

Of the total number of habitual criminals released on probation, 57·56 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 42·44 per cent., but our tables show that 3·97 per cent. died or were transferred to mental hospitals, whilst 20·09 per cent. left the Dominion or absconded. This leaves a definite percentage of 18·38 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	..	..	..	..	..	2,259
Number discharged from prison on recommendation of Board	..	..	..	..	..	350
Number released on probation on recommendation of Board	..	..	..	..	..	506
Left the Dominion	..	..	..	..	..	23
Absconded	..	..	..	..	..	3
Recommitted for other offences	..	..	..	..	..	30
Completed probation	..	..	..	..	..	371
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1928	..	..	..	..	..	26

TABLE F.—BORSTAL CASES DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY, 1925, TO DECEMBER, 1928.

Total number committed to Borstal Institutions	..	..	..	..	..	911
Released and discharged on the recommendation of Prisons Board	..	..	..	..	..	375
Released on expiration of term	..	..	..	..	..	64
Total number released	..	..	..	..	..	439

Of whom there were—

Returned to institutions for non-compliance with conditions of release	..	..	5
Recommitted to institutions for further offences whilst on probation	..	..	26
Sentenced for offences committed after discharge or expiry of period of probation..	..	..	33
Total number returned and recommitted	..	..	64
Reporting on probation at 31st December, 1928	..	..	151
Number who have not been recommitted since their discharge or expiration of period of probation, and presumably doing well	..	..	224
	..	..	375
	..	..	439

Of the total number of 439 released since the coming into operation of the Prevention of Crime Act, 64 have subsequently been recommitted, or 14·57 per cent. only.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

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

TABLE G.

Year.	Habitual Criminals and Offenders.	Reformative Detention.	Hard Labour.	Borstal Detention.	Habitual Criminals for Remission Hard Labour.	Probationers for Discharge from Probation or Variation Terms of Probation.		Totals.
						Crimes Amend-ment Act.	Offender Probationers.	
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
1925	70	747	295	..	1	12	9	1,134
1926	49	822	237	..	2	12	16	1,138
1927	115	766	325	..	11	13	20	1,250
1928	72	386	321	554	11	6	16	1,366
Totals	799	6,171	2,412	554	32	159	153	10,280