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Minister for Justice.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report on Crime for the year ended 30th September, 1961.

Hereafter in this Report the year ended 30th September, 1961, is referred to simply as "1961" and the year ended 30th September, 1960, is referred to as "1960".

PART I.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

Total number of Offences.

- (1) I am happy to be able to report that the reduction in indictable crime shown in the 1960 return was maintained in 1961.
- (2) The number of indictable offences which were reported or became known to the Gardaí in 1961 was 14,818. The number in 1960 was 15,375 and the number in 1959 was 17,865. The 1961 return shows a reduction of 557 on the 1960 return and a reduction of 3047 (or 17%) on the 1959 return.
- (3) Details of the crimes and information on the results of proceedings are given in Appendix A.

Detections.

- (4) Proceedings were instituted in respect of 8,935 offences in 1961. In 903 other cases the offenders were detected but for various reasons proceedings were not instituted. In most of those cases the offences were taken into consideration by the Courts in dealing with offenders on other charges. The total number of detections was therefor 9,838 or 66% of the crimes recorded. In 1960 the percentage was 60% and in 1959 was 50%.
- (5) The incidence of crimes and percentages of detections during the years 1951 to 1961 inclusive, are shown as a graph in Appendix B.

Incidence of Crime in Garda Divisions.

- (6) The number of crimes recorded and detected in each of the 20 Garda Divisions into which the State is divided is given in Appendix C. Similar information is also given there 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 1960 and 1961.

Year	Offences recorded		
	In Dublin Metropolitan Division	In rest of State.	Total
1960	8756 (57% of total)	6,619 (43% of total)	15,375
1961	7,684 (52% of total)	7,134 (48% of total)	14,818
	Reduction 1072 (12%)	Increase 515 (8%)	Reduction 557 (4%)

(8) You will note that there was a reduction of 1,072 crimes in the Dublin Metropolitan Division in 1961 following a reduction of 2,475 in 1960. In this division in 1961, 52% of the total crime for the State was recorded as compared with 57% in 1960.

(9) In the divisions outside Dublin there were increases in crime in eleven divisions and decreases in eight, giving a net increase of 515 crimes. The divisions which showed increases in crime were, Carlow/Kildare, Cavan/Monaghan, Clare, Dublin/Wicklow, Galway W., Kerry, Leix/Offaly, Limerick, Louth/Meath, Mayo and Tipperary. There was a reduction of crime in Cork City, but there were increases 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 1960.

	Number of Offences Recorded		Number of Offences Detected.		Percentage of Detections.	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
I. Offences against the Person	701	675	646	623	92%	92%
II Offences against Property with Violence	3,186	2,982	2,439	2,282	77%	77%
III Offences against Property without Violence	10,623	11,470	6,473	6,124	61%	53%
IV Other Indictable Offences.	308	248	280	229	91%	92%
TOTALS	14,818	15,375	9,838	9,258	66%	60%

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 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	701	646	92%
1960	675	623	92%
1959	587	537	92%
1958	558	494	89%
1957	473	416	88%
1956	542	491	91%

Murder - of Persons aged above one year.

(13) Eight murders of persons aged above one year were recorded in 1961 and proceedings were instituted in 5 cases. In an additional case the offender was committed to a mental hospital. In 1960 two murders were recorded. Particulars of the eight cases in 1961 are given in Appendix D.

Murder - of Infants aged one year and under.

(14) Two murders of infants were recorded in 1961 particulars of which are given in Appendix D. One crime was recorded in 1960 under this heading.

Infanticide.

(15) One crime of Infanticide was recorded in 1961. Particulars are given in Appendix D. One crime was also recorded in 1960.

Attempt to Murder.

(16) One crime was recorded under this heading in 1961. Brief particulars are given in Appendix D. Two crimes were recorded in 1960.

Threats to Murder.

(17) Two crimes of Threatening to murder were recorded in 1961. No crime of this nature was recorded in 1960. Brief particulars of the crimes committed in 1961 are given in Appendix D.

Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities)

(18) Two crimes were recorded under this heading in 1961. Two crimes were recorded in 1960 also. Brief particulars of the 1961 cases are given in Appendix D.

Manslaughter (Traffic Fatalities)

(19) Forty-four crimes of Manslaughter arising from traffic fatalities were recorded in 1961 - one less than the number in 1960. Proceedings were instituted in 43 cases in 1961 and convictions were recorded in 4 cases. Seven cases are shown pending.

Wounding, Assault, etc.

(20) There was an increase of 59 in the number of Woundings, Assaults, etc., recorded in 1961 as compared with the number in 1960, the totals being 408 and 357 respectively. Proceedings were instituted in 393 cases in 1961 and in an additional four cases

the offenders were detected but proceedings were not taken. Convictions were recorded in 274 cases and in a further 49 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied. 40 cases are shown pending.

Intimidation.

(21) Twelve offences of Intimidation were recorded in 1961 which figure is ten less than the number in 1960. Proceedings were instituted in 4 cases and in a further 2 cases the offenders were detected but proceedings were not taken.

Sexual Offences against Females.

(22) The number of sexual offences against females recorded in 1961 was 148 as compared with 178 in 1960. Proceedings were taken in 110 cases and in an additional 14 cases the offenders were detected but no proceedings were taken. Convictions in 1961 totalled 70 and in a further 10 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. Seventeen cases are shown pending.

Group 11 - 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 1961 was 3,186 as compared with 2,982 in 1960. The increase occurred in Housebreaking offences.

(25) Comparative figures of offences in this group and proceedings in the years 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	3186	2246	70
1960	2982	2110	71
1959	3824	2495	65
1958	3645	2474	68
1957	3061	1952	64
1956	2695	1845	65

Burglary and Housebreaking.

(26) The number of offences of Burglary, Housebreaking and related offences (including attempts to break into houses and possession of housebreaking tools) recorded in 1961 was 3,018 as compared with 2,756 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 2,137 cases in 1961 and in an additional 184 cases the offenders were detected, giving a total of 2321 detections. (77%).

(27) Comparative figures of offences and proceedings in the years 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	3018	2137	71
1960	2756	1958	71
1959	3607	2371	66
1958	3459	2362	68
1957	2895	1871	65
1956	2566	1774	69

Robbery.

(28) Forty-two offences of Robbery and Assaults with Intent to Rob were recorded in 1961 as compared with 59 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 31 cases and convictions were recorded in 26 cases. Two cases are shown pending.

(29) Firearms were used in two cases, particulars of which and of two 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 1961 was 121. The number recorded in 1960 was 154. Offences of Arson numbered 56 in 1961 as compared with 82 in 1960.

(31) Proceedings were commenced in 74 cases in 1961 and in a further 9 cases the offenders were detected but no proceedings were taken. Convictions were recorded in 52 cases and in an additional 20 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied. Seven cases are shown pending.

Group 111 - Offences against Property without 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 1961 was 10,623 as compared with 11,470 in 1960. The decrease is wholly accounted for in larcenies. In the Dublin Metropolitan Division the reduction in larcenies was 1,083.

(34) Proceedings were commenced in 5,814 cases in 1961 and in a further 659 cases the offenders were detected but no proceedings were taken. The total detections in 1961 was therefore 6,473 or 61% as compared with 6,124 or 53% in 1960. Convictions in 1961 numbered 2,646 and in an additional 2,564 cases the charges were held proved and the Probations of Offenders Act applied. 628 cases are shown pending.

(35) Comparative figures for all offences in Group 111 in the years 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	10,623	5,814	55%
1960	11,470	5,570	49%
1959	13,270	5,058	38%
1958	12,229	4,686	38%
1957	10,329	4,200	41%
1956	9,365	4,384	47%

(36) Comparative figures of larcenies recorded in the years 1956 to 1961 inclusive are as follows:

Offences.	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep.	49	50	60	64	58	62
Larceny from the Person	287	320	355	306	209	214
Larceny in House to value of £5 or with menaces	388	437	677	551	492	417
Larceny from Dwellinghouse by Employee	103	76	61	85	49	93
Larceny of Explosives	1	6	1	-	-	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	47	30	40	30	38	24
Larceny of Pedal Cycles	1931	2634	3698	3524	2467	1713
Larceny from Unattended Vehicles.	1084	1309	1843	1452	1316	1287
Larceny from Shops and Stalls.	1385	1378	1088	1035	929	948
*Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value)	135	107	111	100	1509	1260
∅ Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value)	4451	4362	4721	4619	2775	2836
TOTALS	9861	10709	12655	11766	9842	8855

* For the years 1956 and 1957 the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property exceeding £5 in value.

∅ For the years 1956 and 1957 the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property not exceeding £5 in value.

(37) Of the total larcenies recorded in 1961 the number recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division was 6198 or 65% of the total as compared with 7281 or 68% in 1960.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

(38) Sixty-two offences of Embezzlement were recorded in 1961 as compared with 48 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 58 cases. Convictions were recorded in 24 cases and in a further 20 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied.

Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences.

(39) The number of offences of "False Pretences" recorded in 1961 was 378 as compared with 423 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 299 cases and in an additional 33 cases the offenders /were

were detected but no proceedings were instituted. Convictions were recorded in 194 cases in 1961 and in 53 other cases the charges were held proved and the Probation Act applied.

Frauds.

(40) Fifty-six offences relating to Frauds were recorded in 1961, five more than the number in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 53 cases. Convictions were recorded in 38 cases and in a further five cases the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Receiving Stolen Goods.

(41) Offences of Receiving Stolen Goods numbered 266 in 1961 as compared with 239 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 249 cases and in a further 14 the offenders were detected but no proceedings were taken. Convictions in 1961 numbered 108 and in a further 82 cases the Probation of Offenders 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 1, 11 or 111.

(43) The number of offences recorded in the group in 1961 was 308 as compared with 248 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 255 cases. Convictions numbered 146 and in a further 54 cases the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

(44) A total of 255 offences of Forgery and Uttering was recorded in 1961 as compared with 200 in 1960. Proceedings were commenced in 221 cases and in a further 9 cases the offenders were detected but no proceedings were taken. Convictions were recorded in 129 cases and in an additional 44 cases the charges were held proved and the Probation Act applied.

Organised Violent Crime.

(45) No organised crime of violence was recorded in 1961. Two crimes were recorded in 1960.

Value of Property Stolen and Recovered.

(46) The total value of property reported as stolen in 1961 was £161,178, as compared with £162,128 in 1960. The value of property recovered in 1961 was £55,612 as compared with £52,159 in 1960.

(47) In offences against property with violence (e.g. Housebreakings) the value of property reported as stolen in 1961 was £61,005 as compared with £48,729 in 1960. The value of property recovered in 1961 was £16,764 as compared with £15,674 in 1960.

(48) In offences against property without violence (e.g. larcenies) the value of property reported as stolen in 1961 was £100,173 as compared with £113,399 in 1960 and the value of property recovered was £38,848 as compared with £36,485 in 1960.

(49) The following table shown in respect of the years 1956 to 1961 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							Total of Offences
		Less than £1	£1 to £2	£2 to £5	£5 to £10	£10 to £50	£50 to £100	Over £100	
Offences against Property with Violence.	1961	521	340	456	358	649	130	92	2546
	1960	451	290	441	326	593	135	77	2313
	1959	555	326	517	454	833	188	171	3044
	1958	553	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
Offences against Property without Violence.	1961	1924	1370	2211	2024	2012	165	107	9813
	1960	1929	1200	3122	2193	1974	174	93	10685
	1959	1945	1508	3158	2944	2761	195	111	12622
	1958	1826	1589	2845	2845	2324	201	101	11731
	1957	1562	1351	2496	2244	1896	153	107	9809
	1956	1502	1215	2060	2069	1757	128	97	8828

Age Groups of Persons found guilty of indictable offences.

(50) The following table shows the age groups of persons found guilty of indictable offences (persons convicted and persons against whom the charges were held proved and to whom the Probation of Offenders Act was applied) in the years 1956 to 1961 inclusive.

Year	Persons found guilty of indictable offences.			
	Under 14 years	14 to 21 years	above 21 years	Total
1961	1319	3312	2449	7080
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

PART II.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES - PERSONS PROSECUTED.

Prosecutions.

- (51) The number of persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences in 1961 was 104,057 as compared with 102,795 in 1960.
- (52) The main increases and decreases in offence prosecutions in 1961 as compared with 1960 were as follows:-

<u>Offence Heading.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>	<u>Decrease.</u>
Highway Acts:-		
Lighting Regulations - Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.	3,251	
General Bye-laws for control of traffic.	2,987	
Local Bye-laws (Road Traffic Act)	1,179	
Dangerous and Careless Driving.	492	
Intoxicating Liquor Laws:-		
Illegally on licensed premises during closing hours.		5,776
Offences by licensed persons (or their servants).		612

Convictions.

- (53) The number of persons found guilty of offences charged was 95,472 or 92% of the number prosecuted. Of this number, convictions were recorded against 77,718 and the charges against the remaining 17,754 were held proved and the Probation of Offenders Act applied.

Details of Offences.

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

Comparative figures for years 1950 to 1961 inclusive.

- (55) The number of prosecutions in the years 1950 to 1961 inclusive are given in the following table:-

Year	Number of Prosecutions	Year	Number of Prosecutions.
1961	104,057	1955	99,353
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

Assault.

- (56) A total of 1,373 persons were prosecuted for Assaults in 1961 as compared with 1,255 in 1960. The number found guilty was 1,077.

Dogs - Offences in relation to Licensing of

(57) For offences of keeping unlicensed dogs, the number of persons prosecuted in 1961 was 3,322 as compared with 4,090 in 1960. The number found guilty in 1961 was 3,135.

School Attendance Act.

(58) The number of persons prosecuted for offences against the School Attendance Act in 1961 was 3,219 as compared with 2,903 in 1960. The number found guilty in 1961 was 2,970.

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

(59) The number of persons prosecuted for offences under the Highway Acts in 1961 was 77,834, which is almost 75% of all prosecutions for the year. The number of prosecutions in 1960 was 68,633 or 67% of all prosecutions in that year. Prosecutions for offences against lighting regulations in 1961 totalled 32,298 as compared with 28,548 in 1960, for offences relating to road tax and driving licences 10,639 as compared with 10,305 in 1960, for dangerous and careless driving 3,772 as compared with 3,280 in 1960 and for offences of driving or attempting to drive while drunk 651 as compared with 535 in 1960.

(60) Comparative figures for the years 1956 to 1961 in respect of total Highway Act offences, offences against lighting regulations, offences of driving or attempting to drive while drunk and dangerous and careless driving are given in the following tables.

Total Numbers of Prosecutions under Highway Acts.					
Year	No. of persons prosecuted.	No. of persons convicted	Charges proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charges withdrawn or dismissed	Otherwise disposed of
1961	77,834	59,289	15,093	5,037	415
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	-

Offences against Lighting Regulations.			
Year	Drivers of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.	Pedal Cyclists	Total
1961	14,409	17,520	31,929
1960	11,153	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	9,258	16,678	25,966

Year	Driving or Attempting to Drive while drunk.	Dangerous and Careless Driving.
1961	651	3,772
1960	535	3,280
1959	479	2,856
1958	349	2,967
1957	423	2,895
1956	440	3,472

Intoxicating Liquor Laws.

(61) Prosecutions for offences under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws in 1961 totalled 8,256 as compared with 14,818 in 1960. The decrease is shown mainly in prosecutions against persons found on licensed premises during closing hours, for which offence 3,852 persons, almost 48% of the total, were prosecuted in 1961 as compared with 9,628 or 65% in 1960. For offences of drunkenness a total of 3,094 persons were prosecuted in 1961 as compared with 3,180 in 1960 and prosecutions against licensed persons or their servants for offences against Closing Regulations numbered 910 as compared with 1,522 in 1960.

(62) Comparative figures of prosecutions for drunkenness in years 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	3,094	2,589	336	139	30
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

(63) Comparative figures of prosecutions for offences against Closing Regulations in years 1956 to 1961 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.
1961	910	618	22	180	90
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

Malicious Damage to Property.

(64) The number of persons prosecuted in 1961 for offences of Malicious Damage to Property was 1,366 as compared with

/1,376 in

1,376 in 1960. The number found guilty was 1,114 or almost 82%.

Revenue Laws.

(65) For offences under the Revenue Laws other than dog licensing offences a total of 776 persons were prosecuted in 1961 as compared with 837 in 1960. The number found guilty was 675 or 87%.

Vagrancy Laws.

(66) For offences against the Vagrancy Laws 833 persons were prosecuted in 1961 as compared with 768 in 1960. The number found guilty was 735 or 89%.

(67) For offences of "Begging" 509 persons were prosecuted in 1961 as compared with 473 in 1960. 461 persons, almost 91%, were found guilty.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Estigarribia

COMMISSIONER.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961.

NATURE OF OFFENCES. (1)	Number of Offences Reported or Known (2)	Number of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were		RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES												Still pending in District Court. (16)	Crimes for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons Convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and order made without Conviction.									
		Commenced (3a)	Shown Pending in Previous Return (3b)	DEALT WITH ON INDICTMENT AND						DEALT WITH SUMMARILY AND								M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	TOTAL (22)	
				Informations Refused (4)	Convicted. (5)	Acquitted. (6)	Found Insane and Incapable of Pleading. (7)	Nolle Prosequi entered. (8)	Adjourned Sine Die or Otherwise disposed of (9)	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial (10)	Convicted. (11)	Dismissed. (12)	Charge proved and order made without conviction. (13)	Charge Withdrawn (14)	Adjourned Sine Die or Otherwise disposed of. (15)												Under 14 Years (18)
		Convicted.	Dismissed.															Charge proved and order made without conviction.	Charge Withdrawn	Adjourned Sine Die or Otherwise disposed of.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
GROUP 11. OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE																											
24. Sacrilege	19	15										12		1	1	1		3		6		1	5	1	16		
25. Burglary	181	132	4	4	8			1				79	3	25	4	12	7	3	1	24		25	1	33		92	
26. Housebreaking (Dwelling House)	925	684	73	2	13			1				305	14	299	26	80	62	199	6	249	9	77	5	122	5	672	
27. Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	1715	1160	82	2	73	8		1				567	33	424	1	21	89	107	295	3	389		201	1	195	5	1089
28. Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	96	84	7		1							45	1	34	1	9	4	15		28		11	2	10		66	
29. Entering with intent to commit Felony (Larceny Act, 1916, Sec. 27)	74	54	2		3							28	1	19	1	4	4	1		12		6		3		22	
30. Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	8	8	3		2							3	2	2		2	4	4	1	12		6		3		6	
31. Robbery with Arms	2																			3			3			6	
32. Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	40	31	2	1	8			2				18	2			2		2	2	3	1	16	1	14	1	45	
33. Demand or Robbery of Arms																											
34. Assaulting Dwelling-houses (by firing shots into them or by use of Explosives)	1																										
35. Threatening to Publish or Publishing with intent to Extort	4	4		1								2		1							3		1				4
36. Arson	56	33	7		10	1						16	1	8		4	8	7		14	1	5		11		38	
37. Killing and Maiming Cattle	9	8			1							6		1				5					4			9	
38. Malicious Use, Manufacture, or Possession of Explosives	-																										
39. Other Malicious Injuries to Property	56	33	7	1	1	1						18	2	11	1	2	3	1	9	13		7		19		48	
TOTAL (GROUP 11.)	3186	2246	187	11	120	10		5		40	1099	59	825	3	55	206	193	541	12	749	11	350	10	419	12	2107	
GROUP 111. OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.																											
40. Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep	49	38	4		4	1				1	24	4	6	1		1		1		2		3		17		23	
41. Larceny from the Person	287	104	17		1					2	33	14	55		1	10	6	29	1	13	1	15	1	22	8	90	
42. Larceny in House to value of £5, or with menaces	388	184	13	2	3	1				2	27	6	72		1	28	12	13	2	32	5	17	6	58	14	147	
43. Larceny from Dwelling-houses by Employees	103	88	8	1							26	3	63			3	15			7	14	10	11	9	11	62	
44. Larceny of Explosives	1	1									1													1		1	
45. Larceny of Motor Vehicles	47	28	9		4	1				3	18	1	6		1	3	2			8		12		11		31	
46. Larceny of Pedal Cycles	1931	571	30	5							247	81	220		13	35	30	71	6	77	12	98	6	121	6	397	
47. Larceny from Unattended Vehicles	1084	448	36	11	2					3	216	13	189	3	21	26	80	99	3	93	5	73	1	93	4	371	
48. Larceny from Shops and Stalls	1385	1026	99	2	6						432	49	559	2	17	58	175	113	12	163	101	58	70	95	218	830	
49. Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value)	135	100	27	2	13	4	1	2		12	33	1	18		1	40	1	3		15		10	1	41	8	78	
50. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value)	4451	2567	239	16	23	4		3		20	1104	150	1216	3	70	197	289	346	34	541	50	298	47	512	73	1901	
51. Embezzlement	62	58	17		1	1				3	23	5	20		1	21				9		4	1	20	1	35	
52. Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	378	299	89	3	23	7		4		43	171	4	53	1	9	65	33	1		3	7	1	106	11	129		
53. Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	8	8	7		2	1					4		2			6								7		7	
54. Other Frauds	48	45	12		5	9				5	27	1	3	2		5	2			2		3		18		23	
55. Receiving Stolen Goods.	266	249	18	7	2			1		14	106	35	82	2	1	17	14	16	1	40		31	3	58	14	163	
TOTAL (GROUP 111.)	10,623	5,814	630	49	89	29	1	10	-	113	2,557	367	2,564	14	136	515	659	692	59	1002	191	639	148	1189	368	4,238	

INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961.

NATURE OF OFFENCES. (1)	Number of Offences Reported or Known (2)	Number of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were		RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES											Still pending in District Court. (16)	Crimes for which the perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown. (17)	Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons Convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and order made without conviction.						TOTAL (22)				
		Commenced (3a)	Shown Pending in Previous Return (3b)	Informations Refused (4)	Dealt with on Indictment and					Dealt with Summarily and							M. (18) F.	M. F. (19)	M. F. (20)	M. F. (21)							
					Convicted (5)	Acquitted (6)	Found Insane and Incapable of Pleading (7)	Nolle Prosequi entered (8)	Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of. (9)	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial. (10)	Convicted (11)	Dismissed. (12)	Charge proved and order made without conviction (13)	Charge withdrawn (14)							Adjudged Sine Die or otherwise disposed of. (15)						
GROUP IV. OTHER OFFENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE GROUPS.																											
56. Forgery and Uttering	255	221	54	1	2	4			1	32	127	2	44		3	59	9	2	3	2	16	2	67	17		109	
57. Offences under Coinage Acts	-																										
58. Treason Act, 1939—Offences Against	-																										
59. Breaches of Offences against the State Act, 1939.	-																										
60. Riot or Unlawful Assembly	1	1									1										5					5	
61. Bribery, etc.,	1	1											1								1					1	
62. Perjury	-		1			1																					
63. Indecent Exposure (Public Indecency)...	1																1										
64. Keeping a Disorderly House	-																										
65. Attempting to Commit Suicide	10																9										
66. Other Indictable Offences	40	32	2							2	16	1	9	1	1	4	6		6		9		16	1		32	
TOTAL (GROUP IV.)	308	255	57	1	2	5			1	34	144	3	54	1	4	63	25	2	9	2	31	2	83	18		147	
FULL TOTAL	14,818	8935	940	99	249	79	1	23	1	221	4,155	468	3,507	19	216	837	903	1248	71	1810	204	1137	161	2040	409	7,080	

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED.

TABLE SHOWING (1) FOR OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE, NUMBERED 24 TO 27 INCLUSIVE.

(2) FOR OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE, NUMBERED 40 TO 50 INCLUSIVE.

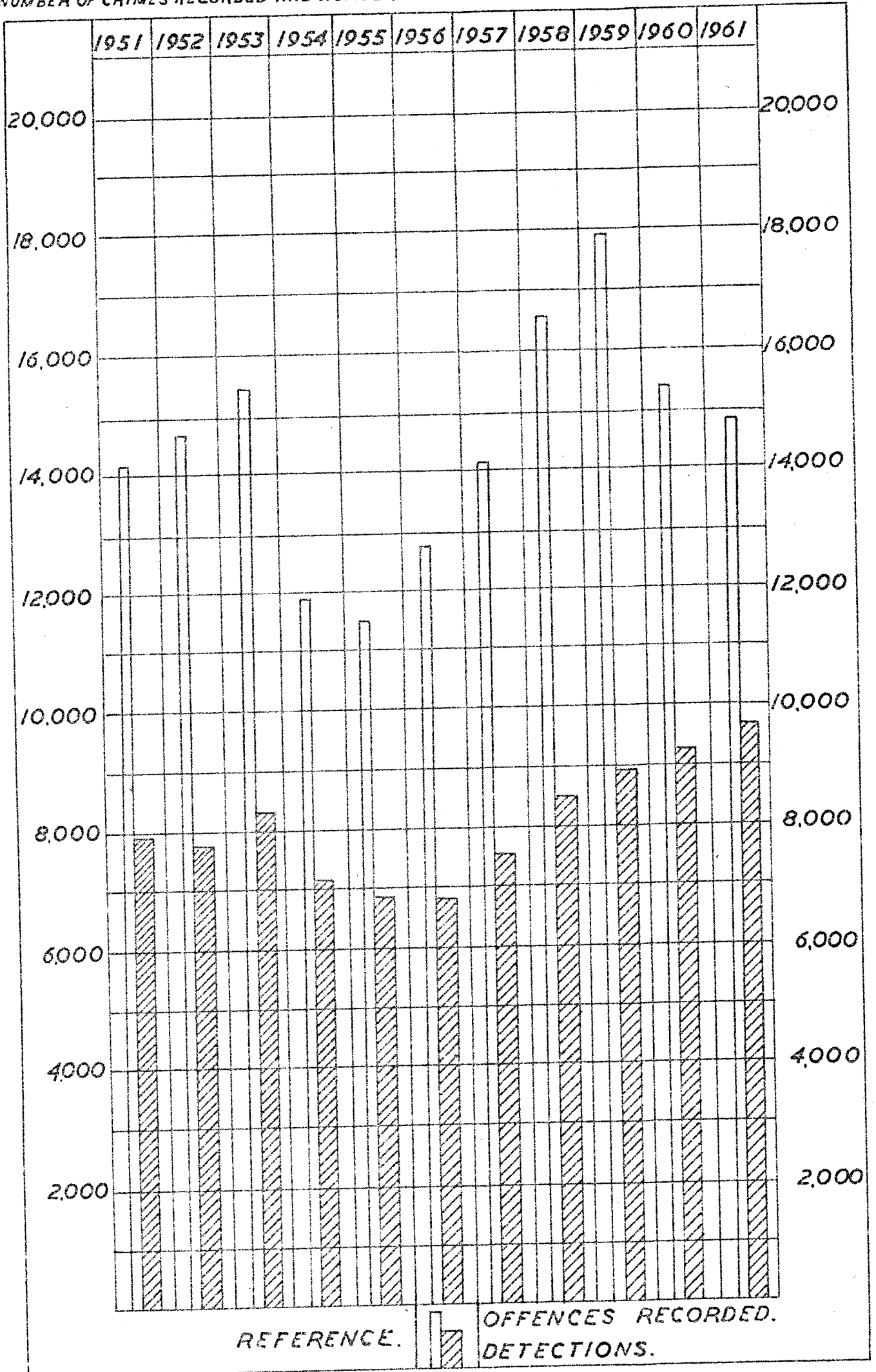
The number of offences in which the value of the property stolen was (a) less than £1: (b) £1 to £2: (c) £2 to £5: (d) £5 to £10: (e) £10 to £50: (f) £50 to £100: and (g) over £100, and the total value of property (a) stolen and (b) recovered, also the number of offences in which no property was stolen.

	Less than £1.	£1 to £2.	£2 to £5.	£5 to £10.	£10 to £50.	£50 to £100.	Over £100.	Total Number of Cases	Total Value of Property Stolen	Total Value of Property recovered	Number of Cases in which no property was stolen.
Offences against Property with Violence	521	340	456	358	649	130	92	2546	£ 61,005	£ 16,764	294
Offences against Property without Violence	1924	1370	2211	2024	2012	165	107	9813	100,173	38,848	48

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER OF CRIMES RECORDED AND NUMBER OF DETECTIONS IN THE YEARS 1951 TO 1961.



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APPENDIX C.

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, 1961.

DIVISION.	(Group I) Offences Against the Person		(Group II) Offences Against Property with Violence		(Group III) Offences Against Property without Violence		(Group IV) Other Indictable Offences		Total Indictable Offences	Number of Detections	Percentage of Detections	
	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected	Recorded	Detected				
Carlow/Kildare	45	45	96	73	283	242	6	5	430	365	85%	
Cavan/Monaghan	19	18	51	41	152	135	4	3	226	197	87%	
Clare	13	13	36	28	93	85	7	7	149	133	89%	
Cork E.R.	78	75	372	291	655	572	15	15	1120	953	85%	
Cork W.R.	15	14	35	28	98	92	7	7	155	141	91%	
Donegal	28	26	55	46	101	87	3	3	187	162	87%	
Dublin Metropolitan	165	139	939	710	6440	2781	140	125	7684	3755	49%	
Dublin/Wicklow	89	82	479	341	595	517	15	15	1178	955	81%	
Galway W.R.	28	26	80	57	170	159	7	6	285	248	87%	
Kerry	21	20	60	45	194	166	7	6	282	237	84%	
Leix/Offaly	24	24	74	69	168	162	6	6	272	261	96%	
Limerick	21	21	193	127	295	264	17	15	526	427	81%	
Longford/Westmeath	11	11	45	37	134	113	19	18	209	179	86%	
Louth/Meath	32	31	189	141	303	279	9	9	533	460	86%	
Mayo	25	24	30	23	107	102	2	2	164	151	92%	
Roscommon/Galway E.R.	10	10	34	29	93	84	7	7	144	130	90%	
Sligo/Leitrim	4	4	22	16	56	54	3	2	85	76	89%	
Tipperary	25	20	143	129	235	203	11	10	414	362	87%	
Waterford/Kilkenny	29	28	187	151	311	249	16	13	543	441	81%	
Wexford	19	15	66	57	140	126	7	6	232	204	88%	
TOTALS	Whole Country	701	646	3186	2439	10623	6472	308	280	14818	9837	66%
	Excluding Dublin Metropolitan Division.	536	507	2247	1729	4183	3691	168	155	7134	6082	85%
DISTRICTS												
Cork	48	45	281	217	449	385	12	12	790	659	83%	
Limerick	12	12	142	87	204	183	12	10	370	292	80%	
Waterford	7	7	64	52	135	100	3	3	209	162	78%	
Galway	7	6	56	41	83	78	3	2	149	127	85%	

14818 = Total
 7134 = Country
7684 = S.M.D.

APPENDIX D.

Murder, Infanticide, Attempts to Murder, Threats to Murder and Manslaughter.

Particulars of Cases.

Murder -
(of Persons aged above one year) - 8 cases.

Co. Mayo - On 20th February, 1961, a 29 year old Mental Hospital patient was struck on the head with a polishing clamp by a 51 year old fellow patient and received injuries from which he died on 28th February, 1961. The assailant was charged with Murder and was committed to the Central Mental Hospital.

Co. Waterford - On 20th March, 1961, the dead body of a 62 year old farmer, bearing two shot-gun wounds, was found in his farmyard. A 22 year old farm labourer, who had worked for the deceased man, was arrested and charged with his murder. At the Central Criminal Court he was found Guilty but Insane.

Co. Cork - On 29th March, 1961, the dead body of a 30 year old unmarried woman, bearing serious head injuries, was discovered in a field near a road fence. The woman had left her home at 8.15 p.m., on the previous day. A 20 year old Van Driver was arrested and charged with her Murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment.

Dublin City - At 3 a.m., on 7th April, 1961, a 68 year old night attendant was found unconscious at the garage where he was employed. His head was severely injured and he died on the following day without regaining consciousness. The motive was Robbery.

No one has been made amenable.

Co. Cork - On 5th June, 1961, a 3 year old girl was found unconscious in her parents home. Severe injuries had been inflicted on her head and neck with a butcher's cleaver and she died on 7th June, 1961. The child's mother was committed to a Mental Hospital.

Dublin City - On 21st June, 1961, at 12.45 p.m., the dead body of a 5½ year old boy, bearing severe head injuries, was discovered in a disused graveyard. The boy had been missing from about 4 p.m. on the previous day and had apparently been lured to the spot where he was battered with a heavy stone.

No one has yet been made amenable.

Dublin City - On 25th June, 1961, the dead body of a 60 year old woman was discovered in a tenement room. Death was caused by manual strangulation. A 63 year old unemployed man who lived in the room was arrested and charged with her murder. He was subsequently committed to a Mental Hospital.

Co. Galway - On 12th July, 1961, a 60 year old widow, who lived alone, was found in a collapsed condition, with severe head injuries, near her home. She died while being removed to hospital. A 32 year old labourer was arrested and charged with her murder. He is awaiting trial.

(of infants aged one year and under) - 2 cases.

Co. Kerry - On 17th March, 1961, the dead body of a 10 months old female infant, which had been reported missing, was found in a box in the scullery of her parents home. Death was caused by "Asphyxia", the result of inhalation of an oily fluid into the air passages. The infant's mother was arrested and charged. While on remand she was certified to be insane and was committed to a Mental Hospital.

Dublin City - On 30th May, 1961, the body of a newly born male infant was taken from the River Liffey. The body which was dressed and wrapped in a 3 foot square woollen shawl had been about one month in the water and was in an advanced state of decomposition. Death was due to drowning. No one has been made amenable.

Infanticide - One case.

Co. Meath - On 28th January, 1961, an 18 year old domestic servant gave birth to a female infant at her employer's home. The dead body of the baby, bearing extensive lacerated wounds on the head, was found in her room. The girl was arrested and charged with Murder. She was sent for trial for Infanticide and was found "Not Guilty" and discharged.

Attempt to Murder - One case.

Co. Waterford - On 18th September, 1961, a 24 year old female bookmaker's clerk, was attacked in her place of employment by a man who slung a neck-tie around her neck and pulled her over the counter. He then beat her about the head with a sweeping brush the handle of which broke in several pieces. A short time later a 30 year old unemployed man entered a Garda Station and said he had tried to kill the girl in order to rob the takings. He was charged with attempted Murder and was sentenced to Penal Servitude for 5 years.

Threats, etc., to Murder - 2 Cases.

Co. Kilkenny - On 16th November, 1960, a 44 year old farmer received a letter through the post warning him to clear off lands which he had rented or he would be shot at sight.

No one has been made amenable.

Dublin City. - On 20th July, 1961, and 26th July, 1961, letters, threatening him with death, were received through the post by a 12 year old schoolboy. In one of the letters reference was made to a young schoolboy who was murdered a month previously.

No one has been made amenable.

Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities) - 2 Cases.

Co. Cork - On 16th March, 1961, at 11 p.m., a 20 year old youth was fatally stabbed in the neck with a sheath knife in the course of a street fracas. A youth of 19 years was also stabbed in the thigh. A youth of 17½ years was arrested and charged with Murder. At the Central Criminal Court he pleaded "Not Guilty" to Murder but "Guilty" to Manslaughter. The latter plea was accepted by the Court and he was sentenced to four years detention.

Co. Wexford - On 23rd July, 1961, when a member of the Garda was endeavouring to arrest an itinerant who had assaulted him some civilians went to his assistance. They were set upon by relatives of the itinerant who were armed with stick, stones, bottles and

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an iron bar and in the ensuing disturbance the Garda and seven civilians were injured. Some days later the injuries inflicted on one civilian, a 39 year old labourer, turned septic and he was removed to hospital where he died. The itinerant, his wife and two sons were arrested and charged with Murder. Informations were refused against the itinerant and his sons but his wife was sent for trial. She was convicted of Manslaughter and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment.

Manslaughter - (Traffic Fatality) - One Case.

Co. Galway - On 19th January, 1961, at 12.40 p.m. a 73 year old farmer was found, seriously injured, lying on the public road. He died before he could be removed to hospital. The deceased had apparently been walking up an incline on the road wheeling his bicycle when he was struck by a motor vehicle which did not stop.

The car has not been traced.

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ROBBERY.

Particulars of two cases of Robbery with Firearms and two other serious cases.

With Firearms - 2 cases.

Co. Waterford - On 27th December, 1960, at about 10 p.m. a masked man carrying a revolver entered a small dwelling-house, by turning the key which was in a yale lock on the door. He demanded money and having got £1.18.6d., attempted to indecently assault the woman. She resisted and he struck her with the revolver on her head and hand. She was found unconscious on the kitchen floor at 11.10 p.m. by a 17 year old girl who had been to the pictures with her daughter.

No one has been made amenable.

Co. Mayo - On 5th April, 1961, at 9.15 p.m. a 65 year old spinster opened the door of her home, where she resided with her 64 year old brother, a farmer. Two masked men, one of whom carried a revolver entered the kitchen and demanded a D.B. Shot-gun which was in the house. The gun which was standing in the corner was picked up by one of the men who then left the house. The gun has not been traced.

No one has been made amenable.

Other serious cases - (2).

Co. Limerick - On 18th November, 1960, about 4 p.m. a man who had been on the premises of a betting office for some time previously went behind the counter and approached the cash drawer. As he did so the female clerk in the office rushed at him but he pushed her away and grabbed a bag containing £50 and made off.

The employee's spectacles were knocked off and she sustained slight cuts on her face in the struggle.

No one has been made amenable.

Co. Kildare - On 12th December, 1960, a 35 year old housewife was attacked in her home by a man who called and asked to have tea made for him. When in the kitchen this man demanded money and, on being refused, struck the woman on the head with a beet knife and a hatchet inflicting severe injuries. He then took five one pound notes from her handbag and a gents wristlet watch.

A 28 year old labourer was arrested and charged. He was sentenced to four years Penal Servitude.

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NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES-PERSONS DEALT WITH SUMMARILY - PROCEEDINGS AND RESULTS IN YEAR 1961

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)
Adulteration of Food, Drugs, etc ...	1			1	
Assaults	1373	253	920	157	43
Cruelty to Animals	119	16	90	13	
Dogs, Offences in relation to licensing of (Finance Act, 1925)	3322	156	1956	1179	31
School Attendance Act, 1926, Offences against	3219	154	2303	667	95
Highway Acts, Offences against:-					
(a) Lighting Regulations - Pedal Cycles ...	17520	605	13894	2953	68
(b) " " M.P.V.	14409	440	11873	2069	27
(c) " " Horse Drawn Vehicles	369	14	339	13	3
(d) Licences - Driving and Excise	10639	858	7780	1931	70
(e) Obstruction	4427	253	3439	721	14
(f) General Bye-Laws for Control of Traffic, 1937-56	7613	418	5574	1593	28
(g) Local Bye-Laws (R.T.Act, 1933)	6924	243	4992	1689	
(h) Dangerous and Careless Driving	3772	819	2611	294	48
(i) Compulsory Insurance (R.T.Act, 1933)	2909	466	1932	463	48
(j) Wandering Animals	644	33	544	49	18
(k) Driving or Attempting to drive while drunk	651	211	431	2	7
(l) Other Road Offences	7303	522	5516	1185	80
(m) Road Transport Acts	654	155	364	131	4
Intoxicating Liquor Laws, Offences against:-					
(a) Illegally on Licensed Premises during closing hours	3852	476	3283	18	75
(b) Drunkenness, Simple	1646	72	1327	240	7
(c) Drunkenness with aggravation	1448	67	1262	96	23
(d) Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) against closing Regulations	910	180	618	22	90
(e) Other Offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants)	55	21	27	3	4
(f) Other Offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws	303	47	243	7	6
(g) Offences in connection with Registered Clubs	42	10	32		
Labour Laws, offences against	55	12	43		
Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences, etc.	1366	186	894	220	66
Noxious Weeds Act, 1936-Offences against	21		17	3	1
Police Regulations, Offences against:-					
(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts	1718	85	927	696	10
(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851	771	30	557	173	11
Revenue Laws, Offences Against	776	85	587	88	16
Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (not the subject of larceny at Common Law)	221	28	131	53	9
Street Trading Act, 1926-Offences against	642	9	429	202	2
Unlawful Possession	838	239	362	232	5
Vagrancy Acts - Offences against:-					
(a) Begging	509	42	360	101	6
(b) Other Offences	324	48	189	85	2
Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926-Offences against ..	317	11	234	72	
Other Offences	2375	343	1638	333	61
T O T A L	104057	7607	77718	17754	978

H. 10 pm.

From Sgt. C. Farrell c Branch.

Mr. Griffin (Justice) says that
we need not bother about an answer
to P. A. re Noxious weeds as they
intended passing on the question
to Dept. of Agriculture and Local
Government.

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