

It is quite a usual thing for parents to come to me about a wayward daughter, and ask my help in controlling her. I have to tell them that I have no power under the law to interfere, but if the girl will come to me voluntarily, I am willing to do what I can. I am sure that many girls and parents could be helped if Probation Officers had authority to bring young people before a Magistrate or Justices of the Peace without charging them with an offence.

My thanks are due to the Magistrates, Court officials, and police for their courtesy and help.

STATISTICS.

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR 1929.

Age, in Years.	Six Months or under.	One Year.	Eighteen Months.	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.	Five Years.	Total.
Under 20 years of age ..	4	67	1	57	24	..	..	153
20 and under 25 ..	5	70	1	82	12	..	1	171
25 „ 30 ..	5	34	2	32	12	1	..	86
30 „ 40 ..	9	36	3	36	7	1	..	92
40 „ 50 ..	2	9	..	14	2	..	..	27
50 „ 60 ..	3	11	..	6	2	..	1	23
60 „ 70 ..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	4
70 and over ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Totals ..	28	230	7	228	60	2	2	557

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1929.

	Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting on 1st January, 1929 ..	..	..	..
Admitted to probation during 1929 ..	1,028	150	1,178
Totals ..	1,585	301	1,886
Completed probation during the year ..	552	149	701
Discharged by Prison Board ..	11	..	11
Deceased ..	3	4	7
Left the Dominion ..	12	4	16
Absconded and not traced (term expired) ..	24	8	32
Resentenced on original charge ..	31	2	33
Committed further offences ..	52	11	63
Totals ..	685	178	863
Number reporting on 31st December, 1929 ..	900	123	1,023

BREACHES OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE COMMITTED DURING 1929.

Failed to report, &c.	58
Committed further offences	74
Absconded (still untraced)	29
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COSTS OF PROSECUTION AND RESTITUTION MONEYS COLLECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1930.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of costs of prosecution-moneys collected by Probation Officers ..	865	19	1
Amount of restitution-moneys collected ..	3,648	0	6
Total ..	4,513	19	7