

Juvenile court judges heard 94.4 p.c. and magistrates 5.5 p.c. of the juvenile cases before the courts. The remainder were heard by justices of the peace. The proportion of those declared delinquent (96.1 p.c.) in the magistrates' courts was greater than in the juvenile courts (86.2 p.c.). In the former courts 3.3 p.c. of the cases were dismissed while in the juvenile courts only 3.1 p.c. were dismissed but 10.7 p.c. were adjourned *sine die*.

Some courts consider children whose hearings are adjourned *sine die* as delinquent while others do not but, for the sake of uniformity, the latter point of view is maintained by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In assessing the total problem of juvenile delinquency, however, cases adjourned *sine die* have to be taken into account for, when the proportion of cases dealt with in this way increases, the proportion of those declared delinquent declines.

29.—Juveniles before the Courts, Dismissed and Delinquent, 1954-58

Item	1954		1955		1956		1957		1958	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Before the Courts.....	7,751	100.0	8,187	100.0	10,315	100.0	11,928	100.0	13,134	100.0
Dismissed.....	237	3.1	207	2.5	221	2.1	331	2.8	416	3.2
Adjourned <i>sine die</i>	1,182	15.2	955	11.7	1,109	10.8	1,918	16.1	1,327	10.1
Delinquent.....	6,332	81.7	7,025	85.8	8,985	87.1	9,679	81.1	11,391	86.7

Sentences for delinquent boys usually differ somewhat from those for girls. In 1958 the proportion of boys put on probation was 52.7 p.c. and of girls 54.0 p.c. Fines or restitution were meted out to 15.3 p.c. of the boys but to only 6.1 p.c. of the girls. This is because damage to property, for which restitution seems a reasonable adjustment, is committed relatively more often by boys than by girls. A much larger proportion of girls (28.2 p.c.) than boys (14.4 p.c.) were sent to training schools. Final disposition of case was postponed for 7.0 p.c. of the girls and 13.0 p.c. of the boys were given suspended sentences.

30.—Disposition of Delinquents, by Type of Sentence, 1949-58

Year	Reprimanded		Probation of Court		Protection of Parents		Fined or Made Restitution		Detained Indefinitely		Sent to Training School		Final Disposition Suspended		Corporal Punishment		Mental Hospital	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
1949.....	196	3.2	2,141	34.5	98	1.6	1,655	26.7	39	0.6	1,036	16.7	1,029	16.6	4	0.1	..	..
1950.....	354	5.5	2,392	37.3	94	1.4	1,148	17.9	26	0.4	1,144	17.8	1,257	19.6	3	0.1	..	..
1951 ¹	309	4.6	2,313	34.8	154	2.3	1,433	21.6	45	0.7	1,141	17.2	1,247	18.7	2	0.1	..	..
1952.....	243	4.0	2,412	39.8	148	2.4	1,015	16.7	1	--	1,152	19.0	1,095	18.1	2	--	..	..
1953.....	227	3.6	2,620	41.1	186	2.9	1,147	18.0	28	0.4	1,107	17.4	1,062	16.6	--	--	..	..
1954.....	199	3.1	2,595	41.0	174	2.8	1,095	17.3	27	0.4	1,121	17.7	1,119	17.7	2	--	..	..
1955.....	181	2.6	3,067	43.7	365	5.2	1,064	15.1	50	0.7	1,180	16.8	1,118	15.9	--	--	5	0.1
1956.....	359	4.0	3,155	35.1	404	4.5	2,015	22.4	30	0.3	1,440	16.0	1,577	17.6	--	--	7	0.1
1957.....	460	4.7	3,822	39.5	300	3.1	2,261	23.4	63	0.7	1,563	16.1	1,202	12.4	1	--	14	0.1
1958.....	504	4.4	5,728	50.3	294	2.6	1,624	14.3	13	0.1	1,822	16.0	1,389	12.2	3	--	14	0.1

¹ Newfoundland included from 1951.

Actual Number of Delinquent Children.—As stated in the introduction to this Section, the figures in the foregoing tables do not represent the actual number of children charged and found guilty, since a child referred to the court more than once in a year is counted as a separate case each time. Thus the 13,134 appearances before the court in 1958 (Table 22), which resulted in 11,391 delinquencies (Table 24), involved 10,307 children. Of these 10,307 children, 9,404 were found delinquent on one occasion during the year, as shown in Table 31, but 1,340 of these 9,404 were reported as having been found delinquent one or more times in previous years.