

690. The following table shows the number of persons confined in common gaols and prisons of the several Provinces in 1888 as far as returns were available. As the Provinces differ as to the dates to which their returns are made up, it has not been possible to give these particulars at a date common to all, but they have been brought as close together as possible :

Persons confined in county gaols and prisons, 1888.

PROVINCES.	No. of Gaols.	Date.	No. Confined.		Total.
			Male.	Female.	
		1888.			
Ontario.....	*54	Sept. 30..	890	356	1,246
Quebec.....	24	Dec. 31..	362	179	541
Nova Scotia.....	22	June 30..	118	15	133
New Brunswick.....	15	do 30..	44	14	58
Manitoba.....	3				
British Columbia.....	3	Oct. 31..			109
Prince Edward Island.....	3	June 30..			18
Total.....	124		1,414	564	2,105

Including Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.

Only three counties in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick neglected to supply the information requested, and with these exceptions the returns, as far as given, may be considered complete. If the number of prisoners in 1887 in Manitoba be taken for 1888, viz., 48, the total would be increased to 2,153. These figures, taken in conjunction with the prisoners in the penitentiaries, show that on 30th June, 1888, one in every 1,531 of the population was in prison at that time.

691. There are 15 asylums for the insane in Canada, which are supported almost entirely by Government, and, in some cases, municipal aid, and the following table gives some particulars concerning them :—

Asylums for the insane.