

TABLE 2—NUMBER OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE THE CHILDREN'S COURTS
(Classified according to offences committed or complaints laid)

	1948-49.	1949-50.
Complaints under the Child Welfare Act and amendments		
Indigent	92	129
Neglected	33	34
Living in a detrimental environment	84	64
Not under proper control	183	175
Delinquent	26	63
Failing to comply with the terms of a supervision order	12	5
Totals	430	470
Offences against property—		
Theft	671	684
Breaking, entering, and theft	133	161
Other similar offences (receiving, shoplifting, &c.)	18	22
Conversion of motor-vehicles	40	29
Other conversions	43	51
Arson	3	3
Mischief	58	79
Wilful damage	49	25
Stonethrowing (<i>e.g.</i> , at insulators)	29	15
Other offences against property (<i>e.g.</i> , unlawfully on premises)	9	15
Totals	1,053	1,084
Offences involving fraud	28	16
Offences against persons—		
Sex offences—		
Indecent assault on a female	40	17
Indecent assault on a male	3	3
Other	19	18
Other than sex offences	29	42
Totals	91	80
Offences against decency	14	17
Disorderly conduct	13	26
Offences against special Acts, regulations, and by-laws—		
Traffic—		
More serious offences (<i>e.g.</i> , reckless driving, failing to stop after accident)	9	3
Minor offences—		
(a) Cycle	59	55
(b) Other	49	25
Railway, fire brigade, and Post and Telegraph	9	9
Licensing	22	12
Acclimatization	10	12
Arms and explosives	27	35
Totals	185	151
Other offences	9	4
Grand totals	1,823	1,848

NOTES.—(1) The discrepancies between the figures quoted for 1948-49 and the figures in the old Table 2 of the 1949 report, are accounted for by the adjustments described in the Appendix to the 1949 report.

(2) This table, like all others published, counts appearances only, not individual children. Some children appear more than once in each year. The number of such cases in the year under review was 84.

(3) Multiple charges—*i.e.*, cases in which children are charged with more than one offence—present considerable difficulty in tabulation. In accordance with previous practice, such cases are counted under the offence which, in the particular circumstances of each case, appears to be the most serious. This selection is necessarily arbitrary, but there appears to be no alternative if the table is not to be inordinately lengthy and correspondingly more difficult to follow. In the year under review there were 237 cases of multiple charges.