

29.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Delinquent Boys and Girls 1954 and 1955

(B=Boys; G=Girls)

Age	School Grades																Total Delinquents									
	Elementary										Secondary		Auxiliary		Not Given											
	I-IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		B		G		B		G		B		G					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1954																										
7 years	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—				
8 "	50	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	3				
9 "	119	5	15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	137	5				
10 "	162	8	74	3	15	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	262	13			
11 "	143	10	142	9	111	2	21	1	4	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	433	23			
12 "	108	5	137	7	197	8	126	6	29	1	4	—	—	18	1	14	1	—	—	14	1	633	29			
13 "	54	3	122	12	218	19	286	27	167	28	50	6	27	2	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	940	98		
14 "	48	7	91	9	196	14	313	40	380	41	287	53	39	7	36	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,390	181		
15 "	33	13	94	16	119	16	259	43	455	68	745	119	29	10	51	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,785	294	
Not given	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	3
Totals, 1954	727	54	677	56	857	59	1,007	117	1,037	138	1,056	178	126	20	166	27	5,683	649								
1955																										
7 years	19	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	
8 "	63	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	5	
9 "	144	4	11	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	159	6	
10 "	202	3	60	3	16	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286	6	
11 "	139	7	134	3	99	4	17	2	—	1	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	400	17	
12 "	128	7	167	13	172	18	137	13	27	3	4	—	—	13	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	650	61	
13 "	77	14	129	16	232	23	259	41	197	22	48	7	19	6	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	971	129	
14 "	61	11	106	26	198	21	371	69	413	68	302	63	33	15	14	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,498	276	
15 "	60	9	89	17	200	23	337	64	468	71	875	136	46	6	18	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,093	331	
Not given	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	7
Totals, 1955	893	61	696	79	919	90	1,124	189	1,107	165	1,231	206	124	33	92	16	6,186	839								

In 1955, 9.8 p.c. of the delinquent boys and 17.5 p.c. of the delinquent girls were not attending school. At the time of leaving school their ages ranged from 10 to 15 years, the majority being between 14 and 15 years. Nearly 32 p.c. of the delinquent boys, having left school, were unemployed. The largest group of wage earners (86) were in occupations concerned with transportation, such as messengers, helpers on milk delivery routes, truck drivers' assistants, etc. More than half of the girls were idle after leaving school. Factory work, domestic and personal service were the main occupations of those who were employed.

Birthplaces of Juvenile Delinquents and their Parents.—Canada was the country of birth of 95.3 p.c. of the juvenile delinquents in 1955 (the place of birth was not recorded in 1.0 p.c. of the cases); 3.9 p.c. were born in the British Isles, Europe, the United States, and Latin American countries. Ontario was the province of residence of 49.5 p.c. of those born outside Canada.

Both parents of 75.2 p.c. of the delinquent children in 1955 were born in Canada and another 12.0 p.c. had one parent born in this country. To evaluate these figures comparison should be made of population ratio of children from 7-15 years of age whose parents were Canadian-born with those whose parents were born elsewhere.

Home Circumstances.—The type of home in which he lives and the amount and quality of supervision he receives are important factors in a child's behaviour. The statistics of the marital status of the parents and the place and type of residence of the child reflect home conditions and are worth recording as possible reasons for social or emotional maladjustment. The parents of 78.3 p.c. of the delinquent children were reported to be living together in 1955 but homes broken by separated parents, divorce or death was the background of 19.9 p.c. of the delinquent boys and girls. The mothers of 11.0 p.c. of the juvenile delinquents were employed other than in the home and the mothers of another 2.6 p.c. were dead. The fathers of 6.7 p.c. of the cases were deceased.