

390. Taking out the number of sentences deferred, it is found that one-half of the remainder received sentences for periods of less than one year, 3·89 per cent. for periods of five years and over, and 11·82 per cent. for periods of two years and under five.

391. The result of summary disposal of cases by police magistrates and others in 1884, was as follows:—

SUMMARY CONVICTIONS, 1884, UNDER 32-33 VIC., CHAPS. 31, 32, 33, 34.

Sentence.	Number.
Imprisonment with option of a fine.....	23,608
do for less than one year.....	2,607
do for one year and over.....	31
Sent to Mercer Reformatory.....	33
do Juvenile do 	79
do Industrial School.....	149
do Lunatic Asylum.....	10
do Hospital.....	3
Bound over to keep the peace.....	243
Sentence deferred.....	72
Various sentences.....	210
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Total summary convictions.....	27,045
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392. Of the persons sentenced 87·29 per cent. were fined or sent to gaol in default of payment, and 9·63 per cent. were imprisoned for periods of less than one year. In the returns made of cases summarily disposed of, no particulars are given except the sentence, so that the proportion of females to male cannot be determined.

393. Sentence of death was passed on eleven criminals in 1884, eight of whom were executed, the sentences of the remaining three being commuted, in the case of two, to imprisonment for life, and in the case of one, a female, to fourteen years, in the penitentiary. During the period of nine years from 1876 to 1884 forty-four persons have been executed, being almost an average of five a year.

394. Twenty-two out of the whole number, or just one-half were Roman Catholics, of the remainder five were Methodists, and three each Church of England and Protestants, while the religion of eight was not given.

395. Canada was the birth-place of twenty-four of the number, and five each were born in the United States and England. The largest proportion were labourers, while eight came from the industrial and seven from the agricultural classes. There were no females executed. The following table gives the birth places, religions, occupations, sex, and other particulars.