

CLASS IV.—MALICIOUS OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.

Malicious injury to horses, cattle and other property.

Arson, burning, &c.

CLASS V.—FORGERY AND OFFENCES AGAINST THE CURRENCY.

Forgery.

Offences against the currency.

CLASS VI.—OTHER OFFENCES, NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING CLASSES.

Carrying unlawful weapons.

Offences against gambling, municipal, liquor and other Acts.

Keeping disorderly houses and houses of ill-fame.

Perjury.

Smuggling, and offences against the revenue.

Other offences, not included in the above classes.

665. The following table gives the total number of convictions of all kinds in Canada, according to the above returns, during the years ended 30th September, 1884 to 1888. Owing to the much greater promptness shown by the various officials in making returns, the statistics of 1888 were able to be compiled in shorter time than usual, and consequently the figures for both 1887 and 1888 are given in the subsequent tables :—

Convictions in Canada, 1884-1888.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS IN CANADA, 1884 TO 1888.

OFFENCES.	Convictions for the Year ended 30th September.				
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
I.—Offences against the person	4,284	4,886	5,202	4,902	4,790
II.— do property, with violence	228	222	255	208	225
III.— do do without violence	3,286	3,599	3,178	2,784	3,437
IV.—Malicious offences against property	274	201	269	176	332
V.—Forgery and offences against the currency	20	48	43	43	45
VI.—Other offences, not included in the above classes	21,459	24,913	24,927	26,340	28,820
Total	29,551	33,869	33,874	34,453	37,649

666. There was an increase of 579 in the total number of convictions in 1887 over 1886, and of 3,196 in 1888 as compared with 1887, making a total increase of 3,775 over 1886 ; but it must not be inferred from this that there has been a corresponding increase in convictions.