

AGE AND EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF PERSONS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES, &c.—*Concluded.*

1888.

PROVINCES.	Convictions.	EDUCATIONAL STATUS.				AGES									
		Superior.	Elementary.	Unable either to read or write.	Not given.	Under 16 Years.		16 Years and Under 21		21 Years and Under 40.		40 Years and Over.		Not given.	
						M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Ontario.....	2,144	20	1,767	266	91	390	20	352	52	807	131	292	38	48	14
Quebec.....	1,201	14	908	242	37	147	12	220	14	593	53	118	19	25	..
Nova Scotia...	80	..	40	13	27	8	..	14	..	19	3	10	2	23	1
N. Brunswick.	71	1	34	18	18	7	2	12	2	22	2	12	2	10	..
Manitoba.....	67	1	58	1	7	13	..	5	2	30	1	9	1	6	..
B. Columbia...	122	..	61	12	49	3	..	14	2	60	6	9	1	23	4
P. E. Island	13	1	7	..	5	..	..	6	..	4	1	..	..	2	..
Territories....	49	..	9	3	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..
Total.....	3,747	37	2,884	555	271	568	34	623	72	1,535	197	450	63	186	19

674. The steady decrease which was apparent during the years 1884, 1885 and 1886 in the number convicted who could neither read or write has ceased, as in 1886 the proportion of these to the total number was 9·60 per cent., but in 1887 it rose to 15·24 per cent., and in 1888 to 14·81 per cent. It is very probable that increased care in supplying particulars is the real cause of this increase. As regards ages, the proportions of those convicted were as follows:—

Number unable to read or write.

	1886.	1887.	1888.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Uunder 16 years.....	11·00	12·84	16·06
16 years and under 21.....	16·64	16·78	18·55
21 years and under 40.....	50·66	48·93	46·22
40 years and over.....	17·92	18·26	13·69

The above figures would seem to indicate an increase in youthful depravity which is not encouraging, more especially as the increase is corroborated by the figures for 1884 and 1885, which were 10·13 per cent. and 10·24 per cent. respecti-

Criminals under 16.