

TABLE D.—HABITUAL CRIMINALS DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY, 1911,
TO DECEMBER, 1924.

Total number declared habitual criminals	391
Of whom there were released on recommendation of Board	327
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Returned to prison for non-compliance with conditions of release	44
Committed to prison for further offences	104
Sentenced for offences committed after their discharge from prison or from probation	20
Total number returned	168
Absconded and not traced	24
Died	11
Left Dominion to return to former domiciles	41
Transferred to mental hospital	1
Transferred to consumptive sanatorium	1
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1924	35
Number who have not offended, so far as known, since their discharge from probation, and presumably doing well	46
	159
	327

Of the total number of habitual criminals released on probation 51·4 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 48·6 per cent., but our tables show that 3·9 per cent. died or were transferred to mental hospitals, while 19·9 per cent. left the Dominion or absconded. This leaves a definite percentage of 24·8 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	1,081
Number discharged from prison on recommendation of Board	203
Number released on probation on recommendation of Board	299
Left the Dominion	14
Absconded	1
Recommitted for other offences	11
Completed probation	210
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1924	36

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The following table shows the cases considered year by year by the Board over the last decade :—

TABLE F.

Year.	Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Reformative Detention.	Hard Labour.	Habitual Criminals for Remission, Hard Labour.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation.		Totals.
					Crimes Amend-ment Act.	Offender Probationers.	
1915 ..	101	273	..	..	..	..	374
1916 ..	102	322	..	..	..	..	424
1917 ..	95	329	14	..	..	..	438
1918 ..	87	201	92	..	..	..	380
1919 ..	97	471	115	..	18	..	701
1920 ..	74	467	75	..	32	..	648
1921 ..	75	564	167	..	18	17	841
1922 ..	93	594	271	..	19	30	1,007
1923 ..	74	671	304	4	16	24	1,093
1924 ..	80	683	302	3	13	21	1,102
Totals	878	4,575	1,340	7	116	92	7,008

The statistics that appear in the tables set out in the report show that, as heretofore, not a fourth of those who have undergone reformative treatment have again offended. This is certainly a gratifying result. Improvements are continually being made in the administration of our prison institutions,