

1.—Prosecutions and Convictions against Adults, in Newfoundland, 1948 and 1949

Type of Offence	1948				1949			
	Prosecutions Tried Summarily		Prosecutions on Indictment		Prosecutions Tried Summarily		Prosecutions on Indictment	
	Cases	Convictions	Cases	Convictions	Cases	Convictions	Cases	Convictions
Offences Against Persons—								
St. John's.....	87	..	17	..	83	62	14	12
Outports.....	129	..	—	—	56	48	—	—
Totals.....	216	..	17	..	139	110	14	12
Offences Against Property—								
St. John's.....	413	..	60	..	466	392	55	43
Outports.....	629	..	—	—	557	519	—	—
Totals.....	1,042	..	60	..	1,023	911	55	43
Offences Against Good Order—								
St. John's.....	1,666	..	—	—	1,491	1,382	—	—
Outports.....	703	..	—	—	561	529	—	—
Totals.....	2,369	..	—	—	2,052	1,911	—	—
Other Offences—								
St. John's.....	1,648	..	—	—	2,042	1,590	—	—
Outports.....	724	..	—	—	733	671	—	—
Totals.....	2,372	..	—	—	2,775	2,261	—	—
Grand Totals.....	5,999	..	77	..	5,989	5,193	69	55

The following figures for 1949 refer only to Labrador and that part of the Island served by the Newfoundland Ranger Force:—

Investigations.....	No. 1,216
Completed.....	1,007
Under investigation.....	209
Prosecutions.....	851
Convictions.....	799
Dismissed.....	52

Juvenile Delinquencies.—The St. John's Juvenile Court was established on Jan. 23, 1945, under the provisions of the Welfare of Children Act (No. 57 of 1944), and the territorial limits of the jurisdiction of the Judge of the Juvenile Court were defined as the Electoral Districts of St. John's East and West. Cases of juvenile delinquency occurring outside of these limits are dealt with by the magistrate who has powers similar to those of the Judge of the Juvenile Court for disposing of these cases under the provisions of the Welfare of Children Act.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1949, 147 children appeared in court. Five cases were adjourned *sine die*, 16 were dismissed and 126 found delinquent.