

The largest number executed in any one year was 12 in 1885, the year of the North-West Rebellion, and next largest was 9 in 1881. There were no executions in 1871 and 1875.

Summary convictions.

682. In 1887 there were 31,200 summary convictions, of which 29,190 were commitments to gaol with the option of a fine, and 1,297 without that option; and in 1888 the total convictions were 33,902, of which 31,276 were with and 1,825 without the option of a fine. The proportion of convicts per 1,000 of population remains low, when compared with other countries, as for the years 1886, 1887 and 1888 it was 6·33, 6·40 and 6·82 respectively.

683. Assuming, in the absence of information to the contrary, that all those charged with indictable offences were committed for trial, the following figures will show the proportion per 1,000 of population of those committed and of those convicted during the last three years.

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Commitments.....	1·14	0·97	1·18
Convictions.....	0·73	0·66	0·75

Commitments in England and Wales.

684. In England and Wales in 1888 the commitments per 1,000 were 0·47, and convictions 0·36, and in the United Kingdom in the same year they were respectively 0·50 and 0·37 per 1,000.

Total convictions by Provinces, 1887-1888.

685. The following table gives the number of convictions for indictable offences and the number of summary convictions in each Province in 1887 and 1888, according to the returns :—