

Court (and the above opinions and figures seem to support this view), and thus keeps the children from becoming a social burden on the community, Toronto cannot afford to delay longer in obtaining a Detention Home which will meet the needs of the Court in an adequate manner. Toronto now spends over \$1,500,000 a year on the Police Department. Would it not be well worth while to increase the present expenditure on correctional work among delinquent children if this would, in the future, lessen the burden thrown upon the Police Department and society generally?

### **RECORDING AND REPORTING.**

A file is kept of the history of each case handled by the Court, including the medical, mental and social reports mentioned previously. These are cross-indexed and are very complete.

Since the beginning of this year, these records have been analyzed month by month and a tabulation given to the Judge and the Advisory Committee of Council.

In 1912 an Annual Report was issued, but since that time no further report has been published. The Bureau understands that the Judge of the Court has in mind the issuing of a report for the current year.

**The Bureau strongly recommends that such a report be issued annually, and that it include also a record of the work done by the Detention Home.**

At the present time, when a child enters the Detention Home, a short history of his case is taken: Name, address, for what committed, etc. Owing to the dual management under which the Detention Home is operating, the co-operation between the Court and the Home is not as complete as it might be.

**The Bureau recommends that if, and when, the Detention Home is placed under the sole jurisdiction of the Judge, a duplicate record of the child's case be kept in the Home in order that the Superintendent may be fully advised of the circumstances surrounding each case, to assist him in a proper understanding of it.**

**The Bureau also recommends that reports on the children, based on observation of their conduct while in detention, be given by the Superintendent of the Home to the Judge before final disposition of the various cases.**

Per capita and per diem costs of operation of the Home are now kept by the Social Service Commission.