

Order of  
Provinces  
as to con-  
victions.

697. In proportion to the estimated population of each, the Provinces stood, as regarded convictions for indictable offences, in the following order:—

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

And as regarded summary convictions:—

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

Proportion of  
convictions to  
population.

698. In proportion to the population of Canada, there was one conviction for an indictable offence in every 1,231 persons, and a summary conviction in every 155 persons, and a conviction of either one kind or the other in every 138 persons.

Convictions for  
drunkenness.

699. The total number of convictions for drunkenness was 11,246, an increase of 1,369 as compared with 1884, and, in proportion to population, the following is the order in which the Provinces stood with reference to the prevalence of this vice:—

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

The sale of intoxicating liquors is altogether forbidden in the Territories except under special conditions.

Prevalence of  
drunkenness by  
Provinces.

700. The excessive use of stimulants appears to be most prevalent in Manitoba, though the proportion of convictions to population has considerably decreased, it having been 1 to every 152 persons, as compared with 1 to every 96 persons in 1884, but it must be remembered that these Provincial comparisons cannot be accepted as very trustworthy, and it may be that the Province that sends in the most accurate returns, appears in consequence to have the largest share of wrongdoers.

Total convictions  
by Provinces,  
1881-1885.

701. The following table gives the total number of convictions of all kinds in each Province in the years 1881 to