

Conviction  
of females.

671. The proportions of convictions of females to the total number of convictions was, in 1886, 8·6 per cent.; in 1887, 8·3 per cent., and in 1888, 11·2 per cent., and the proportion per 100 convictions of males in the same years was 10·5 per cent., 9·0 per cent. and 12·7 per cent., respectively, so that there would appear to have been a considerable increase of crime among females in 1888. No female has yet been convicted of a penitentiary offence either in Manitoba or British Columbia.

Proportion  
of criminals in town  
and coun-  
try.

672. It is invariably found in these days that cities and towns have an increasing tendency to attract population, and the proportion of convictions among the urban population is consequently on the increase, as shown by the following figures for the years 1886, 1887 and 1888 respectively: in cities and towns 76·77 per cent., 79·34 per cent. and 82·38 per cent.; in rural districts 22·50 per cent., 19·52 per cent. and 15·71 per cent. of the total number of convictions.

Age and  
Education  
of crimin-  
als, 1887-  
1888.

673. The next table gives the number of convictions for indictable offences in each Province in 1887 and 1888, together with the ages and educational status of the convicted.

AGE AND EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES, 1887 AND 1888, BY PROVINCES.

1887.

PROVINCES.	Con- vic- tions.	EDUCATIONAL STATUS.				AGES.									
		Su- per- ior.	Ele- men- tary.	Un- able either to read or write.	Not Gi- ven.	Under 16 Years.		16 Years and Under 21		21 Years and Under 40		40 Years and Over.		Not Gi- ven.	
						M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Ontario. . .	1,807	22	1,447	275	63	294	13	318	26	755	73	240	45	27	16
Quebec . . . .	1,023	15	839	141	28	70	8	107	14	516	37	249	8	14	..
Nova Scotia. . .	170	4	107	38	21	19	1	41	7	57	6	16	5	17	1
N. Brunswick. .	54	2	37	6	9	2	..	11	1	22	6	10	..	2	..
Manitoba . . . .	70	1	62	6	1	6	..	11	..	47	1	5	..	..	..
B. Columbia . .	96	3	40	21	32	..	..	6	..	61	1	13	1	14	..
P. E. Island . .	18	..	8	9	1	3	..	4	..	7	1	2	..	1	..
Territories . . .	15	..	..	..	15	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	11	..
Total . . . . .	3,253	47	2,540	496	170	396	22	498	48	1,467	125	535	59	86	17