

INTRODUCTION.

This Report of Chief Inspector Archibald on the subject of delinquent children and the method of dealing with them in Toronto has been ordered to be published by the Police Commissioners, who are of opinion that comparatively few people are aware of what Toronto has been doing in this respect for many years past, and what beneficial results have accrued from the mode of treatment adopted towards children whose conduct has brought them to the notice of the Police authorities.

There is an impression abroad in some quarters that legislation is required to deal with such cases in a different way, and to follow the plan adopted in some cities in the United States, namely, to turn them over to the control of a separate court and set of officials specially appointed for the purpose. Such an expensive innovation is quite unnecessary as will be seen from reading the report of the Chief Inspector, an officer who has been for more than twenty years practically charged with the duty of directing the measures to be taken by the police with regard to neglected children.

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