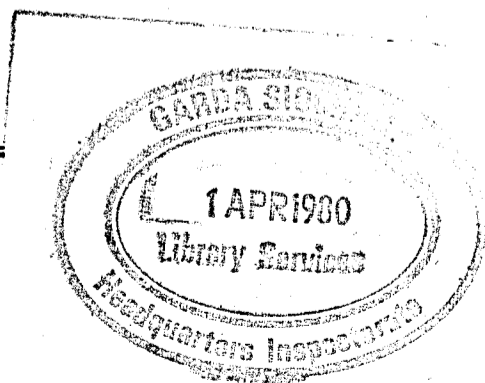


REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONER
OF THE GARDA SÍOCHÁNA
ON CRIME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1960.



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Minister for Justice.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report on Crime for the year ended 30th September, 1960.

Hereafter in this Report the year ended 30th September, 1960, is referred to simply as "1960" and the year ended 30th September, 1959, is referred to as "1959".

PART I.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

Total Number of Offences.

- (1) I am happy to be able to report that the returns of indictable crime, which increased steadily from the second half of 1955 up to 1959, showed a reduction in 1960.
- (2) The number of indictable crimes which were reported or became known to the Garda Síochána in 1960 was 15,375. The number in 1958 was 16,567 and the number in 1959 was 17,865. The 1960 return shows a reduction of 1,192 on the 1958 return and a reduction of 2,490 (or 14%) on the 1959 return.
- (3) Details of the crimes and information on the results of proceedings are given in Appendix A.

Detections.

- (4) Prosecutions were instituted in respect of 8,490 offences in 1960. In 768 other cases the offenders were detected, but for various reasons proceedings were not instituted. The total number of detections was therefore 9,258, or 60% of the crimes recorded. In 1959 the percentage of detections was 50%.
- (5) The incidence of crimes and the percentages of detections during the years 1949 to 1960 inclusive are shown as a graph in Appendix B.

Incidence of Crime in Garda Divisions.

- (6) Appendix C gives the number of crimes recorded and detected in the 20 Garda divisions into which the State is divided. It gives similar information in respect of the Garda districts in which the cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway are included.
- (7) The following table shows the number of offences recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division and in the rest of the State in the years 1959 and 1960.

Year	Offences Recorded		Total
	In Dublin Metropolitan Division	In rest of State	
1959	11,231 (63% of total)	6,634 (37% of total)	17,865
1960	8,756 (57% of total)	6,619 (43% of total)	15,375
Reduction	2,475 (22%)	15	2,490 (14%)

(8) You will note that there was a reduction of 2,475 crimes in the Dublin Metropolitan Division and a reduction of 15 crimes in the rest of the State. Despite the substantial reduction of crime in the Dublin Metropolitan Division, 57% of all the crimes recorded in the State in 1960 was recorded in that Division.

(9) In the 19 divisions outside Dublin there were increases of crime in 7 divisions and reductions in 12, with a net reduction of 15 crimes for the 19 divisions. The divisions which showed increases of crime were Cork E., Donegal, Kerry, Leix-Offaly, Louth-Meath, Sligo-Leitrim and Tipperary. There was an increase of crime in Cork City, but there were reductions in the cities of Limerick, Waterford and Galway.

Analysis of Offences in four Groups.

(10) The number of indictable offences recorded and the number and percentage of detections in the four offence groups are shown in the following table with comparative figures for 1959.

	Number of Offences Recorded .		Number of Offences Detected.		Percentage of Detections.	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
I Offences against the Person	675	587	623	537	92%	92%
II Offences against Property with Violence	2,982	3,824	2,282	2,680	77%	70%
III Offences against Property without Violence	11,470	13,270	6,124	5,535	53%	42%
IV Other Indictable Offences not included in above figures	248	184	229	161	92%	88%
Totals:	15,375	17,865	9,258	8,913	60%	50%

Group I - Offences against the Person.

(11) This group includes offences of Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding, Assault, Intimidation, Cruelty to and Abandoning Children and Sexual Offences.

(12) The following table gives comparative figures of offences and detections in the years 1955 to 1960 inclusive:-

Year	Number of Offences reported or known to the Garda	Number of Offences in which detections were made	Percentage of Offences in which detections were made.
1960	675	623	92%
1959	587	537	92%
1958	558	494	89%
1957	473	416	88%
1956	542	491	91%
1955	525	475	90%

Murder - Of Persons aged above one Year.

(13) Two murders of persons aged above one year were recorded in 1960 and proceedings were instituted in both cases. In 1959 eight murders were recorded. Particulars of the two cases in 1960 are given in Appendix D.

Murder - Of Infants aged one year and under.

(14) One murder of Infant was recorded in 1960 particulars of which are given in Appendix D. No crime was recorded under this heading in 1959.

Infanticide.

(15) One crime of Infanticide was recorded in 1960. One crime was also recorded in 1959. Particulars of the 1960 case are given in Appendix D.

Attempt to Murder.

(16) Two crimes were recorded in 1960 as compared with one in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in both cases. Brief particulars are given in Appendix D.

Threats to Murder.

(17) No crime under this heading was recorded in 1960. One crime was recorded in 1959.

Manslaughter (other than traffic fatalities).

(18) Two crimes of Manslaughter (other than traffic fatalities) were recorded in 1960 - the same number as in 1959. Particulars of the 1960 cases are given in Appendix D.

Manslaughter (traffic fatalities).

(19) Forty-five offences of Manslaughter arising from traffic fatalities were recorded in 1960 as compared with 19 in 1959. The 1958 total was 42. Proceedings were instituted in 43 cases in 1960 and in one case a conviction was recorded. Thirteen cases are shown pending.

Woundings, Assaults, etc.

(20) The number of offences under this heading, recorded in 1960 was 337 as compared with 307 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 324 cases and in an additional 4 cases the offenders were detected but proceedings were not taken. Convictions were recorded in 237 cases and in a further 45 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied. Twenty-three cases are shown pending.

Intimidation.

(21) Twenty-two offences of Intimidation were recorded in 1960, as compared with 13 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 11 cases and in a further case the offender was detected but no proceedings were taken.

Sexual Offences against Females.

(22) A total of 178 sexual offences against females was recorded in 1960 as compared with 171 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 156 cases and in an additional 9 cases the offenders were detected but proceedings were not taken. Convictions were recorded in 92 cases in 1960 and in a further 31 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied. Fifteen cases are shown pending.

Group II - Offences against Property with Violence.

(23) Included in this group are offences of Burglary, Housebreaking and related offences, Robbery and Malicious Injury to Property.

(24) The number of offences recorded in the group in 1960 was 2,982, as compared with 3,824 in 1959. The decrease occurred mainly in Housebreaking offences.

(25) Comparative figures of offences and proceedings in the years 1955 to 1960 are given in the following table.

Year	Number of offences recorded	Number of offences in which proceedings were commenced.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1960	2982	2110	71
1959	3824	2495	65
1958	3645	2474	68
1957	3061	1952	64
1956	2695	1845	65
1955	2325	1596	69

Burglary and Housebreaking

(26) The number of Burglary, Housebreaking and related offences (including attempts to break into houses and possession of housebreaking tools) recorded in 1960 was 2,756 as compared with 3,607 in 1959.

(27) Comparative figures of offences and proceedings in the years 1955 to 1960 are given in the following table.

Year	Number of offences recorded	Number of offences in which proceedings were commenced	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1960	2756	1958	71
1959	3607	2371	66
1958	3459	2362	68
1957	2895	1871	65
1956	2566	1774	69
1955	2182	1514	69

Robbery.

(28) Fifty-nine offences of Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob were recorded in 1960 which is the same number as that recorded in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 44 cases. Convictions were recorded in 36 cases and in a further 4 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied.

(29) Firearms were used in one case, particulars of which and of four other serious cases are given in Appendix E.

Arson and Other Malicious Injury to Property.

(30) The number of offences recorded under this heading in 1960 was 154. In 1959 the number of offences recorded was also 154. Offences of Arson numbered 82 in each of the years 1959 and 1960 and other Malicious Injuries to Property 72.

(31) Proceedings were instituted in 99 cases in 1960, convictions numbered 52 and in a further 24 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied. Fourteen cases are shown pending.

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Group III - Offences against Property with Violence.

(32) Included in this group are offences of Larceny, Embezzlement, Obtaining Goods, etc. by False Pretences, Frauds and Receiving Stolen Goods.

(33) The number of offences recorded in the group in 1960 was 11,470 as compared with 13,270 in 1959. The decrease of 1,800 is wholly accounted for in larcenies.

(34) Proceedings were instituted in 5,570 cases and convictions were recorded in 2,403. In a further 2,451 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. 630 cases are shown pending.

(35) Comparative figures for all offences in Group III in the years 1955 to 1960 inclusive are given in the following table.

Year	Number of offences recorded.	Number of offences in which proceedings were commenced.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1960	11470	5570	49
1959	13270	5058	38
1958	12219	4686	38
1957	10329	4200	41
1956	9365	4384	47
1955	8555	4005	47

(36) Comparative figures of larcenies recorded in the years 1955 to 1960 inclusive are as follows:-

Offences	Years					
	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep.	50	60	64	58	62	58
Larceny from the Person	320	355	306	209	214	270
Larceny in House to value of £5 or with menaces.	437	677	551	492	417	374
Larceny from Dwellinghouse by Employee.	76	61	85	49	93	85
Larceny of Explosives	6	1	-	-	1	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	30	40	30	38	24	29
Larceny of Pedal Cycles	2634	3698	3524	2467	1713	1638
Larceny from Unattended Vehicles	1309	1843	1452	1316	1287	1098
Larceny from Shops and Stalls	1378	1088	1035	929	948	895
*Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value)	107	111	100	1509	1260	1080
†Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value)	4362	4721	4619	2775	2836	2580
Totals:	10709	12655	11766	9842	8855	8108

* For the years 1955 to 1957 inclusive the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property exceeding £5 in value.

† For the years 1955 to 1957 inclusive the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property not exceeding £5 in value.

(37) Of the total larcenies recorded in 1960 the number recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division was 7281 or 68% as compared with 9294 or 73% of the total in 1959.

Embezzlement.

(38) Forty-eight offences of Embezzlement were recorded in 1960 as compared with 29 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 46 cases. Convictions were recorded in 24 cases and in an additional 16 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation Act was applied. 18 cases are shown pending.

Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences.

(39) Four hundred and twenty-three offences of "False Pretences" were recorded in 1960 as compared with 282 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 342 cases. Convictions were recorded in 205 cases and in a further 52 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Frauds.

(40) Fifty-one offences relating to Frauds were recorded in 1960 as compared with 85 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 47 cases. Convictions were recorded in 28 cases and in an additional 6 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Receiving Stolen Goods.

(41) A total of 239 offences of Receiving Stolen Goods was recorded in 1960 as compared with 219 in 1959. Proceedings were taken in 225 cases. Convictions were recorded in 92 cases and in a further 83 the Probation Act was applied.

Group IV - Offences not included in other Groups.

(42) Included in this group are offences of Forgery, Perjury, Bribery, Riot and Unlawful Assembly, Offences against Public Decency, Attempting to Commit Suicide, Offences under the Coinage Acts, the Treason Act, the Offences against the State Act and other indictable offences not included in Group I, II or III.

(43) A total of 248 offences was recorded in the Group in 1960 as compared with 184 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 206 cases. There were 110 convictions and in a further 53 cases the Probation Act was applied.

(44) Two hundred offences of Forgery and Uttering were recorded in 1960 as compared with 135 in 1959. Proceedings were instituted in 173 cases. There were 92 convictions and in a further 46 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation Act was applied.

Organised Violent Crime

(45) Two organised crimes of violence were recorded in 1960, one of which was of an agrarian nature and the other political. In the year 1959 eight organised crimes of violence were recorded, seven of which were agrarian and one political.

(46) The agrarian crime occurred in Co. Kerry where an explosion occurred at the Hall Door of a Mansion which shattered the door and a heavy limestone threshold and the glass in 13 windows. No person was injured. The political crime occurred in Co. Meath where members of the Garda who discovered a man on the roof of a Magazine were fired on when they called on the man to come down. No one was injured.

Value of Property stolen and recovered.

(47) The total value of property recorded as stolen in 1960 was £162,128 as compared with £200,961 in 1959. The total value of property recovered in 1960 was £52,159 as compared with £54,767 in 1959.

(48) In offences against property with violence (e.g. housebreakings) the value of property reported as stolen was £48,729 as compared with £81,613 in 1959. The value of property recovered in 1960 was £15,674 as compared with £21,108 in 1959.

(49) In offences against property without violence (e.g. larcenies) the value of property reported as stolen in 1960 was £113,399 as compared with £119,348 in 1959, and the value of property recovered was £36,485 in 1960 and £33,658 in 1959.

(50) The following table shows, in respect of the years 1955 to 1960 inclusive, the total numbers of offences in which property was stolen and the numbers of offences in which property of different values was stolen.

Nature of Offences	Year	Value of property stolen and number of Offences							
		Less than £1	£1 to £2	£2 to £5	£5 to £10	£10 to £50	£50 to £100	Over £100	Total of Offences
Offences against Property with Violence	1960	451	290	441	326	593	135	77	2313
	1959	555	326	517	454	833	188	171	3044
	1958	558	347	491	399	798	172	157	2922
	1957	429	286	415	366	622	202	115	2435
	1956	512	246	343	277	592	122	108	2200
	1955	415	233	354	259	431	83	74	1849
Offences against Property without Violence	1960	1929	1200	3122	2193	1974	174	93	10685
	1959	1945	1508	3158	2944	2761	195	111	12622
	1958	1826	1589	2845	2345	2324	201	101	11731
	1957	1562	1351	2496	2244	1896	153	107	9809
	1956	1502	1215	2060	2069	1757	128	97	8828
	1955	1310	1024	2065	1803	1684	95	97	8078

Age Groups of Persons found guilty of indictable offences

(51) The following table shows the age groups of persons found guilty of indictable offences (persons convicted and persons against whom the charges were proved and to whom the Probation Act was applied) in the years 1955 to 1960.

Year	Persons found guilty of indictable offences			
	Under 14 years	14 to 21 years	above 21 years	Total
1960	1269	3048	2495	6812
1959	1316	3088	2528	6932
1958	1210	2835	2239	6284
1957	851	2344	2198	5393
1956	985	2337	2183	5505
1955	851	1938	2158	4947

PART II

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES - PERSONS PROSECUTED.

Prosecutions.

(52) The number of persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences in 1960 was 102,795, as compared with 88,819 in 1959. The increase of 13,976 arose mainly from an increase of 14,215 prosecutions for offences under the Highway Acts. There was a decrease of 2,069 in prosecutions for offences under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws.

Convictions.

(53) The number of persons found guilty of offences charged was 94,653 or 92% of the number prosecuted. Of these, convictions were recorded against 77,639 and the charges against the remaining 17,014 were held proved and the Probation Act applied.

Details of Offences.

(54) Details of offences are given in Appendix F.

Comparative Figures for Years 1949 to 1960 inclusive.

(55) The numbers of prosecutions in the years 1949 to 1960 inclusive are given in the following table

Year	Number of Prosecutions	Year	Number of Prosecutions
1960	102,795	1954	110,286
1959	88,819	1953	130,555
1958	82,876	1952	140,116
1957	87,085	1951	145,785
1956	94,370	1950	147,582
1955	99,353	1949	165,046

Assaults.

(56) A total of 1,255 persons were prosecuted for offences of Assault in 1960, as compared with 1,238 in 1959. The number found guilty was 1,018.

Dogs - Offences in relation to Licensing of.

(57) In 1960 the number of persons prosecuted for keeping unlicensed dogs was 4,090 as compared with 3,535 in 1959. The number found guilty in 1960 was 3,758.

School Attendance Act.

(58) The number of persons prosecuted in 1960 for offences under the School Attendance Act was 2,903 as compared with 2,962 in 1959. The number of persons found guilty in 1960 was 2,689.

Highway Acts, including Road Traffic Act and Road Transport Acts.

(59) Prosecutions for offences under the Highway Acts in 1960 totalled 68,633 which is almost 67% of all prosecutions for the year. The number of prosecutions in 1959 was 54,418 or 61% of all prosecutions for that year. Prosecutions for road tax and driving licence offences in 1960 totalled 10,305 as compared with 8,945 in 1959, for offences against lighting regulations 28,548 as compared with 22,172 in 1959 and for dangerous and careless driving 3,280 as compared with 2,856 in 1959. Prosecutions for offences of driving or attempting to drive while drunk numbered 535 in 1960 and 479 in 1959.

(60) Comparative figures for the years 1955 to 1960 in respect of total Highway Acts offences, offences against lighting regulations, driving or attempting to drive while drunk and dangerous and careless driving are given in the following tables.

Year	Total Numbers of Prosecutions under Highway Acts				
	No. of persons prosecuted.	No. of persons convicted.	Charges proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charges withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise disposed of
1960	68,633	51,182	12,145	5,038	268
1959	54,418	41,830	8,856	3,428	304
1958	49,703	37,935	8,102	3,526	140
1957	47,209	35,070	9,299	2,840	--
1956	55,145	40,771	10,928	3,446	--
1955	58,833	45,320	10,207	3,306	--

Year	Offences against Lighting Regulations		
	Drivers of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles	Pedal Cyclists	Total
1960	11,158	17,095	28,253
1959	7,615	14,205	21,820
1958	6,470	12,764	19,234
1957	6,604	12,915	19,519
1956	9,288	16,678	25,966
1955	11,428	18,690	30,118

Year	Driving or Attempting to Drive while Drunk	Dangerous and Careless Driving
1960	535	3280
1959	479	2856
1958	349	2967
1957	423	2895
1956	440	3472
1955	447	3507

Intoxicating Liquor Laws.

(61) Prosecutions for offences under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws totalled 14,818 in 1960 as compared with 16,887 in 1959. Of the prosecutions in 1960, 9,628 or 65% were against persons illegally on licensed premises during closing hours and 3,180 or 21% were for offences of drunkenness. The number of prosecutions against licensed persons for offences against Closing Regulations was 1,522 or 10%

(62) Comparative figures of prosecutions for drunkenness in years 1955 to 1960 inclusive are given in the following table.

Year	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charge with drawn or dismissed.	Otherwise disposed of.
1960	3,180	2,546	415	205	14
1959	2,992	2,479	432	74	7
1958	3,080	2,526	433	105	16
1957	3,431	2,876	405	149	1
1956	3,838	3,311	405	120	2
1955	3,801	3,182	480	138	1

(63) Comparative figures of prosecutions for offences against Closing Regulations in years 1955 to 1960 inclusive are as follows:-

Year	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charge with- drawn or dismissed .	Otherwise disposed of.
1960	1,522	1,418	9	90	5
1959	1,780	1,707	13	56	4
1958	1,581	1,500	12	66	3
1957	1,542	1,455	32	55	-
1956	1,874	1,754	46	73	1
1955	1,918	1,768	63	87	-

Malicious Damage to Property.

(64) The number of persons prosecuted in 1960 for offences of Malicious Damage to Property was 1,376 as compared with 1,269 in 1959. The number found guilty was 1,139 or 83%.

Revenue Laws.

(65) For offences under the Revenue Laws other than dog licensing offences a total of 837 persons were prosecuted in 1960 as compared with 608 in 1959.

Vagrancy Laws.

(66) 768 persons were prosecuted in 1960 for offences under the Vagrancy Laws as compared with 754 in 1959.

(67) For offences of "Begging" 473 persons were prosecuted in 1960 as compared with 499 in 1959.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. C. ...

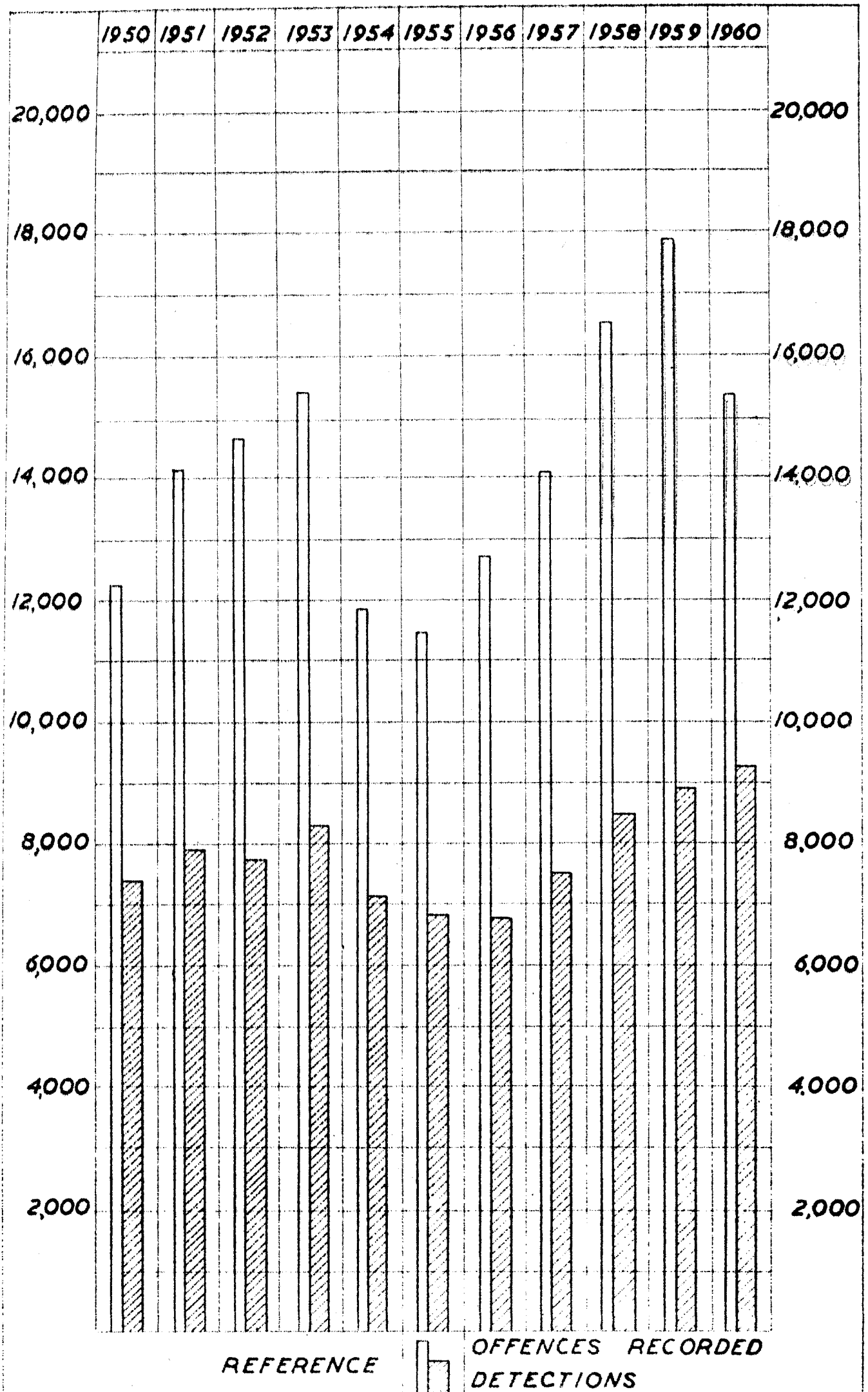
COMMISSIONER.

15th March, 1961.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER OF CRIMES RECORDED AND NUMBER OF DETECTIONS IN THE YEARS 1950 TO 1960



INDICTABLE OFFENCES

TABLE SHOWING BY GROUPS, IN RESPECT OF EACH GARDA DIVISION AND THE GARDA DISTRICTS, OF THE CITIES OF CORK, LIMERICK, WATERFORD AND GALWAY, THE NUMBER OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES, AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF DETECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1960

APPENDIX C.

DIVISION.	(GROUP 1) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON		(GROUP 11) OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE		(GROUP 111) OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE		(GROUP 1V) OTHER INDICTABLE OFFENCES		TOTAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES	NUMBER OF DETECTIONS	PERCENTAGE OF DETECTIONS	
	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED.				
CARLOW/KILDARE	33	31	107	92	211	182	16	16	367	321	87%	
CAVAN/MONAGHAN	23	23	59	45	133	128	3	3	218	199	91%	
CLARE	15	14	19	11	81	76	3	3	118	104	88%	
CORK E. R.	69	68	341	262	738	653	15	15	1163	998	86%	
CORK W. R.	15	14	37	27	116	106	8	6	176	153	87%	
DONEGAL	20	20	71	53	131	124	1	1	223	198	89%	
DUBLIN METROPOLITAN	140	121	1029	754	7460	2566	127	114	8756	3555	41%	
DUBLIN/WICKLOW	81	77	387	291	505	420	10	9	983	797	81%	
GALWAY W. R.	20	19	58	40	100	89	1	1	179	149	83%	
KERRY	30	28	51	35	186	169	3	3	270	235	87%	
LEIX/OFFALY	17	17	43	35	126	118	5	5	191	175	92%	
LIMERICK	30	28	155	131	252	230	14	14	451	403	89%	
LONGFORD/WESTMEATH	31	30	59	52	139	121	5	4	234	207	88%	
LOUTH/MEATH	43	43	153	125	249	231	12	12	457	411	90%	
MAYO	18	16	45	39	85	82	-	-	148	137	93%	
ROSCOMMON/GALWAY E. R.	16	16	44	38	93	91	6	6	159	151	95%	
SLIGO/LEITRIM	5	5	25	18	86	80	2	2	118	105	89%	
TIPPERARY	19	16	85	72	264	244	8	8	376	340	90%	
WATERFORD/KILKENNY	27	21	136	91	385	306	4	3	552	421	76%	
WEXFORD	23	16	78	71	130	108	5	4	236	190	84%	
TOTALS	WHOLE COUNTRY	675	623	2982	2282	11470	6124	248	229	15375	9258	60%
	EXCLUDING DUBLIN METROPOLITAN DIVISION	535	502	1953	1528	4010	3558	121	115	6619	5703	86%
DISTRICTS												
CORK	40	40	275	210	486	420	6	6	807	676	84%	
LIMERICK	13	13	104	88	167	156	7	7	291	264	91%	
WATERFORD	7	5	40	25	121	82	2	2	170	114	67%	
GALWAY	4	4	39	25	56	49	1	1	100	79	79%	

MURDER, INFANTICIDE, ATTEMPTS TO MURDER, THREATS TO MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER.

Particulars of Cases.

Murder -

(of Persons aged above one year) - 2 cases.

Co. Clare. On 22nd November, 1959, a 26 year old farmer was fatally stabbed in the head with a gimlet by a 33 year old neighbouring farmer as he stood in conversation with a young girl on the public road. The motive was jealousy. The offender was arrested and charged. At the Central Criminal Court he was convicted of Murder and was sentenced to death. Leave to appeal was refused.

Co. Cavan. On 19th December, 1959, a 29 year old labourer was shot and fatally wounded in the course of a dispute concerning a right of way, by a 78 year old farmer. The weapon used was a shot-gun. The injured man died on 3rd January, 1960. The offender was arrested on 21st December, 1959 and charged with Attempted Murder. While on remand on that charge he was transferred from prison to hospital as a seriously ill patient. He died in hospital on 18th August, 1960.

(Of Infants aged one year and under) - 1 case.

Dublin City. On 19th April, 1960, the dead body of a male infant was taken from the River Liffey. Two cloth bands were tied tightly around its neck. An inquest was held and a verdict of death from strangulation was recorded. No arrest has yet been made.

Infanticide (1 case)

Co. Offaly. Between the 21st April, 1960, and 24th April, 1960 a 26 year old woman gave birth to a female infant in her home and caused its death by tying a piece of cloth tightly around its neck. She concealed the body under her bed where it was found. She was arrested and charged with murder. At the District Court the charge was reduced to Infanticide of which she was convicted and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment suspended on her entering into a bond to be of good behaviour and to keep the peace for two years.

Attempt to Murder (2 cases)

Co. Westmeath. On 23rd May, 1960, a 45 year old housewife was assaulted in her home by a 33 year old ex-Mental Hospital patient, who struck her several blows on the head and body with a sweeping brush. She sustained injuries which caused her to be detained in hospital for some time. The assailant was arrested and was committed for trial on a charge of Attempted Murder. At the Central Criminal Court he was found to be insane and incapable of pleading and was ordered to be detained in the Central Asylum during the pleasure of the Government.

Co. Limerick. On 2nd October, 1960, a 22 year old shop assistant was attacked by her 20 year old fiancée who beat her severely about the head and body and stabbed her with a knife. The assault arose out of an altercation between the parties. The girl received serious injuries and was detained for some time in hospital. The offender was arrested and was sent for trial on the charge of Attempted Murder. At the Central Criminal Court on 1st February, 1961, he was convicted and was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment, eighteen months of which was suspended on condition that he enter a personal bond to keep the peace for three years.

Manslaughter (2 cases)

Co. Tipperary. On 9th May, 1960, arising out of an altercation at a licensed premises, a 56 year old unmarried farmer was struck a blow of a clenched fist which felled him. His head struck heavily on the ground causing severe fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain which resulted in his death. His assailant, a 19 year old factory worker was arrested. He was sent for trial but at the Circuit Court he was found "Not Guilty" and was discharged.

Co. Mayo. On 31st May, 1960, as a result of a challenge to fight, a 24 year old labourer received severe facial injuries which resulted in his death. The injuries were inflicted, with his clenched fists, by a 22 year old farmer's son who was arrested and charged. At the Circuit Court he was convicted and was sentenced to nine months imprisonment with hard labour.

ROBBERY

Particulars of one case of Robbery with Firearms and four
other serious cases.

With Firearms (1 case)

Co. Donegal. On 8th July, 1960, at 12.30 p.m. a man entered the sub-office of a Bank at Bundoran as the Manager was about to leave. He produced a revolver and ordered the Manager to drop a leather case which he had in his hand. He then ordered him into a room at the back of the office and struck him on the head with a sand-bag and after taking the sum of £715 from the case he escaped. The Manager was not seriously hurt. No arrest has been made.

Other Serious Cases (4)

Dublin City. On 22nd March, 1960, at 1.15 p.m. a Corporation Rent Official was attacked by two men shortly after he had left an Estate Rent Office. He received a blow on the head which felled him and a bag he was carrying which contained £329 was taken. The men escaped in a motor-car which was believed to have been previously stolen. Three men were arrested and charged. Two of the accused were sentenced to five years Penal Servitude and the third to three years Penal Servitude to run concurrently with sentences for other offences in each case. Five motor-cars and £600 were recovered from the accused men.

Dublin City. On 4th April, 1960, at 2.20 p.m. two men entered the premises of a Post Office on the pretence of buying cigarettes. They attacked the Postmistress, whom they tied up and assaulted with their fists when she resisted, and got away with £362. The offenders in the foregoing case were charged with the crime. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced as stated.

Dublin City. On 17th April, 1960, at about 2.20 p.m. a man who had entered the premises of a Post Office jumped over the grill and attacked the Postmistress. He was then joined by another man and they proceeded to tie up the Postmistress who was beaten about the face with their fists. When told by the Postmistress that her husband was at the back talking to a policeman they left hurriedly taking about £60 from the cash desk. A stolen car was later found in the vicinity. The accused in the foregoing cases were charged with this crime. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced as stated.

Dublin City. On 27th April, 1960, at about 2 p.m. two men entered a private residence. They tied up and beat a housekeeper and after searching the house made off with money and property valued at £193. The accused in the foregoing cases were charged with this crime also. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced as stated.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES-PERSONS DEALT WITH SUMMARILY - PROCEEDINGS AND RESULTS IN YEAR 1960

OFFENCES (1)	No. of persons proceeded against (2)	Charge withdrawn or dismissed (3)	Number Convicted (4)	Charge proved and order made without conviction (5)	adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (6)
1. Adulteration of Food, Drugs, Etc.,	1	-	1		
2 Assaults	1255	196	847	171	41
3. Cruelty to Animals	153	27	106	17	3
4 Dogs, offences in relation to Licensing of (Finance Act, 1925)	4090	328	2842	916	4
5. School Attendance Act, 1926, offences against ..	2903	179	2145	544	35
6. Highway Acts, offences against:-					
(a) Lighting Regulations - Pedal Cycles ..	17095	730	13727	2575	63
(b) " " M.P.V.	11158	441	8753	1949	15
(c) " " Horse Drawn Vehicles	295	16	262	17	
(d) Licences-Driving and Excise l.	10305	797	7513	1951	44
(e) Obstruction	4665	289	3451	919	6
(f) General Bye-Laws for Control of Traffic 1937 - 56 ..	4626	359	3128	1126	13
(g) Local Bye-Laws (R.T. Act, 1933) ..	5745	371	3656	1717	1
(h) Dangerous and Careless Driving ..	3280	693	2250	296	41
(i) Compulsory Insurance (R.T. Act, 1933) ..	2798	439	1898	446	15
(j) Wandering Animals ..	820	86	688	34	12
(k) Driving or Attempting to drive while drunk	535	187	336	5	7
(l) Other Road Offences ..	6576	478	5044	1021	33
(m) Road Transport Acts. ..	735	152	476	89	18
7. Intoxicating Liquor Laws, offences against:-					
(a) Illegally on Licensed premises during closing hours ..	9628	335	9092	175	26
(b) Drunkenness, Simple ..	1782	135	1342	302	3
(c) Drunkenness with aggravation ..	1398	70	1204	113	11
(d) Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) against closing Regulations ..	1522	90	1418	9	5
(e) Other Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) ..	96	11	84	1	
(f) Other offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws ..	374	30	326	18	
(g) Offences in connection with Registered Clubs ..	28		25	3	
8. Labour Laws, offences against ..	7		7		
9. Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences, etc. ..	1376	188	855	284	49
10. Noxious Weeds Act, 1936 - Offences against	59	9	48	1	1
11. Police Regulations, offences against ..					
(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts ..	2090	193	1019	853	25
(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851..	841	36	557	245	3
12. Revenue Laws, offences against	837	61	664	109	3
13. Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (not the subject of Larceny at Common Law)	300	34	201	64	1
14. Street Trading Act, 1926 - Offences against	937	23	578	333	3
15. Unlawful possession	584	168	253	152	11
16. Vagrancy Acts - Offences Against:-					
(a) Begging	473	35	357	74	7
(b) other offences	295	56	160	78	1
17. Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926 - offences against	300	12	223	63	2
18. Other offences	2833	352	2103	344	34
TOTAL	102795	7606	77639	17014	536