

In the above table most individuals are included more than once, some of them having been subjected to more than one type of care cited prior to admission to the institution. For instance, 22 inmates had previously been both under the care of a Child Welfare Officer and on probation, while 8 had been under the care of a Child Welfare Officer, had been inmates of the Boys' Training Centre, and had been under probation before being committed to Borstal.

It is interesting to note that 28 inmates had previously been committed to the Boys' Training Centre at Levin and that 21 of those admitted during the year had previously served a term in Borstal. The indication here is that certain youths need a longer time to stabilize, and should perhaps have been kept under control for a longer period in the first instance.

The following table shows the number of previous convictions:—

Previous Convictions.			Inmates.	Previous Convictions.			Inmates.	Previous Convictions.			Inmates.
51	..	..	1	15	..	..	3	5	..	..	7
34	..	..	1	14	..	..	1	4	..	..	20
25	..	..	1	13	..	..	3	3	..	..	14
24	..	..	1	12	..	..	1	2	..	..	19
23	..	..	1	10	..	..	4	1	..	..	11
22	..	..	1	9	..	..	3	Nil	..	..	12
21	..	..	1	8	..	..	4				
19	..	..	2	7	..	..	4	Total	..		127
16	..	..	2	6	..	..	10				

The offences for which inmates were committed to the institution during the year were as follows:—

Theft	..	..	..	..	..	37
Car conversion	..	..	..	..	..	38
Breaking, entering, and theft and similar offences	..	..	..	..	..	32
Bicycle conversion	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sexual offences	..	..	..	..	..	5
Assault	..	..	..	..	..	2
Idle and disorderly	..	..	..	..	..	3
False pretences	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wilful damage	..	..	..	..	..	1
Breach of probation	..	..	..	..	..	1
Licenses revoked	..	..	..	..	..	5

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The ages of inmates admitted were as under:—

Age.			Number of Inmates.	Age.			Number of Inmates.
15 years	..	..	5	19 years	..	..	34
16 years	..	..	19	20 years	..	..	2
17 years	..	..	25				
18 years	..	..	42	Total	..	..	127

Educational attainment on admission was as follows:—

High school	..	..	24	Passed Standard 2	..	3
Passed Form I	..	..	38	Passed Primer 4 (Maoris)	..	2
Passed Form II	..	..	35			
Passed Standard 4	..	..	17	Total	..	127
Passed Standard 3	..	..	8			