I do not find any provisions of law expressly applicable to abandoned vessels which may lie outside of the City of Tampa. It may be that it will be necessary for the Legislature to pass an act on the subject before the Port Commissioners would have authority to remove or destroy the abandoned vessels outside of the city limits.

Yours very truly,

CARY D. LANDIS,
Attorney General.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS

HON. MILLARD DAVIDSON, SUPERINTENDENT

JUSTICE OF PEACE—AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT BOYS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

March 31, 1931.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 28th instant addressed to Mr. J. C. Huskisson, Secretary Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, relative to commitments of boys from Volusia County by a justice of the peace court, I would state that Section 8644 of the Compiled General Laws of Florida is as follows:

"Convicted persons under eighteen years may be sent to Industrial School for Boys. When a person under the age of eighteen years is convicted before any court of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, or in the State prison, not for life, such court may sentence him to the Florida Industrial School for Boys, or to such other punishment provided by law for the same offense. If to the Florida Industrial School for Boys, the sentence shall be conditioned that if such person is not received or kept there for the term of their sentence, unless sooner discharged by the board of commissioners of State institutions, he shall then suffer such alternative punishment as the Court or Justice may designate in or by such sentence; but no child shall be committed to the Florida Industrial School for Boys who is blind, deaf and dumb, non compos or insane."

Section 8645 of the Compiled General Laws 1927, is as follows:

"Term of Commitment. When any boy shall be committed by the Judge of any court in the State of Florida to the Florida Industrial School for Boys said commitment shall be for such period as the committing judge shall deem proper, or until he shall reach his majority, or unless discharged earlier by the Board of Managers as reformed."

You will see that each of these acts provide for the conviction and punishment of boys before any court, and that they shall be committed by
the Judge "of any court." The law of the State of Florida pertaining to dependent and delinquent children (see Section 3686, Compiled General Laws of Florida), says:

"But this section shall not apply to delinquent children under prosecution for crimes."

Therefore, it would seem to be clear that the Justice of the Peace, when he tries a boy for any minor crime which is within his jurisdiction, would have the right to commit the boy to your institution.

Trusting that this gives you the desired information, I beg to be

Yours very truly,

CARY D. LANDIS,
Attorney General.

TEACHERS—WHITE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED TO TEACH NEGROES

January 12, 1932.

Dear Sir:

This refers to your favor of January 6th, in which you ask me to give you an opinion as to whether or not you would be authorized to employ two white men as teachers for your colored boys in the place and stead of two negro women whom you now employ.

It is possible that the statutory prohibition against white persons teaching negro children would not apply to a reformatory school under the supervision of the State. Yet I would state that I took this matter up with the board, and they are unanimously of the opinion that this should not be done, regardless of the statute. In other words, the board feels very strongly that white people should not be employed to teach negroes or negroes to teach white people. But that if you need the help of these teachers, it might be best for you to employ two negro men instead of women, and provide that they have quarters with the negroes on the school property. And thus these men would be subject to use in extraordinary cases such as you mention in your letter.

Very respectfully yours,

CARY D. LANDIS,
Attorney General.

BOARD STATE INSTITUTIONS—IN RE COMMITMENT AND DISCHARGE OF BOYS AT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

August 1, 1932.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the inquiry which you made the other day before the board and to myself, I beg to advise that I believe Sections 8642 and 8647 of the Compiled General Laws cover the matters and things which you have in mind. These sections are as follows:

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