
14. IRELAND, NORTH

Area in sq. miles	5,237
Population	1,255,881 *
Capital	Belfast
Population of Capital	414,844 *

Ireland (North) has a probation law, viz. the English Probation of Offenders Act 1907 for minors and adults. No professional association. (See England, p. 54, and Appendix.)

The information given below was furnished by the Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Northern Ireland, and was dated 19th May 1926.

1 and 2. There is a probation law for Northern Ireland, viz. the Probation of Offenders Act 1907, as amended by the Criminal Justice Administration Act 1914.

3. This law is applicable to all offenders.

4. Such offenders may be placed on probation in their families under a probation officer, but not under an approved society or other methods.

5. Probation officers are not trained for their work. They are paid out of the Petty Sessions fund. This fund is not dependent on a parliamentary vote, but is composed of fines, etc., and is controlled by the Minister of Home Affairs. Salaries of probation officers are not paid by

* The Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland gave the above figures as the result of a recent census. (*Birmingham Gazette*, 20th May 1926.)

voluntary societies or in any other way than from the Petty Sessions fund. In some few cases probation officers serve without payment.

6. Offenders are examined to ascertain their mental, physical, etc., condition.

7. There are no clinics for purposes of such examination.

8. The examination takes place after committal for trial.

9 and 10. No special scheme of intelligence tests is used, nor are there any institutions to which offenders may be sent for observation as to their mental and physical condition.

11. There is no special educational course of study for training probation officers.

13. There is no association of probation officers.

14. There are no full-time probation officers, but there are seven part-time officers, five acting in Belfast and two in Derry.