

**Juveniles before the Courts.**—The number of cases of juveniles brought before the courts declined steadily each year from 1943 to 1949 and, although there was an increase of 4 p.c. in the number of children brought before the courts in 1950 over 1949 and of 3 p.c. in 1951 over 1950 (the increase in the latter year being mainly accounted for by the addition of 194 cases in Newfoundland), the figures for these years were lower than any year except 1949 in a 25-year period.

### 22.—Juveniles brought before the Courts, by Province, 1947-51

NOTE.—Statistics for years prior to 1950 are for the fiscal years ended Sept. 30; figures for 1950 and 1951 are given on a calendar-year basis. Statistics for the three intervening months, October-December 1949, are given in DBS report *Juvenile Delinquents, 1950*. Figures for Newfoundland are included for the first time in 1951.

| Province or Territory      | 1947         | 1948         | 1949         | 1950         | 1951         | Percentage Change, 1950-51 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                            | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          | No.          |                            |
| Newfoundland.....          | 30           | 28           | 49           | 10           | 194          | +450.0                     |
| Prince Edward Island.....  | 513          | 518          | 485          | 411          | 554          | +34.8                      |
| Nova Scotia.....           | 342          | 277          | 218          | 281          | 275          | -2.1                       |
| New Brunswick.....         | 1,908        | 1,889        | 1,490        | 1,555        | 1,348        | -13.3                      |
| Quebec.....                | 3,262        | 3,256        | 2,983        | 3,550        | 3,441        | -3.1                       |
| Ontario.....               | 490          | 422          | 490          | 417          | 404          | -3.1                       |
| Manitoba.....              | 222          | 193          | 178          | 80           | 71           | -11.3                      |
| Saskatchewan.....          | 300          | 269          | 292          | 272          | 285          | +4.8                       |
| Alberta.....               | 1,181        | 1,015        | 852          | 722          | 893          | +23.7                      |
| British Columbia.....      | 4            | 3            | 1            | 5            | 1            | -20.0                      |
| Yukon Territory.....       | 13           | 8            | —            | 1            | —            | —                          |
| Northwest Territories..... |              |              |              |              |              |                            |
| <b>Canada.....</b>         | <b>8,265</b> | <b>7,878</b> | <b>7,038</b> | <b>7,304</b> | <b>7,521</b> | <b>+3.0</b>                |

Increases in the number of court appearances were shown in four provinces and decreases in five, with Quebec showing the greatest percentage decrease. The peak in the number of girls appearing before the courts was reached in 1943, a year later than for boys, followed by a decline each year until 1949. The number of girls appearing in 1950 at 756 was higher than in 1949 but dropped to 716 in 1951.

### 23.—Percentage Change in the Number of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts, 1942-51

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22.

| Year      | Percentage Change from Preceding Year |              |           | Percentage Change from 1941 |              |           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|           | Boys' Cases                           | Girls' Cases | All Cases | Boys' Cases                 | Girls' Cases | All Cases |
| 1942..... | +14.6                                 | +6.7         | +13.7     | +14.6                       | +6.7         | +13.7     |
| 1943..... | -12.9                                 | +1.1         | -11.4     | -0.2                        | +7.9         | -0.7      |
| 1944..... | -4.8                                  | -10.5        | -5.5      | -5.0                        | -3.4         | -4.8      |
| 1945..... | -16.3                                 | -9.6         | -15.6     | -20.5                       | -12.7        | -19.6     |
| 1946..... | -11.4                                 | -5.8         | -10.8     | -29.6                       | -17.7        | -28.3     |
| 1947..... | -3.3                                  | -17.3        | -5.1      | -31.9                       | -31.9        | -31.9     |
| 1948..... | -5.1                                  | -1.3         | -4.7      | -35.4                       | -32.8        | -35.1     |
| 1949..... | -9.0                                  | -24.0        | -10.7     | -41.2                       | -49.0        | -42.0     |
| 1950..... | +2.9                                  | +11.8        | +3.8      | -39.4                       | -42.9        | -39.8     |
| 1951..... | +3.9                                  | -5.3         | +3.0      | -37.1                       | -46.0        | -38.0     |