

recommitted to prison for breaches of the conditions of their licenses, while 16, including 10 habitual criminals, had their licenses cancelled for further offences. Considering the difficulties with which these parolees are generally faced in endeavouring to re-establish themselves in the community, the small percentage of failures must be regarded as distinctly encouraging. The effectiveness of this method of parole may be gauged from the fact that during the past five years 1,548 persons, excluding habitual criminals, were released from institutions on license, and during that period only 8·6 per cent. were returned to institutions for breaches of the conditions of their license, and only 27·5 per cent. have again been convicted subsequent to completion of the probationary period.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, I desire again to place on record appreciation of the excellent work rendered by the Women's Borstal Association in the oversight and placement of girls released on parole from Borstal, the Voluntary Probation Committees for their helpful co-operation with Probation Officers in supervising probationers generally, and the Prisoners' Aid Societies for their assistance to released prisoners, and to the Honorary Justices' Associations, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army and many public-spirited persons for their interest and assistance in this important work.

I desire also to express my indebtedness to my own staff for their loyal assistance.

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STATISTICS.

OFFENDERS PROBATION ACT, 1920.

AGES AND TERMS OF PROBATION OF THE OFFENDERS ADMITTED TO PROBATION DURING THE YEAR 1941.

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 ..	5	120	14	108	21	1	3	272
20 and under 25 ..	6	94	8	58	18	..	2	186
25 " 30 ..	3	47	5	25	10	1	1	92
30 " 40 ..	5	36	3	31	11	..	1	87
40 " 50 ..	2	18	..	15	8	..	2	45
50 " 60 ..	1	10	..	6	4	..	..	21
60 " 70 ..	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	6
Totals ..	24	328	30	244	72	2	9	709

SUMMARY OF CASES DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1941.

	Admitted to Probation.	Deferred Sentence.	Total.
Number reporting on 1st January, 1941 ..	1,316	193	1,509
Admitted to probation during the year ..	709	170	879
Resumed probation—previously struck off ..	5	1	6
Totals ..	2,030	364	2,394

Completed probation during the year ..	643	163	806
Deceased ..	7	1	8
Discharged by Prison Board ..	14	2	16
Left the Dominion (mostly soldiers) ..	79	10	89
Absconded and not traced (term expired) ..	20	2	22
Resentenced on the original charge ..	38	6	44
Committed further offences ..	41	3	44
Totals ..	842	187	1,029
Number reporting on 31st December, 1941 ..	1,188	177	1,365

BREACHES OF CONDITIONS OF RELEASE COMMITTED DURING 1941.

Failed to report, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Committed further offences ..	..	..	..	..	..	152
Absconded (still untraced) ..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	248