

TABLE 3.—TOTAL CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS.

(Classified according to reason for appearance.)

	1936- 37.	1937- 38.		1936- 37.	1937- 38.
<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or delinquent.</i>			<i>(a) Charged with an Offence, or delinquent</i> —continued.		
Delinquent	67	150	Uttering	1	5
Theft	723	825	Presenting a firearm	1	..
Wilful damage	105	79	Attempted breaking and entering	..	..
Mischief	107	183	with intent	1	..
Breaking, entering, and theft ..	142	130	Attempted indecent assault ..	1	..
Conversion	98	125	On licensed premises after hours ..	1	..
Throwing stones	22	46	Attempted breaking, entering, and	1	..
Indecent assault	38	19	theft	..	..
Disorderly conduct	21	25	Insulting behaviour	1	..
Receiving	28	19	Attempted suicide	1	..
Dangerous driving	12	13	Breach of agreement under Child	4	1
Assault	24	16	Welfare Amendment Act ..	..	..
Discharging firearms	5	7	Conspiring to defraud	..	3
False pretences	12	8	Arson	..	2
Idle and disorderly	2	1	Unlawful Sunday trading	..	4
Obscene language	5	9	Attempted theft	..	1
Attempted theft	5	1	Breach of Telephone Regulations ..	..	2
Breach of supervision order ..	5	6	Indecent writing	..	2
Carnal knowledge	7	9	Offensive behaviour	..	7
Unlawfully on premises	7	14	Breach of Traffic Regulations ..	..	17
Cruelty to animals	8	5	Keeping dangerous animal	..	1
Breaking and entering	4	8	Casting offensive matter	..	4
Vagrancy	1	1	Hunting game in a State forest ..	..	1
Negligent riding	2	13	Attempted arson	..	4
Driving without license	26	28	Breach of Acts—	..	..
Aiding and abetting	2	2	Motor-vehicles	28	22
Drunkenness	2	3	Post and Telegraph	2	..
Fraud	1	2	Railways	7	12
Indecent exposure	6	2	Fire Brigades	5	5
Negligent driving	10	15	Acclimatization	1	2
Breaking and entering with intent	3	12	Licensing	..	1
Breaking insulators	122	120	Arms	82	67
False information	1	..	Impounding	2	..
Indecency	2	3	Animal Protection and Game ..	..	4
Absconding	4	..	Breach of city by-laws	317	361
Trespass	3	9			
Throwing missiles	15	2	Total children charged with	2,134	2,447
Found on enclosed premises ..	5	..	offences		
Discharging fireworks	6	3			
Forgery	4	1	<i>(b) Appearances for other Causes.</i>		
Unnatural offence	3	1	Indigency	191	211
Attempted breaking and entering	3	..	Not under proper control	163	233
Attempted carnal knowledge ..	3	1	Detrimental environments	65	51
Smoking	2	..	Neglected	31	40
Dangerous riding	2	..			
Killing animals	2	1	Total Court appearances	2,584	2,982
Frequenting billiard-rooms ..	1	2			

The records show that, of the numbers dealt with, 264 had been before the Courts for previous offences, but many of these were of a minor nature, and there is every reason to hope that these children will make good with a little friendly supervision.

In addition to the above, there were 26 cases dealt with by the Magistrates under the provisions of section 17 of the Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1927, and the informations dismissed as trivial: while there were also 156 cases in which, as a result of consultation between the Child Welfare Officer and the police, the informations were regarded as of insufficient importance to warrant Court action, the children concerned being adequately dealt with otherwise, usually as preventive cases under the supervision of a Child Welfare Officer for a period.