

HIGH COURT DIVISION OF SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO.

Presided over by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

In 1919 this Court tried twenty-six cases by Jury.

See Report of Inspector of Legal Offices, 1919, p. 59 herewith.

THE JUVENILE COURT.

This should scarcely be called a Criminal Court, and the children up to sixteen brought before it are termed "Delinquents." The Court is carried on at present in the basement of the City Registry Offices, and its Detention Home is an antiquated dwelling on Simcoe Street.

An absolute necessity for this Court is a new Juvenile Hall or building such as they have in New York or Detroit, which will provide accommodation for the Court, officers, Probation staff, medical rooms, detention homes, etc.

PROBATION.

There is no Probation officer connected with either the Police Court, County Court Judges' Criminal Court, General Sessions of the Peace, or Assize Court.

It is impossible to estimate in these Courts the disadvantage of dealing with convicted prisoners without the reports and recommendations of Probation officers.

PAROLE.

We have a very efficient Board of Parole, consisting of gentlemen who give their valuable services gratuitously and are earnestly endeavouring under great difficulties and drawbacks to work out the reformation of prisoners who come within their observation and jurisdiction.

Also a Parole Commissioner, Dr. A. E. Lavell, who takes a most intense interest in the work and its development and is very anxious that the best shall be done for the prisoner along reformatory and economic lines.

There are now eighty men out on parole in the Province, and, I am informed, all doing well.

PLACES OF CONFINEMENT.

- Police cells—In each station.
- Police Court cell—Awaiting trial.
- Detention rooms in City Hall for persons awaiting trial.
- County Gaol—Toronto.
- Toronto Municipal Farm—Men.
- Toronto Municipal Farm—Women.
- Clay Plant—Mimico.
- Industrial Farm—Burwash.
- Industrial Farm—Fort William.
- Mercer Reformatory—Toronto.
- Provincial Penitentiary—Kingston.