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To THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report on Crime for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

PART I.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

The number of indictable offences which were reported or became known to the *Gárda Síochána* in the year 1954, was 11,917, which figure is 3,685 less than the total for the year 1953.

The decrease was mainly due to a decrease of 3,030 in the number of Larcenies and a decrease of 481 in the number of Offences relating to Housebreaking recorded as compared with the numbers in 1953.

Proceedings were taken in 6,238 cases and in a further 827 cases, the perpetrators were detected, but no proceedings are shown, giving a total of 7,065 detections, almost 60% of the offences recorded.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR.

In the following table, the number of offences recorded in each offence group in the years 1953 and 1954 are given :—

GROUP	No. of offences recorded	
	1954	1953
I—Offences against the Person	478	531
II—Offences against Property with Violence	2,538	3,032
III—Offences against Property without Violence	8,753	11,813
IV—Other Offences	148	226
TOTALS	11,917	15,602

PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST.

A total of 6,112 persons were proceeded against for the commission of indictable offences in the year 1954. Of this number, 5,433 were males and 679 females. The number convicted was 2,782 and the charges against a further 2,284 were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

For details of indictable offences and proceedings, see Appendix A.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR YEARS 1949 TO 1954.

Comparative figures of indictable offences and proceedings in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of Offences reported or known to the Garda.	No. of Offences in which proceedings were instituted.	No. of Persons proceeded against.
1954	11,917	6,238	6,112
1953	15,602	7,603	7,138
1952	14,720	7,203	6,803
1951	14,127	7,501	7,608
1950	12,231	6,995	6,889
1949	12,171	7,029	6,657

INDICTABLE OFFENCES AND DETECTIONS BY GÁRDA DIVISIONS.

Details of indictable offences and detections in each Garda Division and in the Garda Districts of the cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway, in the year 1954, are given in Appendix B.

GROUP CLASSIFICATION.

The number of indictable offences, proceedings, and persons proceeded against in the year 1954, in group classification, are given in the following table:—

GROUP.	No. of offences known to the Garda.	No. of offences in which proceedings were taken	No. of Persons proceeded against.
I—Offences against the Person ...	478	410	482
II—Offences against Property with Violence ...	2,538	1,617	1,832
III—Offences against Property without Violence	8,753	4,108	3,694
IV—Offences not included in the above Groups	148	102	104
TOTALS ...	11,917	6,238	6,112

GROUP I.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.

Included in this group are offences of Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding, Assault, Intimidation, Cruelty to and Abandoning Children and Sexual Offences.

Comparative figures for the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of offences known to the Garda.	No. of offences in which proceedings were instituted.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were instituted.
1954	478	410	86
1953	531	470	89
1952	465	388	84
1951	446	348	78
1950	499	421	84
1949	496	430	87

MURDER—OF PERSONS AGED ABOVE ONE YEAR.

Two murders of persons aged above one year were recorded in year 1954. Proceedings were taken in both cases. Brief particulars are:—

Co. Offaly.—On 29th April, 1954, a young woman was shot dead by her husband, a labourer, in a field near her home. The shooting was the outcome of domestic trouble and the weapon used, a .22 rifle, was borrowed by the husband from a neighbour and was returned to him after the crime was committed. The husband was arrested and charged and at the Central Criminal Court he was found to be insane and incapable of pleading, and was ordered to be detained during the pleasure of the Government.

Co. Wexford.—On 4th July, 1954, a middle-aged farm labourer was attacked by an elder brother who beat him violently about the head with a fork handle, inflicting fatal injuries. The brothers were unmarried and lived together. The offender was arrested and charged, and at the Central Criminal Court he was found to be insane and incapable of pleading and was ordered to be detained during the pleasure of the Government.

In the year 1953, seven murders of persons aged above one year were recorded.

MURDER—OF INFANTS AGED ONE YEAR AND UNDER.

Two cases of murder of infants aged one year and under were reported during the year. Proceedings were taken in one case which was subsequently dealt with a Infanticide,

Brief particulars are :—

Co. Galway.—On 7th April, 1954, an 18 years' old domestic gave birth to a female infant in her employer's house. She then stabbed the body with a scissors and later put it inside a road fence where it was found. A Post-mortem examination of the body revealed that the baby was dead when stabbed. At the Circuit Court held in Galway the offender pleaded Guilty to Infanticide and concealment of Birth. She was released on bail to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for two years, during which time she was to reside with her parents.

Dublin Metropolitan Area.—On 13th August, 1954, a parcel which had been posed in Dublin was received at a Co. Mayo Post Office. As the addressee was unknown in the district, the parcel was opened by Officials of the Post Office and was found to contain the body of a female infant. A Post-mortem examination of the body revealed that the infant was born alive from two to four weeks previously. The cause of death could not be definitely ascertained owing to decomposition, but was probably due to the infant's throat being cut. No one has been made amenable.

In the year 1953, five murders of infants were reported, three of which were subsequently dealt with as Infanticide.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

No crime of Attempting to Murder was recorded in year 1954. One crime was recorded in 1953.

THREATS, CONSPIRACY, ETC., TO MURDER.

No crime of Threatening, etc., to Murder was recorded in year 1954. Three crimes were recorded in year 1953.

MANSLAUGHTER (OTHER THAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES).

One crime of Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities) was recorded in year 1954. Proceedings were taken and the accused were convicted.

Brief particulars are:—

Co. Cavan.—On night of 1-2nd January, 1954, an altercation occurred at a dance in a farmhouse. One of the participants left the dance and went to his home. Some hours later his house was entered by two men who pulled him out of bed and severely beat and kicked him about the head. His dead body was found on the floor of the room on 3rd January by his mother, who had been away from home for a few days. The

assailants were arrested and charged with murder. At the Central Criminal Court they pleaded "Not Guilty" to the Murder charge. They were then indicted on a charge of Manslaughter to which one of them pleaded "Guilty" and was sentenced to six years Penal Servitude. The second accused pleaded "Not Guilty" but on trial was found "Guilty," and was sentenced to four years' Penal Servitude.

Seven crimes of Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities) were recorded in year 1953.

MANSLAUGHTER (TRAFFIC FATALITIES).

Thirteen crimes of Manslaughter (Traffic Fatalities) were recorded in year 1954. Proceedings were taken in twelve cases. The case on which no proceedings were taken concerns the death of an 80 year old man of labouring class who was struck by a car when walking on the public road near Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, at 10 p.m., and died of injuries received. In this case, there was strong suspicion as to the car involved, but sufficient evidence to support a charge has not been obtained.

Twenty-one crimes of Manslaughter (Traffic Fatalities) were recorded in year 1953.

WOUNDING, ETC. (FELONIES).

Seven crimes of Wounding and other Acts endangering life were recorded in year 1954. Proceedings were taken in five cases, and in four cases the accused were convicted.

Eight crimes were recorded in year 1953.

ASSAULT, WOUNDING, ETC. (MISDEMEANOURS).

216 crimes of Assault, Wounding, etc. (Misdemeanours) were recorded in year 1954, being one less than the number in 1953. Proceedings were taken in 208 cases. Convictions were recorded in 173 cases, and in a further 12 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation Act was applied. Seven cases are shown pending.

INTIMIDATION.

Sixteen crimes of Intimidation were recorded in year 1954, ten of which were Intimidation by Threatening Letters, Notices, etc. Proceedings were taken in 6 cases in 3 of which the charges were held proved and the Probation Act applied.

In the year 1953, six crimes were recorded, two of which were Intimidation by Threatening Letters, etc.

SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST FEMALES.

The number of sexual offences against females recorded in year 1954 was 137, which figure is 38 less than the number in 1953.

Comparative figures for offences and proceedings in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were taken.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were taken.
1954	137	119	87
1953	175	153	87
1952	183	152	83
1951	162	135	83
1950	187	158	84
1949	197	161	82

GROUP II.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE.

Offences of Burglary, Housebreaking, Robbery and Malicious Injury to Property are included in this group.

The total number of offences recorded in the group in year 1954 was 2,538, which is 494 less than the number in year 1953. The decrease is almost entirely accounted for in offences relating to Housebreaking. Proceedings were taken in 1,617 cases in 1954, and convictions were recorded in 936 cases. In a further 477 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. 93 cases are shown pending.

Comparative figures of offences and proceedings taken in years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were taken.	Percentage of Cases in which proceedings were taken.
1954	2,538	1,617	64
1953	3,032	1,844	61
1952	2,728	1,667	61
1951	2,906	1,865	62
1950	2,445	1,623	66
1949	2,407	1,613	67

HOUSEBREAKING.

The total number of offences relating to Housebreaking in the year 1954 was 2,397, which figure is 481 less than the number in year 1953. The offence headings under which the greatest decreases were recorded are Housebreaking—Dwellinghouses, decrease of 246, and Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, etc., decrease of 184.

Comparative figures for total number of offences relating to Housebreaking and the number and percentage of offences in which proceedings were taken in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were taken.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were taken.
1954	2,397	1,529	64
1953	2,878	1,767	61
1952	2,591	1,588	61
1951	2,636	1,690	64
1950	2,031	1,387	68
1949	2,030	1,410	69

ROBBERY.

Twenty-three offences of Robbery and Assaults with Intent to Rob were recorded in year 1954. In two of those offences firearms were used.

Proceedings were taken in 13 cases within the year, and in 8 cases the offenders were convicted.

Brief particulars of the two cases in which firearms were used are:—

Dublin Metropolitan Area.—On 29th October, 1954, a young man entered a business premises in the city and went to the cash office where he presented a revolver at the cashier, grabbed a handful of Bank notes amounting to £52 and made off. He was pursued into the street where he was followed by the staff until the arrival of Garda. At the Circuit Court he was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

Co. Kerry.—On 14th November, 1954, at 5.40a .m., a Wholesale Newsagent delivering English Sunday newspapers stopped his lorry to make some deliveries. He was accosted by a man carrying a revolver who ordered him back into the lorry. The

Newsagent grabbed the revolver and threw it under the lorry. Two other armed men then appeared but the newsagent shouted for help and the men fled in a car. It was believed that the intention was to burn the newspapers which featured crime in England and in which a former local resident was involved. The affair arose out of local family considerations. No arrests were made.

In the year 1953, a total of 36 Offences of Robbery were recorded, in none of which was a firearm used.

ARSON AND OTHER MALICIOUS INJURY TO PROPERTY.

A total of 108 offences of Arson and Other Malicious Injury to Property was recorded in year 1954, of which 51 were offences of Arson.

Proceedings were taken in 67 cases within the year, and in 29 cases the accused were convicted. In a further 20 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

In the year 1953, the total offences was 109, of which 44 were Offences of Arson.

GROUP III.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

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

In the year 1954, the total number of offences recorded in this group was 8,753, which figure is 3,060 less than the total for 1953. In offences of Larceny alone, there was a decrease of 3,030, which includes a decrease of 1,263 in Larcenies of Pedal Cycles. In the Dublin Metropolitan Area, the decrease in Larcenies of Pedal Cycles in 1954 was 1,296.

Proceedings were taken in 4,103 cases in this group in 1954, and in 1,930 cases, the accused were convicted. In a further 1,526 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. 207 cases are shown pending.

Comparative figures of offences in this group and the number and percentage of cases in which proceedings were taken in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR.	No. of offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were taken.	Percentage of Cases in which proceedings were taken.
1954	8,753	4,108	47
1953	11,813	5,123	43
1952	11,301	4,963	44
1951	10,513	5,158	49
1950	9,157	4,859	53
1949	9,130	4,884	53

Comparative figures for the various forms of Larceny within the group as given in Crime Statistical Tables for the years 1949 to 1954 are set out in the following table:—

Offences.	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Larceny from the Person ...	209	282	257	236	219	254
Larceny in House to value of £5, etc. ...	431	575	601	554	569	613
Larceny from Dwellinghouse by Employee ...	78	119	123	134	132	144
Larceny of Explosives ...	1	—	1	—	—	—
Larceny of Motor Vehicles ...	27	34	22	21	14	16
Larceny of Pedal Cycles ...	1,957	3,220	2,592	1,898	1,389	1,420
Larceny from Unattended Vehicles ...	952	1,451	1,283	1,312	1,161	944
Larceny from Shops and Stalls ...	909	1,134	1,026	1,017	991	923
Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep ...	48	62	51	50	56	52
Other Larcenies (exceeding £5 in value) ...	1,148	1,322	1,553	1,397	1,099	1,048
Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value) ...	2,439	3,030	3,052	3,180	2,892	2,974
TOTALS ...	8,199	11,229	10,561	9,797	8,414	8,388

Of the total number of Larcenies recorded in year 1954, 5,503, or over 67% were recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Area, compared with 8,140 or over 72% in year 1953.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

Forty-four offences of Embezzlement were recorded in year 1954, an increase of four on the number in year 1953. Of the total, the number of offences recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Area was 28, compared with 27 in year 1953.

Proceedings were taken in 43 cases and convictions were recorded in 18 cases. In a further 12 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

OBTAINING GOODS, ETC., BY FALSE PRETENCES.

The number of offences of Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences in year 1954 was 290, eight less than the number in year 1953. Sixty-five offences were recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Area, compared with 76 in year 1953.

Proceedings were taken in 186 cases and convictions were recorded in 118 cases. In a further 38 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. Eighteen cases are shown pending.

FRAUDS.

A total of 52 offences relating to Frauds were recorded in year 1954, compared with 67 offences in year 1953. In the Dublin Metropolitan Area, 19 offences were recorded, compared with 33 in year 1953.

Proceedings were taken in 46 cases in 1954, and convictions numbered 16. In a further 9 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

GROUP IV.—OFFENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING GROUPS

Included in this group are offences of Forgery, Perjury, Bribery, Riot and Unlawful Assembly, Offences against Public Decency, Offences under Coinage Acts, Attempting to Commit Suicide, Offences under the Treason Act and Offences against the State Act, and Other Indictable Offences which are not included in Groups I, II or III.

A total of 148 offences were recorded in this group in 1954, compared with 226 in year 1953. Proceedings were taken in 103 cases and convictions were recorded in 65 cases. In a further 22 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

In offences of Forgery and Uttering there was a decrease of 22 in the number of offences recorded in 1954, compared with the number in 1953; the totals were 95 and 117 respectively. In offences relating to Public Indecency, there was a decrease of 31,

Three offences only were recorded in 1954, compared with 34 in 1953. The number of cases of attempting to commit suicide in 1954 was 20, a decrease of 4 compared with the number in 1953.

ORGANISED CRIMES OF VIOLENCE.

A total of ten organised crimes of violence, all of which were of an agrarian nature, were recorded in 1954, compared with one crime, also agrarian, in year 1953. Four of the crimes in 1954 related to Cattle Driving, three were of an intimidatory nature, in two cases hay was burned, and in the remaining case a cornfield was spiked.

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED.

The total value of property reported as stolen in year 1954, was £133,887, of which property valued at £43,401 was recovered.

In offences against property with violence, *i.e.*, Burglary, Housebreaking and Sacrilege, the value of property reported as stolen in 1954 was £43,547, of which property valued at £16,187 was recovered. In offences against property without violence, *i.e.*, Larcencies, the value of property reported as stolen was £90,340, of which property valued at £27,214 was recovered.

In the year 1953, the total value of property reported as stolen was £164,744, of which property valued at £45,458 was recovered. In offences against property with violence, the value of property stolen was £61,527, of which £15,001 was recovered. In offences against property without violence, the value stolen was £103,217 and recovered was £30,457.

Comparative figures of offences in which property was stolen and the value of stolen property in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

	Year	Less than £1	£1 to £2	£2 to £5	£5 to £10	£10 to £50	£50 to £100	Over £100	Total
Offences against property with violence.	1954	404	252	336	279	565	95	94	2,025
	1953	479	268	417	322	648	179	136	2,440
	1952	363	267	402	317	698	124	123	2,204
	1951	451	302	398	295	623	123	104	2,296
	1950	357	237	338	274	466	83	59	1,754
	1949	391	265	315	259	465	77	72	1,775
Offences against property without violence.	1954	1,409	1,035	1,628	2,028	1,898	93	92	8,183
	1953	1,636	1,232	2,596	3,030	2,451	146	129	11,211
	1952	1,734	1,460	2,479	2,506	2,133	127	101	10,540
	1951	1,611	1,311	2,262	2,369	2,062	140	90	9,785
	1950	1,888	1,149	2,014	1,762	1,431	79	77	8,400
	1949	1,708	1,338	2,070	1,650	1,428	97	79	8,370

PERSONS CHARGED WITH INDICTABLE OFFENCES AND FINALLY DEALT WITH.

Of the 6,112 persons charged with the commission of indictable offences in year 1954, 5,798 were finally dealt with and the guilt of 5,066 was established, 2,782 by conviction and 2,284 dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907.

PERSONS CONVICTED OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

The number of persons convicted of indictable offences in the year 1954 was 2,782, of which 2,569 were males and 213 females.

The number convicted by Courts of Summary Jurisdiction was 2,575—2,376 males and 199 females, and the number convicted by Circuit and Higher Courts was 207—193 males and 14 females.

Comparative figures of persons convicted in age grouping, and the percentage which each age group forms of the total persons convicted, in the years 1949 to 1954, are given in the following table :—

Age Group	NUMBER OF PERSONS CONVICTED						PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL					
	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Under												
14 years	201	184	135	179	144	98	7	6	4	5	5	3
14-16 years	259	264	265	223	177	155	9	8	8	7	6	6
16-18		413	341	361	317	246	11	12	11	11	11	9
18-21		697	630	639	487	539	18	18	20	20	17	19
21-30		931	886	1,021	878	889	28	28	28	31	31	32
30-40		356	519	458	416	424	15	17	16	14	15	15
Above 40 years	22	381	416	379	377	401	12	11	13	12	13	15
TOTALS	2,782	3,336	3,183	3,260	2,796	2,743						

Details of persons convicted of indictable offence are given in Appendix D (1).

CHARGE PROVED AND PROBATION OF OFFENDERS ACT APPLIED.

The number of persons against whom the charges were held proved and who were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, without conviction, in the year 1954, was 2,284—over 37% of the total persons charged—1,958 males and 326 females.

Comparative figures of persons in each age group and the percentage of the total persons so dealt with in the year 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

Age Group	NUMBER OF PERSONS						PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL					
	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Under												
14 years	633	844	721	944	923	819	29	31	29	31	32	29
14-16 years	472	541	493	692	566	490	21	20	20	20	20	17
16-18	340	372	382	459	381	352	15	14	16	15	12	13
18-21	310	283	272	331	287	325	14	10	11	11	10	12
21-30	217	277	269	335	339	339	9	10	11	11	12	13
30-40	158	190	172	201	183	211	7	7	7	7	6	8
Above 40 years	134	187	149	202	183	249	6	7	6	7	6	9
TOTALS	2,284	2,694	2,458	3,074	2,862	2,787						

Details of persons are given in Appendix D (2).

INDICTABLE OFFENCES CLEARED UP IN YEAR 1954.

The number of indictable offences cleared up in the year 1954 was 7,161, details of which are contained in Columns 3 and 17, Appendix A (1) and Column 2 of Appendix G (2), giving a detection percentage of 60 in relation to the number of indictable offences recorded for the year.

In the year 1953, the detection percentage was 53.

The incidence of indictable offences and detections in the years 1944 to 1954, is shown in Graphical Form in Appendix A (3).

INDICTABLE OFFENCES—PROCEEDINGS PENDING FROM YEAR 1953—RESULTS.

In Appendix A (1) to report for year 1953, proceedings were shown pending in 359 cases. One of this number has since been struck out of records, and 33 are still shown pending. Of the cases disposed of, convictions were recorded in 112 cases, and in a further 171 cases, the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Details are given in Appendix G (1).

DETECTIONS IN INDICTABLE OFFENCES RECORDED IN YEAR 1953.

During the year 1954, detections were made in 96 indictable offences which were recorded in 1953, but not detected within

that year. Convictions were recorded in 47 cases, and in a further 21 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Details are given in Appendix G (2).

COMPARATIVE NUMBERS OF INDICTIBLE OFFENCES IN THE YEARS 1954 AND 1938.

It will be of interest at this stage to compare the number of indictable offences recorded for the year 1954, with that for the year 1938.

The number in 1954, viz., 11,917, was almost double the number, 6,767, recorded in 1938.

The peak year in the intervening period was 1943, when the number was 17,305. There followed a gradual yearly decrease until 1949, when the number was 12,171, and the figures again rose gradually to 15,602 in the year 1953, falling again to 11,917 in 1954.

The principal increases from 1938 to 1954 are under the headings of Offences against Property.

During the war years 1939—1945, and for a few years later, the scarcity, high prices of commodities and rationing restrictions opened up new channels for the disposal of stolen property. No questions were asked by purchasers generally as to the source of supply; it was sufficient for the vendors to hint at "black-market" or smuggling sources. The channels of disposal are still largely available. The diversion of Gardaí to special duties during the emergency period gave the thieves added opportunities. The effects of the war years still remain. In addition, the rapid development of road transport since 1945 has assisted the travelling criminal, while the progressive fall in the strength of Garda in post emergency years contributed to the general picture.

Comparative figures of indictible offences for the years 1938 and 1954, with the areas of incidence and the offences in which the main increases appear, are shown hereunder:—

Nature of Offence	Year 1938			Year 1954		
	Whole Country	Dublin Met. Division	Area Outside D.M.D.	Whole Country	Dublin Met. Division	Area Outside D.M.D.
<i>Class I.</i> Offences against the Person	493	94	399	478	83	395
<i>Class II.</i> Offences against property with violence	1,319	622	697	2,538	1,042	1,496
<i>Class III.</i> Offences against property without violence	4,828	2,853	1,975	8,753	5,657	3,096
<i>Class IV.</i> Other Offences	129	33	96	148	51	97
TOTALS	6,769	3,602	3,167	11,917	6,833	5,084
Assaults, Wounding, etc.	109	9	100	223	26	197
Housebreaking and Allied Offences ...	1,093	580	513	2,307	1,009	1,388
Larceny from the Person	85	60	25	209	142	67
Larceny of Pedal Cycles	1,160	956	204	1,957	1,471	486
Larceny from Vehicles	274	222	52	952	663	289
Larceny from Shops, Stalls	449	262	187	909	586	323
Other Larcenies	2,402	1,208	1,194	4,172	2,641	1,531

PART II.

JUVENILES CHARGED WITH INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

There is little change in the number of juveniles involved in crime during the year 1954, compared with 1953.

During the last three months of the year 1953, a new procedure was introduced with the consent of the Law Officers, whereby discretion was given to Garda Officers to caution juven-

iles in the presence of their parents or guardians, for minor indictable offences, provided that the injured parties do not object to such a course and there is hope that the child will appreciate the caution and that the parents will ensure supervision.

88 juveniles, including 19 young girls, were so cautioned during the period in year 1953.

With this procedure in operation for the whole of year 1954, a total of 471 juveniles were cautioned. In two cases only was it found necessary to caution the juvenile on two occasions.

Comparative figures of juveniles charged in Courts and cautioned by Gárda in years 1953 and 1954 are:—

	1954	1953
Number of Juveniles Charged	2,057	2,474
Number of Juveniles Cautioned	471	88
TOTALS	2,528	2,562

Full details of juvenile offenders charged with indictable offences are contained in Appendices E and F.

The number of persons under 18 years, charged with indictable offences, who were dealt with by the Courts in year 1954 was 2,057.

Comparative figures of offenders, male and female, dealt with in the years 1949 to 1954 under the various offence headings are given in the following table:—

Offences	1954		1953		1952		1951		1950		1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Burglary	24	—	26	—	13	—	12	2	9	—	7	—
Housebreaking	757	16	865	32	752	23	877	21	808	12	664	24
Larceny of Pedal Cycles	109	9	124	18	125	13	122	16	122	21	166	6
Larceny from Unattended Vehicles	104	7	176	8	141	5	167	6	148	1	148	6
Larceny from Shops and Stalls	205	32	260	32	267	33	315	40	277	32	231	32
Other Larcenies (exceeding £5 in value)	189	26	177	41	179	42	231	45	186	32	158	34
Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	383	40	497	50	561	65	545	64	489	44	465	75
Malicious Injury to Property	56	2	34	—	26	—	104	—	174	2	142	—
Other Offences	91	7	122	12	93	3	117	15	98	16	132	14
TOTALS	1,916	139	2,281	183	2,157	184	2,495	209	2,293	160	2,053	191

SEX AND AGE OF OFFENDERS.

Comparative figures of offenders, male and female, in each age group charged with indictable offences and dealt with in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

YEAR	Under 12 years		12 to 14 years		14 to 16 years		16 to 18 years	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1954	354	23	427	15	619	52	518	49
1953	463	40	551	33	688	62	579	58
1952	430	23	489	45	792	59	536	57
1951	517	31	610	48	721	59	645	71
1950	526	23	519	35	621	53	627	49
1949	434	28	495	50	608	60	516	53

CIRCUMSTANCES CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY.

The main causes or circumstances which, in the opinion of the Gárda contributed to juvenile delinquency in year 1954, were (1) Lack of Parental Control, 806 cases or 39%; (2) Desire to get money for Amusement, 538 cases or 26%; (3) Youthful Gang Influence, 313 or 15%; Mischief 295 or 14%; Criminal Associations, 81 or 4%; and Necessity, 24 or 1%.

Comparative figures for the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Lack of Parental Control	806	1,065	963	1,153	939	1,082
Desire to get money for Amusement	538	669	695	733	638	571
Youthful Gang Influence	313	329	239	287	280	237
Mischief	295	298	319	443	492	273
Criminal Associations	81	82	96	67	75	61
Necessity	24	31	29	19	20	20
TOTALS	2,057	2,474	2,341	2,702	2,433	2,244

PERCENTAGE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS CHARGED IN RELATION TO TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED WITH INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

The number of juveniles (2,057) dealt with in the Courts in the year 1954, formed almost 34% of the total persons charged with indictable offences. In the year 1953, the percentage was almost 35%.

The number of juvenile offenders and the approximate percentage of the total persons charged with indictable offences in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

YEAR	No. of Juvenile Offenders dealt with for Indictable Offences	Percentage of Total Number of Persons Charged with Indictable Offences.
1954	2,057	34%
1953	2,474	35%
1952	2,341	34%
1951	2,702	36%
1950	2,453	36%
1949	2,244	34%

While juvenile offenders form about 34% of the total number of persons charged, this is not so serious as would appear on first sight. It is well known that it is much easier to obtain evidence against juveniles than against adults. Their comrades will implicate them, and in the majority of cases the juveniles themselves will admit the offence when questioned in the presence of their parents or guardians, as is the rule for Garda.

On the other hand, the adult offender or the seasoned criminal will not admit crimes readily unless confronted with some evidence to convict him, and as he usually works alone and goes carefully about his crimes, it is often difficult to get evidence; and of course a number of adult offenders, while known to the police, escape the consequences for lack of evidence.

The number of juveniles charged represents, therefore, practically 100% of the juvenile offenders in the country. The crimes of juveniles are also mostly of a minor nature. The property stolen in theft and breaking offences, consists mainly of petty cash, sweets, toys, torch lights, fountain pens, games-outfits, etc.

When a juvenile offender is charged with an offence, a special form is completed by the investigating Police Officers, giving particulars for each offender, from which statistics are compiled, and the statistical features of juvenile crime, shown in the Annual Reports of the Commissioner, may, therefore, be accepted as reliable.

OFFENCES CHARGED AGAINST JUVENILES.

Of the total number of juveniles charged and dealt with in year 1954, 773 or 38% were charged with Housebreaking, 24 or

1% were charged with Burglary, and 1,104 or 54% were charged with Larceny. In the year 1953, the percentages were, Housebreaking 37%, Burglary 1%, and Larceny 56%.

The number of juveniles dealt with under the various offence headings and the percentage which juveniles formed of the total persons charged with those offences in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

Offence	Year	No. of Juvenile Offenders Charged	Percentage of Total Persons Charged
Burglary	1954	24	25
	1953	26	27
	1952	13	11
	1951	14	13
	1950	9	10
	1949	7	7
Housebreaking	1954	773	49
	1953	897	51
	1952	775	49
	1951	898	50
	1950	820	54
	1949	688	45
Larceny	1954	1,104	33
	1953	1,383	34
	1952	1,431	36
	1951	1,554	33
	1950	1,334	35
	1949	1,261	34
Malicious Injury to Property	1954	58	50
	1953	34	32
	1952	26	33
	1951	104	40
	1950	176	47
	1949	142	50
Other Offences	1954	98	10
	1953	134	12
	1952	96	9
	1951	132	12
	1950	114	10
	1949	146	12

JUVENILE OFFENDERS RELEASED UNDER THE PROBATION OF OFFENDERS ACT.

In the year 1954, the number of juvenile offenders who were released under the Probation of Offenders Act was 1,382, or over 67% of the total offenders dealt with.

The number of offenders charged for the first time was 1,437 or 70% of the total, of whom 1,043 or almost 73% were released under the Probation Act.

The number charged for the second time was 420 or 20% of the total, of whom 258 or 61% were released under the Probation Act, 44 for the first time and 214 for the second time.

The number charged for the third time was 123 or 6% of the total, of whom 52 or 42% were released under the Probation Act, 4 for the first time, 13 for the second time and 35 for the third time.

The number charged for the fourth time or oftener was 77 or 4% of the total, of whom 29 or 38% were released under the Probation Act, 4 for the first time, 1 for the second time, 9 for the third time and 15 for the fourth time or oftener.

Details are given in Appendix F (2).

JUVENILE OFFENDERS BY GÁRDA DIVISIONS.

Details of Juvenile Offenders dealt with in each Gárda Division in the year 1954, and the offences charged against them are given in Appendix F (1).

FAMILY INCOME.

The income to the homes of juvenile offenders in the year 1954 are given in the following table:—

Approximate Weekly Income	Number of Offenders
Under £2	44
£2 to £4	281
£4 to £6	471
£6 to £8	575
£8 and Over	630
Not ascertainable	56
TOTAL	2,057

Details are given in Appendix F (3).

PART III.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES—PERSONS PROSECUTED.

The number of persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences in the year 1954 was 110,286, compared with 130,555 in the year 1953, a decrease of 20,269. The decrease is recorded principally

in relation to offences under the Road Traffic Act, 1933, a decrease of 16,377; Intoxicating Liquor Laws, decrease of 1,346; Finance Act, 1925—Dog Licensing, decrease of 1,202; Malicious Damage to Property, decrease of 910; and Education and School Attendance Acts, decrease of 659. There was an increase of 235 in prosecutions by Gárda for offences under the Revenue Laws.

The number of persons convicted was 80,647, or over 73% of the number prosecuted. The offences charged against a further 23,360 persons, over 21% of the total prosecuted, were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Comparative figures of total persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences in the years 1949 to 1954 are:—

Year	Number of persons Prosecuted.
1954	110,286
1953	130,555
1952	140,116
1951	145,785
1950	147,582
1949	165,046

Full details of proceedings and results are given in Appendices C (1) and C (2).

Prosecutions and convictions for non-indictable offences in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in graphical form in Appendix C (3).

ASSAULTS.

The number of persons prosecuted for assaults in the year 1954 was 1,243, of whom 967 were charged with Common Assault, 164 with Assault on Gárdaí, and 112 with Aggravated Assault.

Convictions totalled 739 and 203 persons were sent to prison without the option of a fine. 488 persons were fined.

The number of persons against whom the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied was 263.

In the year 1953, the total persons prosecuted was 1,272, of whom 1,062 were charged with Common Assault, 160 with Assaults on Gárdaí and 50 with Aggravated Assaults.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

226 persons were charged in the year 1954 with Offences of Cruelty to Animals, of whom 163 were convicted, and a further 38 were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act. Of the number convicted, six were sent to prison without the option of a fine and the remainder were fined.

In the year 1953, the number of persons prosecuted was 234, of whom 173 were convicted and a further 37 dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

DOGS—OFFENCES IN RELATION TO LICENSING OF.

A total of 7,191 persons were prosecuted for failing to take out licences for their dogs in the year 1954. Of this total, 3,326 were convicted and fined and a further 3,202 were dealt with under the Probation Act.

In the year 1953, the number of persons prosecuted was 8,393, of whom 3,577 were convicted and fined, and a further 3,715 were dealt with under the Probation Act.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACTS.

The number of persons prosecuted for offences under these Acts in year 1954 was 3,798, which figure is 659 less than the number prosecuted in year 1953.

Of the total number prosecuted, 2,589 were convicted and fined, and a further 922 were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act. In 23 cases, the children were committed to Industrial Schools.

In the year 1953, the number of persons prosecuted was 4,457, of whom 3,121 were convicted and fined, and a further 1,106 persons were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act. In 137 cases, the children were committed to Industrial Schools.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933.

A total of 58,653 persons, of whom 6,132 were females, were prosecuted for offences against the Road Traffic Act in 1954. This total is 16,377 less than the number for 1953, when 75,020 persons, 8,081 of whom were females, were prosecuted.

The number of prosecutions under the Act in year 1954 formed over 53% of the total prosecutions for non-indictable offences, compared with 57% in year 1953.

Comparative figures of prosecutions, convictions, etc., in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

Year	No. of Persons Prosecuted	No. of Convictions	Charge Proved and Probation Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise disposed of
1954	58,653	43,850	11,902	2,901	—
1953	75,020	59,415	12,371	3,234	—
1952	78,880	63,546	12,033	3,298	3
1951	84,989	67,914	13,346	3,723	6
1950	87,218	70,256	13,383	3,579	—
1949	97,919	81,639	12,277	4,003	—

The number of prosecutions for "Lighting" offences in the year 1954 was 38,525, which figure is 14,612 less than the number in year 1953.

In offences relating to Mechanically Propelled Vehicles, the decrease in prosecutions was 2,218; in relation to Pedal Cycles, the decrease was 11,559, and in relation to other vehicles was 835.

The number of prosecutions *re* lighting of Pedal Cycles has dropped from 54,637 in 1949 to 24,827 in 1954.

Comparative figures for the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

Year	Offences against Lighting Regulations by :—			
	Drivers of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles	Pedal Cyclists	Other Road Users	Total
1954	11,787	24,827	1,911	38,525
1953	14,005	36,386	2,746	53,137
1952	14,957	37,842	2,937	55,736
1951	15,951	39,571	2,902	58,424
1950	14,616	42,452	2,636	59,704
1949	12,927	54,637	4,407	71,971

There was a decrease of 835 in the number of persons prosecuted for Dangerous and Careless Driving in 1954, compared with the number in 1953; and for Offences of Driving or Attempting to Drive while Drunk there was a decrease of 86.

Comparative figures of prosecutions for those offences in years 1950 to 1954 are given in the following table :—

Year	Dangerous and Careless Driving		Driving or Attempting to Drive while Drunk	
	Mechanically Propelled Vehicles	Others	Mechanically Propelled Vehicles	Others
1954	3,312	325	395	188
1953	3,987	485	457	212
1952	4,164	609	503	135
1951	4,437	645	472	150
1950	4,004	818	337	132

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LAWS.

The number of persons prosecuted for offences under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws in the year 1954 was 16,787, a decrease of 1,346, compared with the number in 1953.

The number of prosecutions for Drunkenness in 1954 was 3,714, compared with 4,091 in 1953. Prosecutions for Simple Drunkenness in 1954 totalled 2,111, compared with 2,396 in 1953; and prosecutions for Drunkenness with Aggravations in 1954 totalled 1,603, compared with 1,695 in 1953.

The number of prosecutions for offences by licensed persons or their servants in year 1954, was 2,073, of which 1,961 were in respect of offences against Closing Regulations. Of the latter total, 1,785 were convicted and fined, and 49 were dealt with under the Probation Act.

In the year 1953, there were 2,160 persons prosecuted of which total 2,031 were prosecuted for offences against Closing Regulations.

28 persons were prosecuted in 1954 for unlicensed Sale of Drink, compared with 44 in year 1953.

For "Other Offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws"—including found on licensed premises during prohibited hours, giving false name, etc., or refusing to give name, etc. when so found, refusing to quit licensed premises when lawfully requested, false representation as *bona-fide* traveller, etc.—the number of persons prosecuted in 1954 was 10,972, which figure is 910 less than the total for 1953.

Comparative figures of prosecutions, convictions, etc., in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following tables :—

INTOXICATING LIQUOR LAWS.

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	16,787	15,181	1,911	589	6
1953	18,133	16,139	1,917	975	2
1952	17,661	15,886	868	899	8
1951	17,225	15,582	884	756	3
1950	15,688	14,059	790	848	—
1949	16,754	15,214	729	810	1

DRUNKENNESS.

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	3,714	3,029	591	102	1
1953	4,091	3,438	538	113	2
1952	3,762	3,206	455	100	1
1951	3,746	3,182	468	95	1
1950	3,773	3,199	437	137	—
1949	3,931	3,398	447	86	—

OFFENCES AGAINST CLOSING REGULATIONS.

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	1,961	1,785	49	127	—
1953	2,031	1,816	31	184	—
1952	2,134	1,909	37	187	1
1951	2,109	1,899	48	161	1
1950	1,896	1,698	35	163	—
1949	1,988	1,767	44	177	—

OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST INTOXICATING LIQUOR LAWS.

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	10,972	10,281	354	332	5
1953	11,882	10,798	444	640	—
1952	11,765	10,771	376	612	6
1951	11,370	10,501	368	500	1
1950	9,852	9,031	315	506	—
1949	10,673	9,941	226	505	1

ILLICIT DISTILLATION.

64 persons were prosecuted in 1954 for offences relating to Illicit Distillation, 44 were convicted and one other person was dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

In the year 1953 the number of persons prosecuted was 75, of whom 48 were convicted and a further three were dealt with under the Probation Act.

LIVESTOCK BREEDING ACTS.

155 persons were prosecuted for offences under the Livestock Breeding Acts in the year 1954, compared with 184 in year 1953. Of this number 123 were convicted and fined, and a further 17 were dealt with under the Probation Act.

MALICIOUS INJURY TO PROPERTY.

The number of persons prosecuted in 1954 for non-indictable offences of Malicious Injury to Property was 1,043, a decrease of 201 as compared with the total for year 1953.

The number of persons convicted was 558, of whom 495 were fined and 61 were sent to prison without the option of a fine. A further 316 persons were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

Comparative figures of prosecutions, convictions, etc., for the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	1,043	558	316	169	—
1953	1,244	726	349	169	—
1952	1,220	757	290	171	2
1951	1,234	755	304	175	—
1950	915	523	263	128	1
1949	1,039	552	333	150	2

REVENUE LAWS.

There was a slight increase in the number of persons prosecuted for offences against the Revenue Laws in 1954, compared with the number in 1953, the totals being 2,083 and 1,848 respectively. 1,526 persons were convicted and fined in 1954, and 410 others were dealt with under the Probation Act.

Comparative figures of prosecutions, convictions, etc., in the years 1949 to 1954 are given in the following table:—

Year	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	Charge proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied	Charge withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise Disposed of
1954	2,083	1,526	410	147	—
1953	1,848	1,281	352	215	—
1952	2,027	1,406	463	158	—
1951	1,798	1,301	341	156	—
1950	1,305	1,014	245	136	—
1949	1,169	880	216	73	—

VAGRANCY LAWS.

The number of persons prosecuted for offences under the Vagrancy Laws in 1954 was 487, of whom 277 were convicted, and a further 156 were dealt with under the Probation Act. Of the 277 who were convicted, 220 were sent to prison without the option of a fine, one was sent to a Reformatory School, and 54 were fined.

For offences of "Begging," the number prosecuted in 1954 was 328, of whom 201 were convicted and 185 of them sent to prison without the option of a fine. An additional 100 persons were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

For offences of "Sleeping Out and Not Having Visible Means of Subsistence," 32 persons were prosecuted in year 1954. Eleven were convicted, and 9 of them were sent to prison without the option of a fine. 17 were dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act.

In the year 1953 the total of persons prosecuted under the Vagrancy Laws was 458, of whom 267 were convicted. 211 were sent to prison without the option of a fine, 49 were fined, and 130 were dealt with under the Probation Act.

A total of 324 were charged with "Begging," and 47 were charged with "Sleeping Out, etc."

OTHER NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

Offences for which no special headings are provided are included under heading "Other Offences" at foot of Appendix C (1), and details of those offences are given in Appendix C (2).

The number of persons prosecuted for offences included under this heading in year 1954 was 197, of whom 123 were charged with "Conduct Calculated to Provoke a Breach of the Peace," and 26 were charged with offences under the Supplies and Services (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1946.

In the year 1953 the number of persons included under this heading was 216, of whom 119 were charged with "Conduct Calculated to Provoke a Breach of the Peace," and 59 with Offences under the Supplies and Services (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1946.

PART IV.

SCIENTIFIC AIDS TO CRIME DETECTION.

A special section of Crime Branch Headquarters—known as The Technical Bureau—provides valuable assistance by means of scientific aids to Gardaí throughout the country in the investigation of crime.

The Section is provided with up-to-date equipment.

The staff is appointed from experienced members who have had technical training. Lectures with practical demonstrations in modern methods of criminal investigation are given to members of Detective Branch, uniformed members in the more populous centres and also to recruit Gardaí in training.

At the request of the Army Authorities, lectures are given also to parties of Military Police Probationers.

The Section is divided into six Sub-Sections, namely:—

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| (1) Investigation. | (4) Mapping. |
| (2) Fingerprints and Criminal Records. | (5) Ballistics. |
| (3) Photography. | (6) Radio. |

Brief particulars of the work performed by the various Sub-Sections during the year are as follows:—

(1) INVESTIGATION.

The services of this unit are sought by local Officers in the investigation of serious crime. The unit also forms a useful

link between the Commissioner and Local Officers at all stages of the investigation and co-relates enquiries extending over various Garda Districts. The employment of extern experts, such as the State Pathologist, State Analyst, Handwriting and Textile Experts, is arranged for by this unit.

The preliminary examination of handwriting exhibits, articles of clothing for stains, eliminated many of these and saved considerable expense which would arise through examination by experts.

The number of exhibits examined was 629, of which 374 were eliminated.

(2) FINGERPRINTS AND CRIMINAL RECORDS.

In this Sub-Section is kept a complete record of previous convictions of each criminal, including a description, photograph, history of subject, and the *modus operandi* employed.

The total number of criminal records now filed is 77,642, representing an increase of 1,025 on the 1953 figures.

Fingerprints found at the scenes of crimes are classified and compared with those already recorded. The comparison may lead to the identity of the criminal, but when no identification is made (as in the case of new entrants to crime), the prints found are preserved for future reference. When a new criminal is arrested, it is thus often possible to connect him with outstanding crimes.

Enquiries are daily received from and sent to other police forces, and interchange of fingerprints and records is made in the case of travelling criminals.

Regular issues of Fogra Tora in two parts are prepared in this Sub-Section.

Part 1 deals with persons wanted for crime, missing persons, and descriptions of property stolen or recovered.

Part 2 contains photographs of convicted persons, with their descriptions, which are filed at Stations for reference.

Photographs are supplied in convenient pocket-book form to detectives and stations in cities.

The following summary gives an indication of the work done in this department during the year:—

(1) Total number of criminal records filed	....	77,642
(2) Number of new registrations	....	2,025
(3) Sets of fingerprints received for search	....	3,307
(4) Number of identifications made from (3)	....	1,045
(5) Data sent to or received from other Police Forces	....	1,464
(6) Sets of fingerprints sent to other Bureaux for search	....	262

(7) Number of cases reported for examination	541
(8) Number of identifiable marks found	309
(9) Number of culprits identified	92
(10) Innocent persons (employees, etc.), eliminated	95
(11) Number of visits to scenes of crimes	154
(12) Insertions in Fogra Tora	2,342
(13) Number of indices to Fogra Tora, Part 1	1,450
(14) Number of indices to Fogra Tora, Part 2 :	
(a) Nominal index	1,400
(b) Crime index	1,400
(15) Modus operandi cards filed	43
(16) Number of letters dispatched	8,272

(3) PHOTOGRAPHY.

This sub-section deals with many phases of police photography, including :—

- (a) Photographs of criminal for circulation.
- (b) Scenes of traffic accidents and crimes.
- (c) Dead bodies at scenes and at morgues for identification.
- (d) Documents, forgeries and suspect handwriting, restoring obliterated writing, examination with ultra violet light for forgeries, etc.
- (e) Photography of finger prints and enlargement for court purposes.
- (f) Photostatic copies of maps and other documents.
- (g) Micro-photography of marks on bullets, tool marks on iron and woodwork for comparison.

Members visited the scenes of 293 crimes or traffic accidents and attended courts on 130 days. 7,668 photographs were prepared and 560 photostatic copies of documents were made during the year.

Slides were prepared for instructional purposes at the Garda Training Depot. Slides were also prepared for projection in public cinemas in connection with persons missing.

Photographic work was also performed for the following Government Departments—Department of Social Welfare, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, The National Museum, The National Library, Customs and Excise, and the Handwriting Expert.

(4) MAPPING.

The scenes of 202 crimes or traffic accidents were visited by the mapping staff, 945 maps prepared and 157 courts attended during the year.

Maps and charts for official use by various branches of the Force were also prepared.

(5) BALLISTICS.

The duties performed by members of this sub-section include examination and comparison of guns, bullets, cartridge cases,

glass fragments found at the scenes of road accidents or on the clothing of suspects, cutting instruments and marks on woodwork, etc., at scenes of crimes, restoring of erased numbers on motor vehicle engines and chassis and on pedal cycles.

The following items were examined during the year—78 firearms, 342 bullets, cartridge cases, etc., 12 cycles, and 593 miscellaneous articles.

The scenes of 31 crimes were visited and 36 courts attended.

Some interesting cases where the services of the Technical Bureau were successfully employed to assist local Gardaí in the investigation of crime may be quoted, viz. :—

- (a) In a case of Malicious Damage to Farm Machinery, a farmer cutting his cornfield found that his mower was damaged by iron spikes set in the field. A number of rusted parts of the spring of a motor vehicle had been used for spiking. Some corroded parts of a spring were also found in a suspect's house, and these were forwarded to the Technical Bureau for comparison. The parts found in the field and those found in the suspect's house were observed to have rust patterns which agreed entirely. Micro-photographs of the rust patterns were produced in court.
- (b) In a murder case in which the deceased was shot by a point 22 rifle, it was suggested at first by the suspect that the fatal wound in the mouth was self-inflicted. Examination of the wound showed a small amount of blackening by powder on the tongue. Tests were carried out with the tongues of sheep at various ranges. These tests showed that at close range, up to six inches, considerable and well defined blackening was evident. At greater range the blackening was correspondingly less. The tests showed that the shot which entered the tongue of deceased was not discharged within a six inch range, and that the possibility of the wound being self-inflicted could, therefore, be ruled out.
- (c) In a hit and run accident in Dublin, a pedal cyclist was fatally injured. Small glass fragments found at the scene were positively identified as having come from the suspected vehicle. The moulage process for the identification of glass fractures, where moulds are made in a special substance of tiny glass fragments and micro-photographs are made of the patterns for comparison purposes, was used in this case.

(d) In a case of publishing libel a number of undeveloped cine films and typewritten documents were found in premises used by the suspect. The processing and developing of cine films is a highly-technical job and done usually by the makers of films. The Photographic Section of the *Gárda Síochána* was able, however, to carry out the various stages of the development, and also gave evidence that the type-writing was done on machines under the control of the suspect.

(e) In a case of illegal possession of forged bank notes, technical advice was given to the local investigation officers concerning the process carried out by the suspects with the equipment traced to their possession. Evidence was given of the photographing of a genuine bank note, the making of blocks and the lithographic method of reproduction.

(6) RADIO.

A central transmission and receiving station working on V.H.F. is established at Headquarters and operated by remote control from Dublin Castle, where the maintenance staff is attached.

The range covers some 30 miles depending on contours of country.

19 cars in Dublin, Rathfarnham and Howth are fitted with two-way radio telephone; 7 two-way sets and 12 receiving sets are also installed in *Gárda* Stations in Dublin and adjoining counties.

Walkie-talkie radio sets are also issued to foot patrols for control of crowds at public meetings, sports fixtures, etc.

Radio cars are continuously patrolling in Dublin City and suburbs, and during variable hours in adjoining counties, and form a link with foot and cycle patrols. These cars are in constant touch with Headquarters and with one another.

Particulars of crimes, road accidents, and street disturbances are broadcast and cars are directed to scenes to cut off the escape of fleeing criminals. These messages are also received at *Gárda* Stations on the perimeter of the city, and patrols from these Stations are notified when necessary.

Radio communications are linked up to relay complaints received from the public over the "999" telephone system regarding crime, suspicious loiterers, etc., thus enabling speedy attention to be given to complaints by the *Gárda*. Several arrests

on the spot have been made within a few minutes of the receipt of complaints, and vehicles which have been involved in hit and run accidents have also been intercepted.

A number of business houses in Dublin have installed automatic "burglar-alarms," which are connected to Detective Branch, Dublin Castle. Alarms received are broadcast at once to radio cars.

During the year 1954 some 9,880 calls over the "999" system were received, resulting in the arrest of 376 offenders.

Patrol cars in Dublin were responsible for making offenders amenable for offences in the following cases—265 housebreakings and/or larcenies, 11 thefts of cars, 470 street disorders, assaults, etc., 884 other offences.

The following are brief details of some cases in which the successful use was made of radio patrol cars:—

(a) City premises broken into and as a result of message to a patrol car, the premises were surrounded by the crew of the car and a man arrested and charged with the offence.

(b) The prompt arrival of a patrol car in the vicinity of a hit and run accident which occurred in the city resulted in the arrest of the offender.

(c) Prompt action by the crew of a patrol car resulted in the arrest of two men on housebreaking charges.

(d) "999" call received by patrol car to effect that bakery premises was feloniously entered. Car visited the scene and found that the culprits had left. A search of the area resulted in the arrest of two men and the recovery of property.

(e) In connection with a case of larceny of a motor cycle the crew of patrol car arrested two men whom they found in possession of the cycle.

(f) "999" call received that *Gárda* on duty required assistance in dealing with prisoner. Patrol car attended and assisted in taking into custody man charged with Malicious Damage and Assault on *Gárda*.

(g) As a result of "999" call, crew of a patrol car took into custody a man who was observed endeavouring to drive a motor vehicle while drunk in the central city area.

PART V.

TABLE OF APPENDICES.

STATISTICS OF CRIME AND OFFENCES—1954.

- A. (1).** The number and nature of the indictable offences which became known to the Police; the number of offences in which proceedings were instituted; the results of such proceedings; the number of persons proceeded against and the results of these proceedings.
- A. (2).** The details of the offences recorded in A. (1) under the heading "Other Indictable Offences."
- In addition, particulars are given of the results of proceedings in the cases shown under the headings in A. (1) "Otherwise Disposed of" and the value of property stolen and recovered.
- A. (3).** Graph of Indictable Offences and Detections during years 1944-1954.
- B.** The number of Indictable Offences, by groups, reported by each Garda Division, and by the Garda Districts of the Cities of Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford, and the number and percentage of detections.
- C. (1).** The number of persons proceeded against for non-indictable offences, the nature of the offences and the results of proceedings.
- C. (2).** The details of the offences recorded in C. (1) under the heading "Other Offences."
- In addition, particulars are given of the results of proceedings in the case of persons shown under the heading "Otherwise Disposed of" in C. (1).
- C. (3).** Graph of Non-Indictable Offences prosecuted and number of convictions during years 1944-1954.
- D. (1).** The number, sex and age of persons convicted of Indictable Offences and the nature of the offences.
- D. (2).** The number, sex and age of persons charged with indictable offences in respect of whom the charges were held proved and who were dealt with under the Probation of Offender's Act.
- E. (1).** The number of persons—Male and Female—not exceeding 18 years dealt with for Indictable Offences; the nature of the offences and the results of the proceedings; the type of premises or place where offences were committed and the value of property stolen and recovered.
- E. (2).** The sex, age and occupation of the persons charged; previous criminal history (if any) and school attendance record.
- E. (3).** The social and other circumstances of the offenders which are considered to have a bearing on their delinquency.
- F. (1).** The number of juvenile offenders, dealt with for indictable offences, and the nature of the offences, in each Garda Division.
- F. (2).** In respect of juvenile offenders dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, the number of times charged and the number of times the Probation Act was applied.
- F. (3).** The approximate weekly income to the homes of juvenile offenders.
- G. (1).** The results of proceedings in cases pending from 1953.
- G. (2).** Proceedings in cases which were reported in 1953 and detected in 1954.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.—Continued.
Result of Proceedings in Cases Included on Line Number 67 in Appendix A (1).

Table with 29 columns: (1) Nature of Offences, (2) Number of Offences Reported, (3) Number of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were Taken, (4) Informations Preferred, (5-13) Result of Proceedings in Cases (Dealt with on Indictment and Dealt with summarily), (14) Sentences, (15) Crimes of which the Persons were Dealt with summarily, (16-19) Persons Prosecuted Against (Each, Male, Female, Apprehended), (20) Summonsed, (21) Informations preferred, (22-23) Result of Proceedings Against Persons (Convicted, Acquitted), (24-25) Dealt with on Indictment and Dealt with summarily, (26) Offences disposed of, (27) Commenced for Trial and ended by finding that... (28) Convicted, (29) Dismissed, (30) Charge proved and order made as to award respecting... (31) Charges withdrawn, (32) Otherwise disposed of, (33) Still Pending in District Court.

* Paragraphs of cases included in Columns 9 and 13, in Appendix A (1). * Otherwise disposed of.

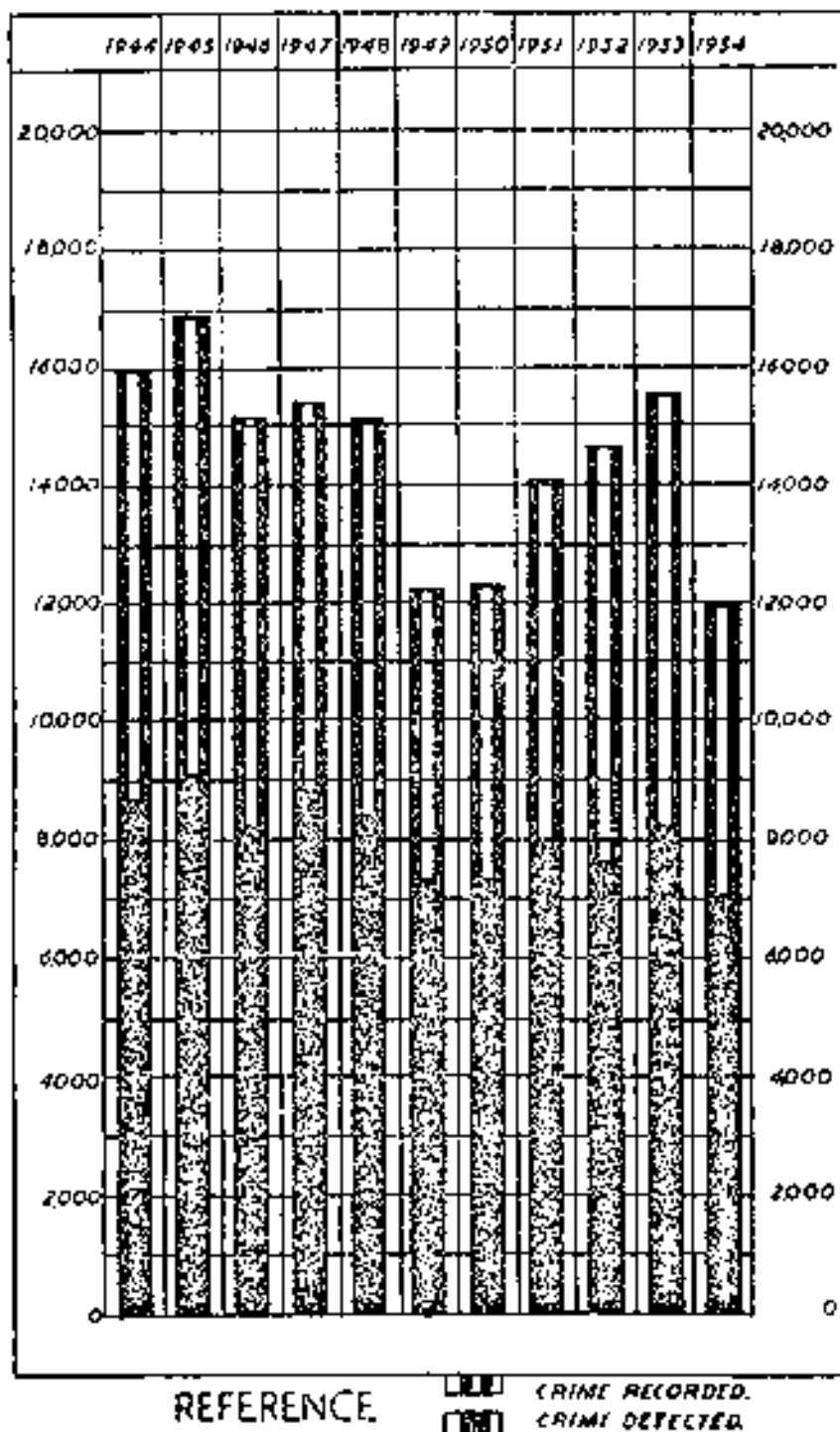
Table with 3 columns: NATURE OF OFFENCES, NUMBER OF CASES, HOW DISPOSED OF.

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED.

Table showing (1) for Offences against Property with value, numbered 24 to 25 inclusive, in Appendix A (1).
(2) for Offences against Property without value, numbered 26 to 30 inclusive, in Appendix A (1).
The number of offences in which the value of the property stolen was (a) less than £1; (b) £1 to £2; (c) £2 to £5; (d) £5 to £10; (e) £10 to £50; (f) £50 to £100; and (g) over £100, and the total value of property (a) stolen and (b) recovered, also the number of offences in which the property was stolen.

Table with 12 columns: Least (15, 20, 25, 50, 100, 500, over), Total Number of Cases, Total Value of Property stolen, Total Value of Property recovered, Number of Cases in which Property was stolen.

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APPENDIX B.

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 of Detections in the year 1954.

District	GROUP I) Offences against the Person		GROUP II) Offences against Property with Violence		GROUP III) Offences against Property with or without Violence		GROUP IV) Other Indictable Offences		Total Indictable Offences	Number of Detections	Percentage of Detections
	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected			
Castles, Rathfriland	21	15	100	79	187	147	6	6	484	250	51.7%
Cavan/Monaghan	17	12	79	55	172	142	1	1	409	214	52.3%
Clare	12	10	31	26	76	57	2	1	168	92	54.8%
Cork, S.E.	49	17	155	119	599	432	27	27	761	452	59.4%
Cork, W.B.	13	15	21	15	54	40	1	1	99	69	69.7%
Downal	25	24	45	40	94	86	2	2	166	132	79.5%
Dublin Metropolitan	83	58	1,042	749	5,542	4,266	51	15	6,882	3,818	55.5%
Dublin, Wicklow	62	61	310	220	601	285	3	3	786	367	46.7%
Galway, W.B.	21	23	59	56	135	110	2	2	221	191	86.4%
Kerry	9	8	56	44	152	117	7	7	291	176	60.5%
Kerry, Q.M.T.	11	10	46	32	92	55	2	2	152	121	79.6%
Limerick	12	16	101	75	242	233	6	5	476	317	66.6%
Limerick/Westmeath	11	10	49	33	110	86	6	6	176	133	75.6%
Louth, Slough	13	13	95	77	161	131	1	1	271	242	89.3%
Mayo	23	22	22	19	71	68	1	1	116	110	94.8%
Rooscommon/Galway T.R.	18	13	23	16	52	39	5	5	123	101	81.3%
Sligo/Letrim	10	7	34	29	88	81	7	7	149	126	84.6%
Tippahery	25	23	69	53	167	148	5	5	265	211	79.6%
Waterford, Kilkenny	30	28	117	84	230	150	12	12	389	225	57.8%
Wexford	16	10	39	28	74	51	3	3	126	112	89.0%
TOTALS											
Whole Country	428	432	2,538	1,881	8,733	6,769	148	141	11,912	7,656	64.3%
Excluding Dublin Metropolitan	395	374	1,406	1,135	3,096	2,613	97	95	4,951	3,218	64.8%
Districts											
Cork	30	29	107	89	265	211	12	12	444	351	79.0%
Limerick	9	8	24	22	52	39	1	1	119	79	66.4%
Waterford	4	5	59	43	70	56	5	5	141	132	93.6%
Galway	8	9	31	29	83	62	1	1	129	95	73.6%

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES—PERSONS DEALT WITH SUMMARILY—PROCEEDINGS AND RESULTS—Continued.

(1) OFFENCES (In case of Offence and Act and Section under which Proceedings taken on report of Offences included on form "Other Offences" in Appendix C (1))	(2) Persons proceeded against		(3) Apprehended	(4) Summonsed	(5) Charge withdrawn or discontinued	Charge proved & dealt with summarily					CONVICTED											
	Total	Male				Female	(6) Disposal	(7) By agreement	(8) Penalties	(9) Committed to Industrial School	(10) Committed to Custody of Prison, etc.	(11) Number convicted	(12) Imprisonment without option of Fine			(13) Place of Birth or Native Station	(14) Reformatory School	(15) Whipping	(16) Fines	(17) By agreement	(18) Orders of court	(19) Other
													Total	Over 1 month	3 months and under							
Contract entered into by State Branch of the Trade Union Law Board by Order of the Board by Law No. 1 and common Law Comp. Offence (Temporary Provisions Act, 1952, Sec. 1A)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Penalty Act, 1921, Secs. 7 and 10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Post Office Act, 1926, Sec. 55	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Statutes Act, 1926, Sec. 1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Children's Act, 1908, Sec. 1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Company Act, 1906, Sec. 26	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Traffic of Animals Order, 1927, Art. 29	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Police Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1910, Sec. 2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Regulation of Land Traffic Act, 1929, Sec. 22	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Passport Booklet Ordinance (Amendment) Act, 1952, Sec. 2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1952, Sec. 13	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Special Warrants Act, 1952, Sec. 52	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Air Navigation Act, 1920, Sec. 10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Statutes Act, 1926, Sec. 26	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Court Order Act, 1926, Sec. 23	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Supplies and Services (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1952	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	11	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

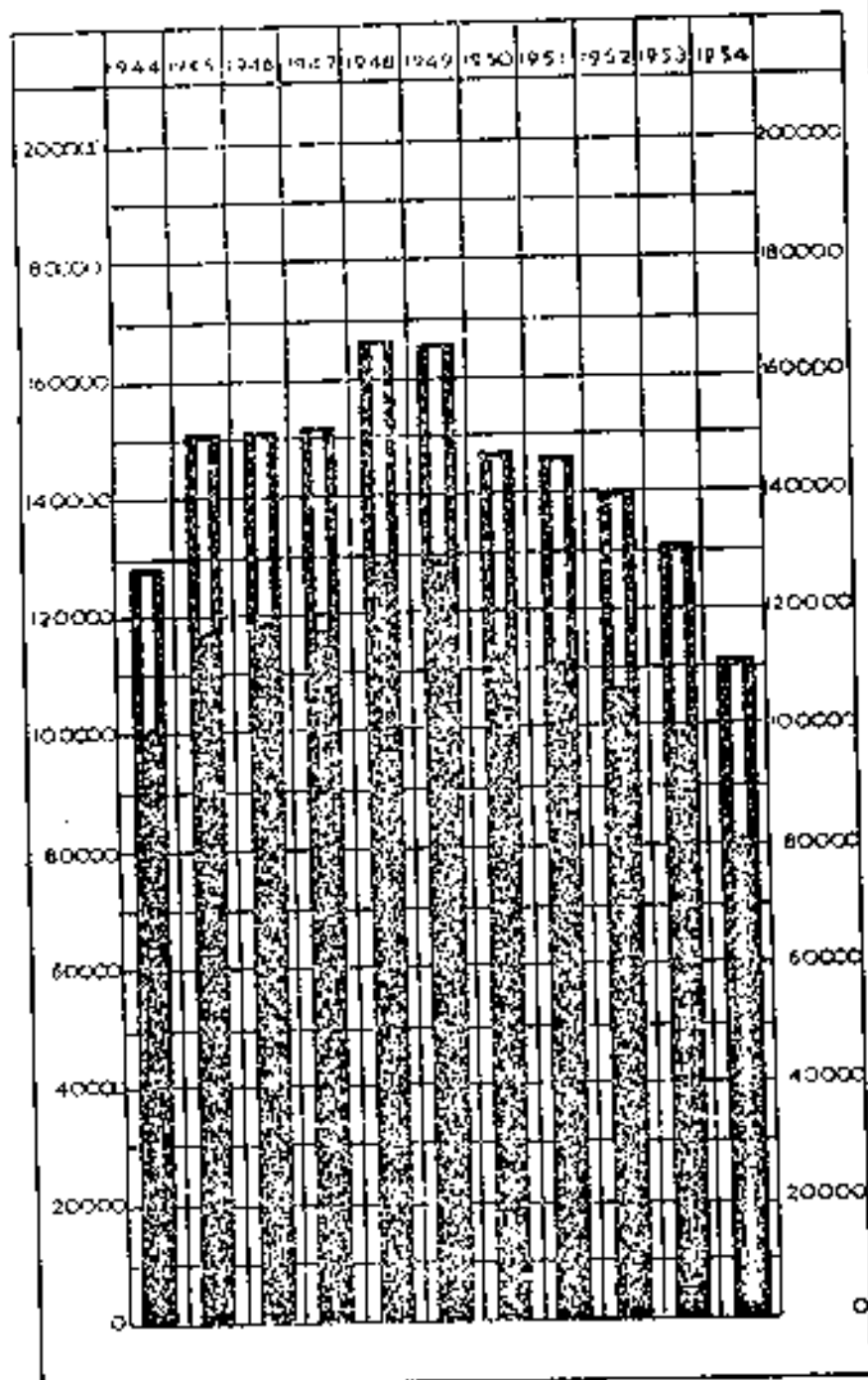
* Particulars of Persons included in Column (1) of Appendix C (1) "Offences disposed of"

OFFENCES	Act and Section under which Proceedings taken	Number of Offences		HOW DISPOSED OF
		Children and Young Persons	Other Persons	
Effect of Detention Offences in relation to	Child Detention Act, 1925, Sec. 23	2	0	(1) Suspensory sentence of six months' imprisonment. (1) Suspensory sentence of three months' imprisonment.
Provision of Orders Act—Branch of the Statutes Order	Section 52, 1952, Sec. 52 1952, Sec. 52 Rules, 1952	2	0	Resignations accepted
TOTAL		4	0	

* Particulars of Persons included in Column (1) of Appendix C (1) "Offences disposed of"

OFFENCES	Act and Section under which Proceedings taken	Number of Offences		HOW DISPOSED OF
		Children and Young Persons	Other Persons	
Assault (Common)	Common Law Statute Act, 1926, Sec. 42	1	1	Admitted Sentence
Ownership of Publications Act, 1929, and Industrial Activities (Trade) Act	Industrial Activities (Trade) Act, 1929, Sec. 4 1929, Sec. 4	0	0	" " " "
Crucial to the Neglect of Children	Children's Act, 1908, Sec. 12	0	1	" " " "
Legal Offences in relation to Licensing of	Licensing Act, 1925, Sec. 1 and 27	0	0	" " " "
Education and School Attendance Acts	School Attendance Act, 1926, Sec. 17	0	1	" " " "
Immunity with Aggravation	Licensing Act, 1925, Sec. 12	0	1	" " " "
Offences against Investigating Officer Laws	Investigating Officer Act, 1927, Sec. 17	0	1	" " " "
Employment Assistance Act, 1952	1952, Sec. 29	0	1	" " " "
TOTAL		1	4	

NON INDICTABLE OFFENCES



REFERENCE.

[Stippled] PERSONS PROSECUTED.

[Solid] CONVICTIONS.

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APPENDIX B (1)

NATURE OF OFFENSE	INCREASES.		Objective to which Proceeding was referred	Juveniles Proceeded Against		Result of Proceedings														Number who were previously delinquent										
	1951	1952		1	2	Charge Fined and Order Made without Conviction															Not Convicted	Year of Penalty or Place where Penalty Imposed	Value of Property							
	1961	1953			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
TOTALS	423	440	423	1,867	2,067	2,011	109	1,902	1,600	62	12	508	86	5	74	86	246	21	11	10,566	179	317	399	2,129	10,515	2,138				

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APPENDIX B (2)

NATURE OF OFFENSE	Age and Sex of Person Proceeded Against				Occupations of Persons Charged										School Attendance Record	Number who were previously delinquent	Number who were previously convicted							
	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42				43	44	45	46	47	48	49
TOTALS	154	203	427	15	62	549	43	971	291	81	35	21	139	222	1,094	7	216	456	925	475	61	5	378	141

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APPENDIX B (3)

NATURE OF OFFENSE	Circumstances Contributing to Delinquency		Family Circumstances										Number of Persons charged	Blacks														
	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61			62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
TOTALS	208	303	81	20	21	338	1,665	126	312	191	116	125	529	62	132	251	161	17	7	2	182	125	1,261	75	871	564	161	9

JUVENILES CHARGED IN COURTS.

TABLE SHOWING, BY CRIMES, THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN EACH GÁRDIA DIVISION IN YEAR, 1954.

Division	Burglary	Housebreaking	Larceny of Total Cycles	Larceny from Unattended Vehicle	Larceny from Shop and Staffs	Other Larcenies (exceeding £5 in value)	Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	Multimedia Damage to Property	Other Indictable Offences	Total Year 1954	Total Year 1953
Carlow/Kildare		13	3	1	1	4	8			33	62
Cavan/Monaghan		6	9		3	7	9	7	2	57	68
Clare		7	1		2	3	5			18	25
Cork, E.R.		82	11	8	17	21	24		14	167	236
Cork, W.R.		2		3	1	4	5		3	28	28
Down		13		7	3	1	6			31	32
Dublin Metropolitan	8	582	61	72	115	192	178	9	28	959	1,056
Dublin Wicklow	4	82	1		8	22	13	13	6	139	206
Galway, W.R.		19			1	5	7	2	2	38	47
Kerry		24	2	4	3	1	7			41	48
Laois/Long		17	7	4	4	3	5			51	58
Limerick		33	8	12	21	11	20		11	116	177
Louth/Westmeath		4	1	2	1	2	11		1	21	27
Louth/Meath	1	22			15	3	9		2	52	65
May		4	3			1	5			13	29
Monaghan/Royal L.R.		8		1	3	2	2		2	22	21
Sligo/Louth		14	2	4		4	11			46	28
Tipperary		17	2	6	6		18			59	78
Waterford/Kilkenny	2	70	8	7	7	8	12	8	5	131	120
Wexford	2	9	1	5	2	7	7	1	2	41	51
TOTALS, 1954	24	713	118	111	207	212	423	58	58	2,057	
TOTALS, 1953	26	807	142	181	291	218	507	34	101		2,471

Number of Juveniles Charged in Courts: Year 1954 2,057; Year 1953 2,471
 Number of Juveniles Charged by Garda without prosecution: 1954 171; 1953 88
 1,886 2,383

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JUVENILES CHARGED WITH INDICTABLE OFFENCES IN THE YEAR 1954, AND RELEASED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF OFFENDERS ACT, 1957.

	Number Charged	Number Released under the Provisions of Act, 1957	Released under Provisions Act			
			First Time	Second Time	Third Time	Fourth Time or Over
Whole Country	2,057	1,362				
Dublin Metropolitan Area	929	716				
Outside Dublin Metropolitan Area	1,128	646				
Charged for 1st Time:						
Whole Country	1,011		1,011			
Dublin Metropolitan Area	632		521			
Outside Dublin Metropolitan Area	379		490			
Charged for 2nd Time:						
Whole Country	420		14	211		
Dublin Metropolitan Area	216		19	129		
Outside Dublin Metropolitan Area	204		25	82		
Charged for 3rd Time:						
Whole Country	122		1	13	25	
Dublin Metropolitan Area	69		1	9	17	
Outside Dublin Metropolitan Area	53		1	4	8	
Charged for 4th Time or Over:						
Whole Country	10		4	1	1	5
Dublin Metropolitan Area	12		3	1	1	7
Outside Dublin Metropolitan Area	35		2	1	1	1

JUVENILE OFFENDERS, 1954—APPROXIMATE WEEKLY FAMILY INCOME.

Offence Charged	Under £2	£2 to £3	£3 to £5	£5 to £8	£8 to £15	Not stated	Total
Burglary		2	11	5	5	1	24
Housebreaking							
Housebreaking	12	122	124	214	228	18	706
Larceny of Total Cycles	2	13	27	35	52	5	114
Larceny from Unattended Vehicle	2	15	25	28	19		111
Larceny from Shops and Staffs	4	29	29	65	84	4	215
Other Larcenies (exceeding £5 in value)	2	26	48	57	74	8	215
Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	12	48	100	128	126	15	429
Multimedia Damage to Property		7	14	18	24		63
Other Indictable Offences	1	18	23	19	22	1	84
TOTALS	11	284	471	575	630	56	2,057

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—Result of Proceedings in Cases in which, and against persons in respect of whom, proceedings were shown pending in Appendix A. for the year 1953.

Table with columns for Nature of Offences, Result of Proceedings in Cases (Dealt with on indictment and Dealt with summarily), and Result of Proceedings Against Persons (Dealt with on indictment and Dealt with summarily). Includes sub-headers like 'Infantile' and 'Child' under various categories.

* All cases entered in these columns are explained in Appendix C (2)

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INDICTABLE OFFENCES shown as undetected in Appendix A, for year 1953 and in which proceedings were instituted during the year 1954.

APPENDIX G. (2)

NATURE OF OFFENCES. (Title of Offences as shown in Appendix (A)) (1)	RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES.											PERSONS PROCEEDED AGAINST.						RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PRISONERS.																	
	Dealt with an Indictment and					Dealt with summarily and						Total	Males	Females	Apprehended.	Subincarcerated.	Indemnities refused.	Dealt with an Indictment and				Dealt with summarily and													
	Informations refused.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Found Guilty and Incurable of Wrecking.	Nolle Prosequi ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial.	Committed.	Acquitted.	Charge proved and order made re-conviction.	Charge Withdrawn.							Otherwise disposed of.	Still Pending in District Courts.	Committed.	Acquitted.	Found Guilty and Incurable of Wrecking.	Made Discharge entered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial.	Committed.	Acquitted.	Charge proved and order made re-conviction.	Charge Withdrawn.	Otherwise disposed of.	Still Pending in District Courts.				
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)			
16. Between 16 and 21 years																																			
17. Burglary																																			
18. Motor-vehicle (Motor Cycle)																																			
19. Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, etc.	24																																		
20. Larceny from the Person																																			
21. Larceny in House to value of £5 or more	10																																		
22. Larceny of Motor Cycle	1																																		
23. Larceny from Motor Cycle	1																																		
24. Larceny from Shops and Stalls	1																																		
25. Other Larcenies (including £5 or more)	1																																		
26. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	1																																		
27. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	1																																		
28. Indecent	1																																		
29. Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences	1																																		
30. Forgery and Uttering	1																																		
TOTAL	90	1	2	2				14	3	21		1	3	6	42	24	6	62		3	2	1					34	2	27		1	3			

* Particulars of Cases included in Column 8 and 12 of Appendix G (1) and in Column 5 and 14 of Appendix G (2) "Otherwise disposed of".

NATURE OF OFFENCES.	NUMBER OF CASES.	HOW DISPOSED OF.
3. Assault, Wounding and other like Offences (Disturbances)	1	"Sent out" by District Justice.
4. Housebreaking (Disturbances)	1	Acquitted "Same day".
5. Intercourse of Penal Cycle	1	Acquitted "Same day".
6. Larceny from Unmolested Vehicle	1	"Sent out" by District Justice.
7. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	1	Dealt with by Maternity Authorities.
8. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £5 in value)	1	Acquitted "Same day".
9. Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences	1	Acquitted "Same day".
10. Forgery and Uttering	1	"Sent out" by District Justice.
TOTAL	10	