2	1
	Outports.....	676	635	41	—	—
Totals.....	2,482	2,331	148	2	1	
Other offences.....	St. John's.....	2,226	1,978	237	2	9
	Outports.....	602	556	43	1	2
Totals.....	2,828	2,534	280	3	11	
Grand Totals.....	6,132	5,611	497	7	17	