

654. There are five penitentiaries in the Dominion, situated at Kingston, Ont.; St. Vincent de Paul, Montreal, Que.; Dorchester, N.B.; Stoney Mountain, Man., and New Westminster, B.C., and the total convict population of the Dominion (that is, the total number confined in the above penitentiaries) on the 30th June, 1888, was 1,094, as compared with 1,159 on the same date in 1887. These figures show a decrease of 65, but do not, however, represent a corresponding decrease in crime, the number admitted in 1888 having been 359*, or 8 more than in 1887, when it was 351, and the decrease of 65 was due to the large number of convicts who, having served their time or for other reasons, were discharged from prison. There has been, however, in proportion to the increase in population, a satisfactory falling off in the penitentiary population of late years. At Kingston, in 1878, the average number of prisoners was 698; in 1888 it was 553. In proportion to population there was, of course, a considerable decrease, the proportion in 1885 having been 1 convict in every 4,226 persons, in 1887 1 in 4,206, and in 1888 1 in 4,639. Out of the total number of convicts, 1,068 were males and 26 females, the proportion being just about the same as in the preceding year.

655 The convicts were divided among the several penitentiaries as follows:—

	Number.	Daily Average.
Kingston.....	526	553
St. Vincent de Paul.....	276	269
Dorchester.....	157	154
Manitoba.....	67	70
British Columbia.....	68	73

656. The value of the buildings and stock, &c., on hand on 30th June, 1888, of the several penitentiaries, together with the revenue and expenditure of each during the year then

* The Report shows 360; but one was a recapture, not a new admission.