

**Children Adjudged Delinquent.**—Over a period of ten years it has been found that between 80 and 90 p.c. of the children brought before the courts each year have been adjudged delinquent. The number of delinquents in 1953 was 6,377, an increase of 5 p.c. over 1952. As with the number of juveniles brought before the courts, the major increases in 1953 were shown in Nova Scotia and Quebec.

#### 24.—Juvenile Delinquents by Province 1944-53

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 331.

Year	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	...	109	475	474	2,259	4,428	416	422	565	769	—	9,917
1945	...	115	493	338	2,387	3,531	342	334	531	838	—	8,909
1946	...	55	384	382	2,155	3,104	298	195	405	878	—	7,856
1947	...	30	412	334	1,842	2,830	424	212	277	1,167	17	7,545
1948	...	28	421	263	1,864	2,799	364	169	237	999	11	7,155
1949	..	49	433	198	1,323	2,541	403	171	246	833	1	6,198
1950	...	10	351	258	1,369	3,056	400	76	204	688	6	6,418
1951	...	52	483	261	1,180	3,024	347	64	242	815	1	6,644
1952	...	215	29	356	267	628	2,889	409	81	317	—	6,068
1953	...	196	33	443	235	773	2,975	360	49	357	4	6,377

**Offences.**—Thieving is the most prevalent delinquency among boys and, together with receiving stolen goods, was the reason for court appearance in 40.2 p.c. of all cases in 1953. Burglaries, robberies, house- and shop-breaking were committed by 24.3 p.c. of the delinquent boys and another 13.1 p.c. committed wilful acts against property. Only 2.7 p.c. of the boys were guilty of offences against the person and 49.3 p.c. of these were charged with common assault.

Incorrigibility (33.6 p.c.) and thefts (16.4 p.c.) were the complaints against 50 p.c. of the delinquent girls in 1953.

#### 25.—Juvenile Delinquents by Group of Offence and Ratio per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age 1944-53

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 331.

Year	Offences against the Person		Offences against Property with Violence		Offences against Property without Violence		Wilful Offences against Property		Forgery and Offences against Currency		Other Offences		Total Convictions	
	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population
1944	216	11	1,739	91	3,393	178	1,269	67	22	1	3,278	172	9,917	520
1945	220	12	1,513	80	2,964	157	1,190	63	29	2	2,993	159	8,909	473
1946	173	9	1,353	71	2,594	137	887	47	23	1	2,826	149	7,856	414
1947	189	10	1,389	72	2,449	127	677	35	23	1	2,818	147	7,545	392
1948	204	10	1,229	64	2,400	124	729	38	15	1	2,578	134	7,155	371
1949	176	9	1,346	67	2,244	113	600	30	15	1	1,817	91	6,198	311
1950	151	7	1,337	65	2,394	116	667	32	16	1	1,853	90	6,418	311
1951	188	9	1,542	72	2,563	119	765	36	20	1	1,566	73	6,644	310
1952	172	8	1,456	65	2,496	112	633	28	25	1	1,286	58	6,068	272
1953	169	7	1,416	61	2,415	103	770	33	19	1	1,588	68	6,377	273