

**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 1955 was 7,025, an increase of 10.9 p.c. over 1954. The major increases in 1955 were shown in Quebec and Alberta.

### 25.—Juvenile Delinquents by Province 1946-55

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.
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.....	175	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	877	—	6,068
1953.....	196	33	443	235	773	2,975	360	49	357	952	4	6,377
1954.....	218	43	440	224	678	2,945	341	59	428	956	—	6,332
1955.....	254	30	390	202	1,040	3,138	401	57	535	978	—	7,025

**Offences.**—Thieving is the most prevalent delinquency among boys and, together with receiving stolen goods, was the reason for court appearance in 40.4 p.c. of all cases in 1955. Burglaries, robberies, house- and shop-breaking were committed by 24.5 p.c. of the delinquent boys and another 9.7 p.c. committed wilful acts against property. Only 2.7 p.c. of the boys were guilty of offences against the person and 36.7 p.c. of these were charged with common assault.

Incorrigibility (25.4 p.c.) and thefts (19.9 p.c.) were the complaints against 45.3 p.c. of the delinquent girls in 1955.

### 26.—Juvenile Delinquents by Group of Offence and Ratio per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age 1946-55

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
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 <sup>1</sup> .....	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	5	6,068	272
1953.....	169	7	1,416	61	2,415	103	770	33	19	1	1,588	68	6,377	273
1954.....	184	7	1,444	59	2,489	102	673	28	32	1	1,510	62	6,332	259
1955.....	181	7	1,548	61	2,767	108	629	25	29	1	1,871	73	7,025	275

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland included from 1951.