

399. From the first of the foregoing tables it will be seen that as regards convictions for indictable offences the Provinces stood in the following order :—

Manitoba,	Prince Edward Island,
Ontario,	British Columbia,
The Territories,	New Brunswick,
Quebec,	Nova Scotia,

and as regards summary convictions, as follows :—

Manitoba,	Prince Edward Island,
Ontario,	Quebec,
New Brunswick,	Nova Scotia,
British Columbia,	

this order being maintained with regard to total convictions of all kinds, with the addition of the Territories at the bottom of the list.

400. Thus it will be seen that there was more crime in Manitoba in proportion to population than in any other part of the Dominion; the number of general offences against property in that Province was very large, being 74, whereas in Prince Edward Island, with a larger estimated population, it was only 11. Nova Scotia and the Territories had the cleanest record. Out of the whole population of Canada there was one conviction for an indictable offence to every 1,828 persons, one summary conviction to every 169 persons, and one conviction of either one kind or the other to every 155 persons.

401. By taking the averages of the different Provinces during the whole four years, in order to ascertain the prevalence of crime in each of them, the following result is obtained :—

Manitoba.....	One offence charged to every 67 persons.
Ontario	do do 73 do
New Brunswick.....	do do 115 do
Quebec.....	do do 148 do
Prince Edward Island..	do do 173 do
British Columbia.....	do do 194 do
Nova Scotia	do do 207 do
The Territories	do do 1,058 do

402. The number of persons convicted is always much less than the number of offences charged, but it may be assumed that the offence charged was actually committed, though the offender may, from some cause, have escaped punishment. The above figures, therefore, show that in proportion to population crime was more prevalent in Manitoba and Ontario than in the other Provinces, while the Territories and Nova Scotia enjoyed the greatest freedom from it. It must not, however, be overlooked that a large proportion of the offences charged in Manitoba consisted of drunkenness and minor offences. Some of the more serious of crimes being almost