Youthful Offenders.

dealt with when convicted

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is convicted in the province of Ontario of any offence against the law of Canada, whether indictable or punishable on summary conviction, such court or justice, instead of sentencing the child to any imprisonment provided by law in such case, may order that the child shall be committed to the charge of any home for destitute and neglected children, or to the charge of any children's aid society duly organized and anproved by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in Council. or to any certified industrial school.

In Ontario how boy un-der 12, or girl under 13, may be dealt with

4. Whenever in the province of Ontario, an information or complaint is laid or made against any boy under the age of twelve years, or girl under the age of thirteen years, for the when charged, commission of any offence against the law of Canada, whether indictable or punishable on summary conviction, the court or justice seized thereof shall give notice thereof in writing to the executive officer of the children's aid society, if there be one in the county, and shall allow him opportunity to investigate the charges made, and may also notify the parents of the child, or either of them, or other person apparently interested in the welfare of the child.

2. The court or justice may advise and counsel with the said officer and with the parents or such other person, and may consider any report made by the said officer upon the charges.

3. If, after such consultation and advice, and upon consideration of any report so made, and after hearing the matter of information or complaint, the court or justice is of opinion that the public interest and the welfare of the child will be best served thereby, then, instead of committing the child for trial, or sentencing the child, as the case may be, the court or justice may, by order :---

(a.) authorize the said officer to take the child and, under the provisions of the law of Ontario, bind the child out to some suitable person until the child has attained the age of 21 years, or any less age; or-

(b.) place the child out in some approved foster-home; or,---

(c.) impose a fine not exceeding ten dollars; or -

(d.) suspend sentence for a definite period or for an indefinite period; or

(e.) if the child has been found guilty of the offence charged or is shown to be wilfully wayward and unmanageable, commit the child to a certified industrial school, or to the provincial reformatory for boys, or to the refuge for girls, as the case may be, and in such cases, the report of the said officer shall be attached to the warrant of commitment.

Effect of order. Child thereafter dealt with under law of Ontario.

5. Whenever an order has been made under either of the two sections next preceding, the child may thereafter be dealt with under the law of the province of Ontario, in the same manner, in all respects, as if such order had been lawfully made in respect of a proceeding instituted under authority of a statute of the province of Ontario.

Order. Apprentice-

ship.

Fine.

Suspension of sentence.

Commitment to certain institutions.