



REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONER
OF THE GARDA SÍOCHÁNA
ON CRIME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th SEPTEMBER, 1959

Incidence of Crime in Garda Divisions.

(7) Appendix C. gives the number of crimes recorded and detected in the 20 Garda Divisions into which the State is divided. It gives similar information in respect of the Garda Districts in which the cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway are included.

Dublin Metropolitan Division.

(8) The following table shows the numbers of offences recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division and in the rest of the State in the years 1958 and 1959 :-

	Offences Recorded		
	In Dublin Metropolitan Division.	In rest of State.	Total.
1958	10,294 (62% of total)	6,273 (38% of total)	16,567
1959	11,231 (63% of total)	6,634 (37% of total)	17,865
Increase	937 (9%)	361 (6%)	1,298 (8%)

You will note that of the increase of 1,298 crimes in 1959, 937, or 72% of the total, were recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division.

Analysis of Offences in four Groups.

(9) The following table shows the number of indictable offences recorded and the numbers of detections in four groups. Comparative figures are given for 1958.

	Number of Offences Recorded.		Number of Offences Detected.		Percentage of Detections.	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
I Offences against the Person.	587	558	537	494	92%	89%
II Offences against Property with Violence.	3824	3645	2680	2672	70%	73%
III Offences against Property without Violence.	13270	12219	5535	5170	42%	42%
IV Other Indictable Offences not included in above figures.	184	145	161	130	88%	90%
Totals:	17865	16567	8913	8466	50%	51%

(10) This group includes offences of Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding, Assault, Intimidation, Cruelty to and Abandoning Children and Sexual Offences.

(11) The following table gives comparative figures of offences and detections in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive :-

Year.	No. of Offences reported or known to the Garda.	No. of Offences in which detections were made.	Percentage of offences in which detections were made.
1959	587	537	92%
1958	558	494	89%
1957	473	416	88%
1956	542	491	91%
1955	525	475	90%
1954	478	432	90%

Murder - Of Persons aged above One Year.

(12) Eight murders of persons aged above one year were recorded in 1959 and proceedings were instituted in seven cases. In 1958 the number of murders was four. Particulars of the eight cases in 1959 are given in Appendix D.

Murder - Of Infants aged one year and under.

(13) No crime under this heading, was recorded in 1959. Two crimes were recorded in 1958.

Infanticide.

(14) One crime of Infanticide was recorded in 1959 as compared with four in 1958. Particulars of the 1959 case are given in Appendix D.

Attempt to Murder.

(15) One crime was recorded in 1959 as compared with three in 1958. Particulars of the case are given in Appendix D.

Threats to Murder.

(16) One crime of Threatening to Murder was recorded in 1959, as compared with 2 in 1958. Particulars of the 1959 case are given in Appendix D.

Manslaughter (other than traffic fatalities).

(17) Two crimes of Manslaughter (other than traffic fatalities) were recorded in 1959 - the same number as in 1958. Particulars of the 1959 cases are given in Appendix D.

Manslaughter (Traffic Fatalities).

(18) Nineteen cases of Manslaughter arising from traffic fatalities were recorded in 1959 as compared with 42 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 18 cases and in one case a conviction was recorded. Two cases are shown awaiting trial.

Woundings, Assaults, etc.

(19) The number of offences under this heading recorded in 1959 was 307 as compared with 267 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 294 cases and in an additional four cases the offenders were detected but proceedings were not taken. Convictions were recorded in 214 cases and in a further 39 cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. Thirty-two cases are shown pending.

Intimidation.

(20) Thirteen offences of Intimidation were recorded in 1959, as compared with twenty-five in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in three cases and there were two convictions.

Sexual Offences against Females.

(21) Sexual offences against females totalled 171 in 1959 as compared with 149 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 143 cases and convictions recorded in 102 cases.

Group II - Offences against Property
with Violence.

(22) Included in this group are offences of Burglary, Housebreaking and related offences, Robbery and Malicious Injury to Property.

(23) The number of offences recorded in 1959 was 3,824 as compared with 3,645 in 1958. The increase occurred mainly in Housebreaking offences.

(24) Comparative figures of offences and proceedings in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive, are given in the following table.

Year.	No. of Offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were commenced.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1959	3824	2495	65
1958	3645	2474	68
1957	3061	1952	64
1956	2695	1845	65
1955	2325	1596	69
1954	2538	1617	64

Burglary and Housebreaking.

(25) The number of Burglary and Housebreaking and related offences (including attempts to break into houses and possession of housebreaking tools) recorded in 1959 was 3,607 as compared with 3,459 in 1958.

(26) The following table gives comparative figures of offences and proceedings in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive.

	No. of Offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were commenced.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1959	3607	2371	66
1958	3459	2362	68
1957	2895	1871	65
1956	2566	1774	69
1955	2182	1514	69
1954	2397	1529	64

Robbery.

(27) Fifty-nine offences of Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob were recorded in 1959 as compared with 61 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 41 cases. There were convictions in 36 cases and in 4 cases the charges were proved, but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

(28) Firearms were used in 4 cases. Particulars of these cases and of 5 other serious cases are given in Appendix E.

Arson and Other Malicious Injury to Property.

(29) The number of offences of Arson, etc., recorded in 1959 was 154, as compared with 118 in 1958. Offences of Arson totalled 82, as compared with 55 in 1958 and Other Malicious Injuries to Property 72, as compared with 63 in 1958.

(30) Proceedings were instituted in 80 cases. Convictions numbered 34 and in a further 31 cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied. Eleven cases are shown pending.

Group III - Offences against Property without Violence.

(31) Included in this group are offences of Larceny, Embezzlement, Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences, Frauds and Receiving Stolen Goods.

(32) A total of 13,270 offences was recorded in the Group in 1959, as compared with 12,219 in 1958. This shows an increase of 1,051 of which 889 were larcenies.

(33) Proceedings were instituted in 5,058 cases. Convictions were recorded in 2,164 cases and in 2,346 other cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

(34) Comparative figures in respect of all offences in Group III in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive are given hereunder.

Year.	No. of Offences recorded.	No. of offences in which proceedings were commenced.	Percentage of offences in which proceedings were commenced.
1959	13,270	5,058	38
1958	12,219	4,686	38
1957	10,329	4,200	41
1956	9,365	4,384	47
1955	8,555	4,005	47
1954	8,753	4,106	47

(35) Comparative figures of larcenies committed in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive are given hereunder.

Offences	Years					
	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep.	60	64	58	62	58	48
Larceny from the Person.	355	306	209	214	270	209
Larceny in House to value of £5 or with menaces.	677	551	492	417	374	431
Larceny from Dwelling-house by employee.	61	85	49	93	85	78
Larceny of Explosives.	1	-	-	1	1	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicles.	40	30	38	24	29	27
Larceny of Pedal Cycles.	3698	3524	2467	1713	1638	1957
Larceny from Unattended Vehicles.	1843	1452	1316	1287	1098	952
Larceny from Shops and Stalls.	1088	1035	929	948	895	909
* Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value).	111	100	1509	1260	1080	1148
† Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value).	4721	4619	2775	2836	2580	2439
Totals:	12655	11766	9842	8855	8108	8199

* For the years 1954 to 1957 inclusive the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property exceeding £5 in value.

∅ For the years 1954 to 1957 inclusive the figures given here are in respect of larcenies of property not exceeding £5 in value.

(36) Of the larcenies recorded in 1959 the number recorded in the Dublin Metropolitan Division was 9,294, or 73% of the total.

Embezzlement.

(37) Twenty-nine offences of Embezzlement were recorded in 1959, as compared with 22 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 27 cases. Convictions were recorded in 9 cases and in a further 11 cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Obtaining Goods, etc., by False Pretences.

(38) Two hundred and eighty-two offences of "false pretences" were recorded in 1959 as compared with 201 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 217 cases. Convictions were recorded in 107 cases and in a further 70 cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Frauds.

(39) Eighty-five offences relating to Frauds were recorded in 1959, as compared with 40 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 70 cases. Convictions numbered 34 and in a further 22 cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Receiving Stolen Goods.

(40) A total of 219 offences of Receiving Stolen Goods was recorded in 1959 as compared with 190 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 205 cases. There were 89 convictions and in 66 other cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Group IV - Offences not included in the other Groups.

(41) Included in this group are offences of Forgery and Uttering, Perjury, Bribery, Riot and Unlawful Assembly, offences against Public Decency, Attempting to Commit Suicide, offences under the Coinage Acts, the Treason Act, the Offences Against the State Act and other indictable offences not included in Group I, II or III.

(42) A total of 184 offences was recorded in 1959, as compared with 145 in 1958. Proceedings were instituted in 142 cases. Convictions numbered 68 and in 42 other cases the charges were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Organised Crimes of Violence.

(43) Eight organised crimes of violence were recorded in 1959, of which seven were agrarian and one political. In the year 1958 ten organised crimes of violence were recorded, eight of which were agrarian and two political.

(44) Particulars of the political crime in 1959 are given in Appendix E. Of the seven agrarian crimes, four were recorded in one area in Co. Offaly, where there is agitation for the division of land. In one case an unoccupied dwellinghouse was destroyed by fire, in another, 10 tons of hay in an enclosed shed were burned. In a further case, Gárdaí who found men driving cattle off land in dispute, were assaulted when they tried to put the cattle back. In the fourth case a detonator which had been fastened to the engine of a tractor exploded when the engine was started, causing damage to the engine and to the driver's hand. Of the remaining three offences, one was committed in Co. Tipperary, where an unoccupied single-story house was burned down, warning notices were painted on gate piers and three gates were removed. One was committed in Co. Kildare, where a house in the course of construction, was damaged by fire, and one was committed in Co. Galway, where a gate was removed and cattle and sheep driven off lands.

Value of Property stolen and recovered.

(45) The total value of property recorded as stolen in 1959 was £200,961, as compared with £187,784 in 1958. The total value of property recovered in 1959 was £54,767, as compared with £53,575 in 1958.

(46) In offences against property with violence (e.g. housebreakings) the value of property reported as stolen was £81,613 as compared with £71,488 in 1958. The value of property recovered in 1959 was £21,108, as compared with £20,353 in 1958.

(47) In offences against property without violence (e.g. larcenies) the value of property reported as stolen was £119,348 as compared with £116,296 in 1958, and the value recovered, £33,658, as compared with £33,222 in 1958.

(48) The following table shows, in respect of the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive, the total numbers of offences in which property was stolen and the numbers of offences in which property of different values were stolen.

Nature of Offences.	Year	Value of property stolen and Number of offences.							
		Less than £1	£1 to £2	£2 to £5	£5 to £10	£10 to £50	£50 to £100	Over £100	Total of Offences
Offences against property with Violence.	1959	555	326	517	454	833	188	171	3044
	1958	558	347	491	399	798	172	157	2922
	1957	429	286	415	366	622	202	115	2435
	1956	512	246	343	277	592	122	108	2200
	1955	415	233	354	259	431	83	74	1849
	1954	404	252	336	279	565	95	94	2025
Offences against Property without Violence.	1959	1945	1508	3158	2944	2761	195	111	12622
	1958	1826	1589	2845	2845	2324	201	101	11731
	1957	1562	1351	2496	2244	1896	153	107	9809
	1956	1502	1215	2060	2069	1757	128	97	8828
	1955	1310	1024	2065	1803	1684	95	97	8078
	1954	1409	1035	1628	2028	1898	93	92	8183

Age Groups of Persons found guilty of indictable Offences.

(49) The following table shows the age groups of persons found guilty of indictable offences (persons convicted and persons against whom charges were proved but to whom the probation Act was applied) in the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive.

Year	Persons found guilty of indictable offences.			
	Under 14 yrs.	14 to 21 years.	Above 21 years.	Total.
1959	1316	3088	2528	6932
1958	1210	2835	2239	6284
1957	851	2344	2198	5393
1956	985	2337	2183	5505
1955	851	1938	2158	4947
1954	854	2191	2021	5066

PART II.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES - PERSONS PROSECUTED.

Prosecutions.

(50) The number of persons prosecuted for non-indictable offences in 1959 was 88,819, as compared with 82,876 in 1958. The increase of 5,943 arose mainly from an increase of 4,715 prosecutions for offences under the Highway Acts.

Convictions.

(51) The number of persons found guilty was 82,761 or 93% of the number prosecuted. Of these, 68,604 were convicted; the charges against 13,953 were proved but the Probation of Offenders Act was applied.

Details of Offences.

(52) Details of the offences are given in Appendix F.

Comparative Figures for Years 1948 to 1959 inclusive.

(53) The following table gives the numbers of prosecutions in the years 1948 to 1959 inclusive.

Year	Number	Year	Number
1948	157,344	1954	110,286
1949	165,045	1955	99,353
1950	147,582	1956	94,370
1951	145,785	1957	87,085
1952	140,116	1958	82,876
1953	130,555	1959	88,819

Assaults.

(54) In 1959, 1,238 persons were prosecuted for offences of Assault as compared with 1,233 in 1958.

Dogs - Offences in relation to licensing of.

(55) The number of persons prosecuted for keeping unlicensed dogs in 1959 was 3,535 as compared with 4,200 in 1958.

School Attendance Act.

(56) A total of 2,962 persons were prosecuted in 1959 for offences under the School Attendance Act as compared with 3,307 in 1958.

Highway Acts, including Road Traffic Act and Road Transport Acts.

(57) Prosecutions under the Highway Acts in 1959 numbered 54,428, as compared with 49,703 in 1958. They amounted to 61% of all prosecutions for non-indictable offences. 8,945 were for road tax and driving licence offences, 894 for Road Transport Acts offences and the remaining 44,589 for Road Traffic Act 1933 and other road offences.

(58) The following tables give comparative figures for the years 1954 to 1959 inclusive in respect of total Highway Acts offences, offences against lighting regulations, driving while drunk and dangerous and careless driving.

Year	Total Numbers of prosecutions under Highway Acts.				
	No. of Persons Prosecuted.	No. of Persons Convicted.	Charges Proved and Probation Act Applied.	Charges withdrawn or dismissed.	Otherwise Disposed of.
1959	54418	41830	8856	3428	304
1958	49703	37935	8102	3526	140
1957	47209	35070	9299	2840	-
1956	55145	40771	10928	3446	-
1955	58833	45320	10207	3306	-
1954	67256	50192	13740	3324	-

Year.	Offences against Lighting Regulations.		
	Drivers of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.	Pedal Cyclists.	Total
1959	7615	14205	21820
1958	6470	12764	19234
1957	6604	12915	19519
1956	9288	16678	25966
1955	11428	18690	30118
1954	11787	24827	36614

Year	Driving or Attempting to Drive while Drunk.	Dangerous and Careless Driving.
1959	479	2856
1958	349	2967
1957	423	2895
1956	440	3472
1955	447	3507
1954	395	3312

Intoxicating Liquor Laws.

(59) Prosecutions under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws totalled 16,887 in 1959 as compared with 14,383 in 1958. Of the prosecutions in 1959, 11,517 or 68% were against persons found on licensed premises during closing hours, 1,585 or 9% were for simple drunkenness and 1,407 or 8% for drunkenness with aggravations. Prosecutions of licensed persons for offences against closing regulations numbered 1,581 or 9%.

(60) Comparative figures of prosecutions for drunkenness in years 1954 to 1959 inclusive are given hereunder:-

Year	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Charge Proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charges withdrawn or dismissed.	Otherwise disposed of.
1959	2992	2479	432	74	7
1958	3080	2526	433	105	16
1957	3431	2876	405	149	1
1956	3838	3311	405	120	2
1955	3801	3182	480	138	1
1954	3714	3020	591	102	1

(61) Comparative figures of prosecutions for offences against closing regulations in years 1954 to 1959 are given hereunder.

Year	Number of Prosecutions.	Number of Convictions.	Charge Proved and Probation of Offenders Act applied.	Charge withdrawn or dismissed.	Otherwise disposed of.
1959	1780	1707	13	56	4
1958	1581	1500	12	66	3
1957	1542	1455	32	55	-
1956	1874	1754	46	73	1
1955	1918	1768	63	87	-
1954	1961	1785	49	127	-

Malicious Damage to Property.

(62) The number of persons prosecuted in 1959 for offences of Malicious Damage to Property was 1,269, as compared with 1,019 in 1958.

Revenue Laws.

(63) 608 persons were prosecuted in 1959 for offences against the Revenue Laws other than dog licensing offences as compared with 665 in 1958.

Vagrancy Laws.

(64) 754 persons were prosecuted in 1959 for offences against the Vagrancy Laws as compared with 580 in 1958.

(65) For offences of "Beggings" 499 persons were prosecuted in 1959 as compared with 399 in 1958.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. K. O'Sullivan

COMMISSIONER.

22nd April, 1960.

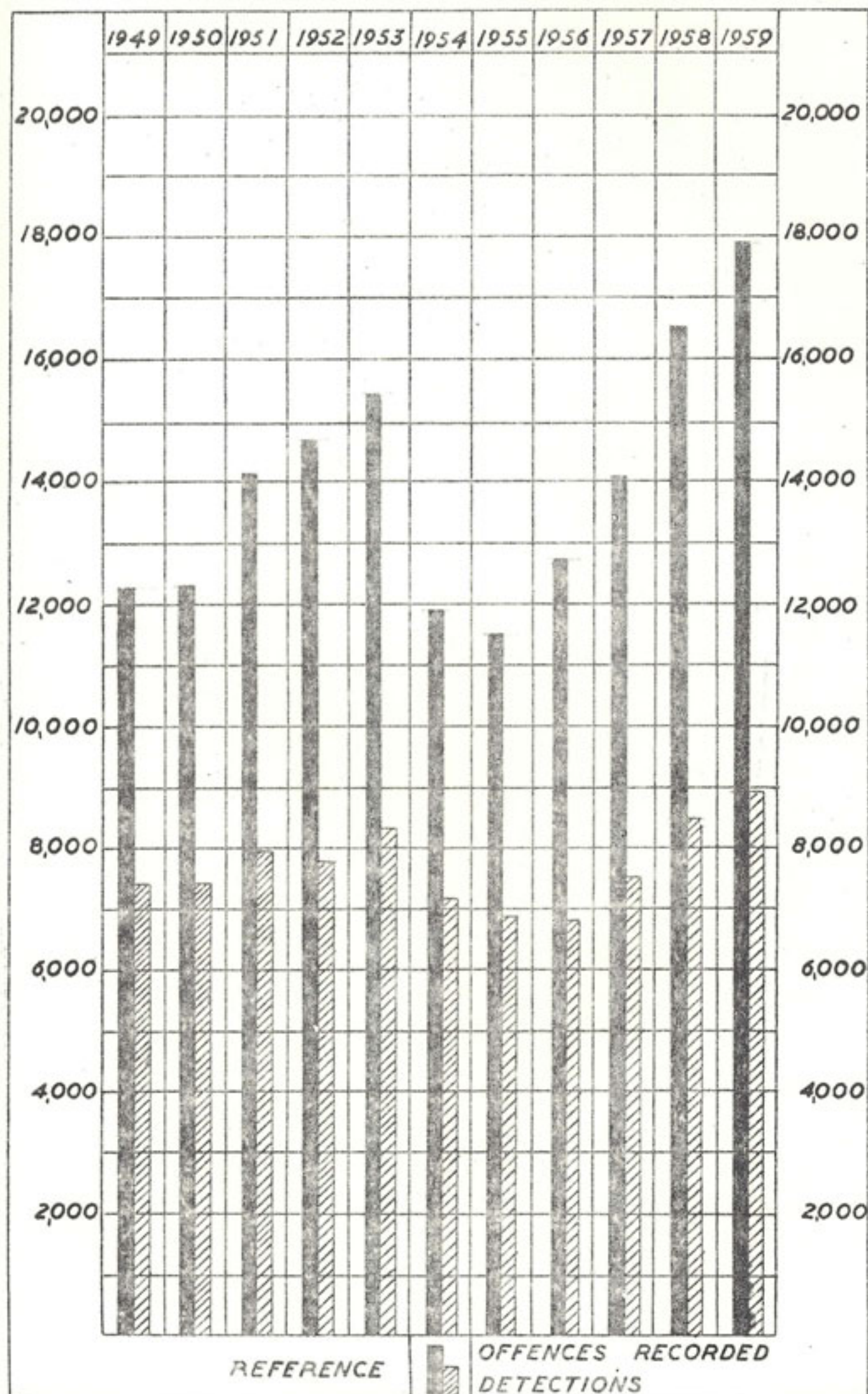
INDICTABLE OFFENCES WHICH BECAME KNOWN TO THE GARDA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1959.

NATURE OF OFFENCES.	Number of Offences Reported or Known (2)	Number of Offences in which Criminal Proceedings were		RESULT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES.													Number (by Sex and Age Groups) of Persons Convicted or against whom the Charge was held proved and Order made without Conviction.										
		Commenced (3a)	Shown Pending in Previous Return (3b)	Informations Refused. (4)	DEALT WITH ON INDICTMENT AND						DEALT WITH SUMMARILY AND							Crimes for which the Perpetrators were detected but for which no proceedings are shown (17)	(18)		(19)		(20)		(21)		(22) TOTAL.
					Convicted (5)	Acquitted (6)	Found Insane and Incapable of Pleading (7)	Nolle Prosequi entered (8)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of (9)	Committed for Trial and still awaiting Trial. (10)	Convicted (11)	Dismissed (12)	Charge proved and order made without conviction (13)	Charge withdrawn (14)	Adjourned Sine Die or otherwise disposed of. (15)	Still Pending in District Court. (16)	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
																										Under 14 Years (18)	
GROUP 11.- OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE.																											
24. Sacrilege. ..	29	21	3		4						13	6			1		3	4	1	4		14	26				
25. Burglary ..	192	128	7	4	11	1					70	7	35		3	4	2	20		16		83	1	92			
26. Housebreaking (Dwelling Houses) ..	1160	779	82	17	30	1			2	398	17	325	2	10	61	72	145	2	201	7	150	8	148	7	668		
27. Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, etc. ..	2036.	1273	149	10	86	4	1	7	2	16	710	38	455	3	19	71	319		353	2	298	3	278	10	1261		
28. Attempts to break into Houses, Shops etc. ..	115	108	7	1	3	1					56	4	41			7	3	14		15		20		40	69		
29. Entering with intent to commit Felony (Larceny Act, 1918. sec. 27) ..	49	36	1								13	4	17		1	4	3	5		9		2		9	26		
30. Possession of Housebreaking Tools, etc. ..	26	26			3	1					13	3	3	1		2				2		10		14	26		
31. Robbery with Arms. ..	4	2			1						1										2		3	5			
32. Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob ..	55	39	3		13	2					21	1	4			1	9		11	4	19	1	23	3	70		
33. Demand or Robbery of Arms. ..	-																										
34. Assaulting Dwelling-houses (by firing shots into them or by use of Explosives). ..	2	1									1												1	1			
35. Threatening to Publish or Publishing with intent to extort. ..	2	2									1		1										1	1			
36. Arson ..	82	41	6		6	3		1			15		11		2	9	4	6		10		2	1	10	1	30	
37. Killing and Maiming Cattle ..	5	3				1					1		1				1	3		1			3	7			
38. Malicious Use, Manufacture or Possession of Explosives ..	4	1													1												
39. Other Malicious Injuries to Property ..	63	35	2		2	1			1		10	2	19			2	2	19		18	1	7		11	2	58	
TOTAL (GROUP 11) ..	3824	2495	260	32	159	15	1	8	3	18	1321	76	918	6	36	182	185	525	2	644	15	528	13	608	24	2359	
GROUP 111.- OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.																											
40. Larceny of Horses, Cattle and Sheep ..	60	48	4		5	1				6	25	1	8		5	1							28	35			
41. Larceny from the Person ..	365	129	1		3	4					52	7	49		3	12	3	25	1	20	2	11	3	27	11	100	
42. Larceny in House to Value of £5. or with menaces ..	677	262	12	3	7	2					112	11	117	3		19	16	34	4	44	3	54	13	54	27	233	
43. Larceny from Dwelling-houses by Employees. ..	61	49	13								19	2	35			6	11			3	8	4	7	6	8	36	
44. Larceny of Explosives ..	1																										
45. Larceny of Motor Vehicles ..	40	28	4		3	1		1	2		15		5		1	4	2					10		11	1	28	
46. Larceny of Pedal Cycles ..	3698	488	19	1	2						225	45	192	1	9	32	46	48	1	100	10	91	5	111	7	373	
47. Larceny from Unattended Vehicles ..	1843	604	22	5	6			1	1		285	40	244	6	10	28	45	122	8	123	4	124	2	119	7	509	
48. Larceny from Shops and Stalls ..	1088	722	30	1	2				2		245	21	440		6	35	96	177	10	157	20	105	26	111	104	710	
49. Other Larcenies (exceeding £50 in value) ..	111	51	20	3	6	4		2	10		16	2	13			15				4		4		34	5	47	
50. Other Larcenies (not exceeding £50 in value) ..	4721	2158	127	11	12	3		1	8		885	98	1074	16	15	162	198	316	13	374	26	271	32	555	92	1679	
51. Embezzlement ..	29	27	7		1				2		6		11			12	1					1		13	2	16	
52. Obtaining Goods, etc. by False Pretences. ..	282	217	26	1	35	5			6		72	8	70	2	4	38	35			2	1	4	1	63	7	78	
53. Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, etc. ..	43	26	3		1	4					3		18			5	11							5	5		
54. Other Frauds ..	42	42		1	1	1					29	3	4			3						1		8	3	12	
55. Receiving Stolen Goods. ..	219	205	4	4	7	1			3		82	29	66	5	1	11	11	14		18		20	2	74	11	139	

INDICTABLE OFFENCES

APPENDIX. B.

NUMBER OF CRIMES RECORDED AND NUMBERS OF DETECTIONS IN THE YEARS 1949 TO 1959.



I N D I C T A B L E O F F E N C E S

APPENDIX C.

TABLE SHOWING BY GROUPS, IN RESPECT OF EACH GARDA DIVISION AND THE GARDA DISTRICTS, OF THE CITIES OF CORK, LIMERICK, WATERFORD AND GALWAY, THE NUMBER OF INDICTABLE OFFENCES, AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF DETECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1959.

DIVISION.	(GROUP I) OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.		(GROUP II) OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE		(GROUP III) OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.		(GROUP IV) OTHER INDICTABLE OFFENCES.		TOTAL INDICTABLE OFFENCES	NUMBER OF DETECTIONS	PERCENTAGE OF DETECTIONS	
	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED	RECORDED	DETECTED.				
CARLOW/KILDARE	26	25	113	75	240	184	4	4	383	288	75%	
CAVAN/MONAGHAN	33	33	75	66	194	181	1	1	303	281	93%	
CLARE	14	14	52	45	80	74	7	7	153	140	92%	
CORK E.R.	56	53	324	263	602	521	7	7	989	844	85%	
CORK W.R.	12	11	46	39	118	111	5	5	181	166	92%	
DONEGAL	18	17	60	47	115	107	3	3	196	174	89%	
DUBLIN METROPOLITAN	118	95	1607	1014	9418	2267	88	68	11231	3444	31%	
DUBLIN/WICKLOW	72	66	432	302	515	391	11	11	1030	770	75%	
GALWAY W.R.	21	22	68	52	139	112	3	3	231	189	82%	
KERRY	19	15	53	36	145	128	6	6	223	185	83%	
LEIX/OFFALY	23	21	56	44	86	81	5	5	170	151	89%	
LIMERICK	24	23	191	142	238	209	3	3	456	377	83%	
LONGFORD/WESTMEATH.	16	16	88	65	129	105	5	5	238	191	80%	
LOUTH/MEATH	27	25	106	92	216	194	3	3	352	314	89%	
MAYO	33	31	49	30	101	92	2	2	185	155	84%	
ROSCOMMON/GALWAY. E.R.	7	6	50	43	131	122	7	7	195	178	91%	
SLIGO/LEITRIM	6	6	23	15	63	54	3	2	95	77	81%	
TIPPERARY	15	14	109	95	202	179	7	5	333	293	88%	
WATERFORD/KILKENNY	35	33	248	162	382	283	10	10	675	488	72%	
WEXFORD	12	11	74	53	156	140	4	4	246	208	85%	
T O T A L S	WHOLE COUNTRY	587	537	3824	2680	13270	5535	184	161	17865	8913	50%
	EXCLUDING DUBLIN METROPOLITAN DIVISION.	469	442	2217	1666	3852	3268	96	93	6634	5469	82%
D I S T R I C T S												
CORK	32	31	239	192	380	326	3	3	654	552	84%	
LIMERICK	11	10	134	96	176	152	2	2	323	260	80%	
WATERFORD	10	9	141	91	150	101	1	1	302	202	67%	
GALWAY	3	3	28	18	75	52	2	2	108	75	69%	

MURDER, INFANTICIDE, ATTEMPTS TO MURDER,
THREATS TO MURDER AND MANSLAUGHTER.

Particulars of Cases.

Murders (8 cases).

Co. Kerry. On 15th November 1958 the dead body of a 46 year old farmer, who had been missing from his home from 8th November 1958 was found concealed in a drain near his home. A post-mortem examination of the body disclosed facial injuries and the cause of death as manual strangulation.

Co. Kilkenny. On 20th November 1958 the naked dead body of a 6½ year old boy was found in a stream about ½ mile from the public road. Death was due to manual strangulation and the body bore signs of sexual assault. A 21 year old man was convicted of the murder and sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life.

Co. Limerick. On 29th December 1958 at 6 a.m., the dead body of a 44 year old married woman was found in the kitchen of her home. There were extensive bruises and skin abrasions on her face, arms, legs and body. There were also two puncture wounds in the lower portion of the body. Her husband, a 59 year old farmer and publican, was convicted of the murder and was sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. The crime was the outcome of a domestic quarrel while the accused was in a drunken condition.

Dublin City. On 13th January 1959 at 7.30 p.m. a 26 year old unemployed labourer, put his two children, aged 2 years and 7 months into a pram, took them to the canal nearby and pushed them into a lock from which the bodies were later recovered. He was committed to a mental hospital by order of the Minister for Justice.

Co. Kilkenny. On 19th January 1959 at 8.30 p.m. a 68 year old widow was found unconscious lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen of her home, having obviously received a severe beating with a heavy weapon. Her home had been ransacked. She was removed to hospital where she died some hours later. A 26 year old labourer was convicted of the murder and sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. He was subsequently found to be insane and was committed to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Co. Sligo. On 16th April 1959 at 3.30 a.m. a 61 year old widow was found lying over a low hedge outside her cottage home by a neighbour, who had heard her shouting. She had a wound on her head. Help was summoned and she was removed to hospital where she died at 7.15 a.m. A piece of metal piping bearing bloodstains was found nearby. A youth of 15½ years was convicted of the murder and ordered to be detained during the pleasure of the Government. The attack on the deceased occurred when she surprised the youth attempting to break into her home.

Co. Louth. On 21st April 1959 at about 2.30 p.m. a 35 year old mill-worker was fatally wounded by a .22 rifle bullet while working in the garden at his home. A 60 year old labourer was arrested and charged with the murder. He was later certified insane and was committed to a mental hospital.

Co. Meath. On 9th May 1959 at about 6.30 a.m. a 50 year old farmer was shot dead in the kitchen of his home by his wife, aged 40 years. The weapon used was a shotgun. This woman had spent some time in a mental hospital and for a while before this occurrence was in a very nervous state. The deceased was about to leave for Dublin with a load of hay and she objected to his going. She was arrested and charged with the murder but was later found to be insane and was committed to a mental hospital by order of the Minister for Justice.

Infanticide (1 case).

Co. Donegal. On 25th May 1959 a 20 year old student nurse, on holidays from England where she was employed, gave birth to an illegitimate female infant in her parents' home. She caused the infant's death by tying a piece of ribbon tightly around its neck. She was convicted of Infanticide and sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended on her entering into recognizances to be of good behaviour for five years.

Attempt to Murder (1 case).

Co. Wexford. On 29th August 1959 at about 8 a.m. a 48 year old labourer attacked his wife, aged 27 years, in their home. He beat her with his clenched fists and attempted to strangle her, first with his hands and then with a neck-tie which he knotted around her neck. He was certified insane and was committed to a mental hospital.

Threat to Murder (1 case).

Co. Louth. On 25th October 1958 the Resident Medical Superintendent of a mental hospital received a letter, bearing a London postmark, in which the writer stated he would come over and kill him. The writer was identified as a former patient of the mental hospital. He was arrested on warrant and while on remand was certified insane and committed to a mental hospital. He was later discharged from hospital and on appearance before the Court pleaded guilty. He was released on recognizances to be of good behaviour for two years.

Manslaughter (other than Traffic Fatalities) (2 cases).

Co. Monaghan. On 27th June 1958 a 21 year old domestic servant put her illegitimate male child, aged 5 months, into a sack and drowned him in a bog drain. The crime was discovered in November 1958 following enquiries about the disappearance of the baby. The offender was arrested and sent for trial on a charge of murder to which she pleaded "Not Guilty". A plea of manslaughter was entered on her behalf, which was accepted by the State, and she was sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen months.

Co. Waterford. On 6th April 1959 at 8.20 a.m. a
45 year old patient in a mental hospital was assaulted
by a 21 year old patient, who struck him about the
head and body with a mop handle inflicting fatal injuries.
The assailant was charged with Manslaughter. He was
found to be insane and was committed to the Criminal
Lunatic Asylum.

ROBBERY.

Particulars of 4 Cases of Robbery with Firearms
and 5 other serious Cases.

With Firearms (4 cases).

Co. Clare. On 1st October 1958 two men entered a post-office. One of them disconnected the telephone while the other produced a revolver and demanded £5 from the assistant, who handed him £2. They then left the premises. A third man had remained outside. Three young men were arrested and were sentenced to 3 years' penal servitude, 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour and 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour respectively. They had been concerned in the commission of other crimes.

Dublin City. On 5th January 1959 two young men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered a city premises, held up the proprietor and his son using threats of violence, and took away Boy Scout uniforms. The motive was political. The men were arrested and each received a sentence of three months' imprisonment, which was, in the case of one of them, suspended on his entering into recognizances to be of good behaviour.

Dublin City. On 31st January 1959 two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, entered the premises of a provision merchant, compelled the manager and an assistant to enter a toilet, which they locked, and made off with a sum of £513.8.1. the property of the firm. No arrest was made in this case.

Dublin City. On 6th March 1959 a man, carrying a double-barrelled shot-gun under his overcoat, entered a tobacconists shop and pointing to the assistant said "This is a hold-up". As he did so a customer entered the shop, whereupon the gunman backed towards the door and dashed away. No arrest was made in this case.

Other Serious Cases (5).

Co. Dublin. On 6th October 1958 a motor van was held up. It was conveying to a bank a lodgment consisting of £441.9.10. in cash and cheques, money orders, etc., for £2,532.4.5. The cash, cheques, etc., were all taken. It was found that two stolen cars bearing false number plates were used in the commission of the offence. No arrests were made.

Dublin City. On 13th February 1959 a room in a tenement house occupied by a 94 year old widow, was entered by a man, who assaulted the old woman and knocked her on a bed. A second person entered and extracted a glove containing £145 from inside the old woman's blouse. Two men and two women were charged and convicted of the crime. The men received sentences of two years' imprisonment with hard labour: the women, sentences of three months' imprisonment.

Dublin City. On 20th April 1959 a bookmaker's premises was entered by a man who produced a long knife at the assistant and grabbed a case containing about £90. A man was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for two years with hard labour.

Dublin City. On 22nd May 1959 a 33 year old man was assaulted in the public street and robbed of cash and property valued £37 by three young men. Three arrests were made. Two of the accused were sentenced to three years' Borstal Detention and the third to imprisonment for two years with Hard Labour.

Co. Cork. On 24th May 1959 two youths entered a petrol filling station in Cork City. After they had conversed with the attendant for a short time one of them produced a knife and robbed the sum of £29.10.0. from the cash till. Two youths were convicted and were sentenced to Reformatory School for 3 years and 2 years.

NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES - PROCEEDINGS AND RESULTS IN 1959.

OFFENCES. (1)	No. of persons proceeded against. (2)	Charge withdrawn or dismissed (3)	Number Convicted (4)	Charge proved and order made without conviction (5)	Adjourned sine die or otherwise disposed of (6)
1. Adulteration of Food, Drugs, etc. ..	89	7	65	17	
2. Assaults. ..	1238	184	816	178	60
3. Cruelty to Animals ..	183	21	143	18	1
4. Dogs, offences in relation to Licensing of (Finance Act, 1925) ..	3535	230	2327	970	8
5. School Attendance Act, 1926, offences against.	2962	242	2086	588	46
6. Highway Acts, offences against:-					
(a) Lighting Regulations - Pedal Cycles ..	14205	352	11766	2039	48
(b) " " " M.P.V. ..	7615	178	6260	1149	28
(c) " " " Horse drawn Vehicle ..	352	9	311	31	1
(d) Licences - Driving and Excise ...	8945	570	6741	1585	49
(e) obstruction ..	3716	115	2937	615	49
(f) General Bye-Laws for Control of Traffic 1937-55 ..	3032	219	2203	593	17
(g) Local bye-Laws (R.T. Act, 1933) ..	4455	165	2931	1350	9
(h) Dangerous and Careless Driving ..	2856	637	1950	245	24
(i) Compulsory Insurance (R.T. Act 1933) ..	2237	347	1552	317	21
(j) wandering animals ..	791	29	695	60	7
(k) Driving or Attempting to drive while drunk. ..	479	157	308	8	6
(l) other Road Offences ..	4841	357	3704	750	30
(m) Road Transport Acts. ..	994	293	472	114	15
7. Intoxicating Liquor Laws, offences against;					
(a) illegally on Licensed Premises during closing hours ..	11517	213	10888	381	35
(b) Drunkenness, Simple ..	1585	36	1251	296	2
(c) Drunkenness with aggravation ..	1407	38	1228	136	5
(d) offences by Licensed Persons (or their servants) against closing regulations ..	1780	56	1707	13	4
(e) other offences by Licensed Persons (or their Servants) ..	103	13	83	5	2
(f) other offences against Intoxicating Liquor Laws ..	478	25	435	8	
(g) offences in connection with Registered Clubs ..	17	4	13		
8. Labour Laws, offences against ..	13		5	8	
9. Malicious Damage to Animals, Fences etc. ..	1269	176	778	284	31
10. Noxious Weeds Act, 1936 - offences against. ..	12		7	5	
11. Police Regulations, offences Against:-					
(a) Dublin Metropolitan Police Acts ..	2077	151	1119	776	31
(b) Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851 ..	866	51	517	293	5
12. Revenue Laws, offences against ..	608	39	417	148	4
13. Stealing, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (not the subject of larceny at Common Law) ..	265	19	157	85	4
14. Street Trading Act, 1926, - offences against ..	828	31	519	278	
15. unlawful possession ..	591	177	238	167	9
16. Vagrancy Acts - offences against:-					
(a) Begging ...	499	29	320	147	3
(b) other offences ..	255	36	129	82	8
17. Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926 - offences against. ..	315	7	247	61	
18. other offences ..	1909	216	1279	357	57
TOTAL ..	88819	5439	68604	14157	619