

Of the total number released after undergoing reformatory detention 24·15 per cent. have been returned to prison either for non-compliance with conditions of release or for committing further offences, 2·68 per cent. have left the Dominion or absconded, 0·57 per cent. have died or been transferred to mental hospitals, &c., and 72·60 per cent. have not further offended.

TABLE D.—HABITUAL CRIMINALS DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY, 1911, TO DECEMBER, 1929.

Total number declared habitual criminals	464
Of whom there were released on recommendation of Board	417
Of whom there were—		
Returned to prison for non-compliance with conditions of release	..	46
Committed to prison for further offences	150
Sentenced for offences committed after their discharge from prison or from probation	42
Total number returned	238
Absconded and not traced	33
Died	14
Left Dominion to return to former domiciles	52
Transferred to mental hospital	1
Transferred to consumptive sanatorium	1
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1929	26
Number who have not offended, as far as known, since their discharge from probation, and presumably doing well	52
		179
		417

Of the total number of habitual criminals released on probation 57·07 per cent. were returned to prison either for non-compliance with the conditions of probation or for committing further offences. No offences are recorded against the remaining 42·93 per cent., but our tables show that 3·59 per cent. died or were transferred to mental hospitals, whilst 20·39 per cent. left the Dominion or absconded. This leaves a definite percentage of 18·95 who have remained in the Dominion and have not further offended.

Since 1917 the Board has dealt with the following hard-labour cases :—

TABLE E.—HARD-LABOUR CASES.

Total cases considered	2,605
Number discharged from prison on recommendation of Board	396
Number released on probation on recommendation of Board	596
Left the Dominion	32
Absconded
Recommitted for other offences	35
Completed probation	422
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1929	37

TABLE F.—BORSTAL CASES DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY, 1925, TO DECEMBER, 1929.

Total number committed to Borstal Institutions	1,089
Released and discharged on the recommendation of Prisons Board	565
Released on expiration of term	87
Total number released	652
Of whom there were—		
Returned to institutions for non-compliance with conditions of release	..	8
Recommitted to institutions for further offences whilst on probation	43
Sentenced for offences committed after discharge or expiry of period of probation	58
Total number returned and recommitted	109
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1929	208
Number who have not been recommitted since their discharge or expiration of period of probation, and presumably doing well	335
		543
		652

Of the total number of 652 released since the coming into operation of the Prevention of Crime Act, 109 have subsequently been recommitted, or 16·71 per cent. only.