

juvenile courts (87.3 p.c.). In the former courts, 1.9 p.c. of the cases were dismissed while in the juvenile courts only 2.8 p.c. were dismissed but 9.9 p.c. were adjourned *sine die*.

Some courts consider children whose hearings are adjourned *sine die* as delinquent while others do not; for the purpose 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, 1955-59

Item	1955		1956		1957		1958		1959	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
Before the Courts.....	8,187	100.0	10,315	100.0	11,928	100.0	13,134	100.0	13,329	100.0
Dismissed.....	207	2.5	221	2.1	331	2.8	416	3.2	370	2.8
Adjourned <i>sine die</i>	955	11.7	1,109	10.8	1,918	16.1	1,327	10.1	1,273	9.5
Delinquent.....	7,025	85.8	8,985	87.1	9,679	81.1	11,391	86.7	11,686	87.7

Sentences for delinquent boys usually differ somewhat from those for girls. In 1959 the proportion of boys put on probation was 56.1 p.c. and of girls 57.0 p.c. Fines or restitution were meted out to 16.8 p.c. of the boys but to only 4.6 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 the girls (28.1 p.c.) than the boys (12.7 p.c.) were sent to training schools. Final disposition of case was postponed for 8.3 p.c. of the girls and for 12.2 p.c. of the boys.

30.—Disposition of Delinquents, by Type of Sentence, 1950-59

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.
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.....	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	2,820	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	—	—	..	..
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	—	—	5	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	--	7	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
1959.....	236	2.0	6,151	52.6	412	3.5	1,810	15.5	9	0.1	1,678	14.4	1,381	11.8	—	—	9	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 13,329 appearances before the court in 1959 (Table 22), which resulted in 11,686 delinquencies (Table 24), involved 10,443 children. Of these 10,443 children, 9,443 were found delinquent on one occasion during the year, as shown in Table 31, but 1,515 of these 9,443 were reported as having been found delinquent one or more times in previous years.