

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

1889.

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.....	2,318	25	1,766	373	154	373	18	428	45	954	81	296	41	79	3
Quebec.....	1,361	5	1,077	207	72	215	23	201	18	731	45	95	18	15	..
Nova Scotia...	131	..	78	19	34	31	..	19	2	35	2	9	1	29	3
N. Brunswick.	80	..	58	9	13	4	..	9	..	36	1	14	2	9	5
Manitoba...	93	1	84	6	2	15	..	26	2	41	3	4	..	2	..
B. Columbia..	146	..	80	12	54	4	..	11	1	66	1	12	..	39	12
P. E. Island...	22	1	21	..	..	4	..	3	..	12	..	1	2	..	..
Territories...	57	2	28	2	25	..	..	10	..	19	1	3	..	24	..
Total... ..	4,208	34	3,192	628	354	646	41	707	68	1,894	134	434	64	197	23

712. 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., in 1888 to 14·81 per cent., and in 1889 to 14·92 per cent. When the superior educational advantages that prevail in Canada are considered, there can be little doubt that increased care in supplying particulars is the real cause of this increase. As regards ages, the proportions of those convicted were as follow :—

Number unable to read or write.

	1886. Per cent.	1887. Per cent.	1888. Per cent.	1889. Per cent.
Under 16 years.....	11·00	12·84	16·06	16·32
16 years and under 21....	16·64	16·78	18·55	18·42
21 years and under 40....	50·66	48·93	46·22	48·19
40 years and over.....	17·92	18·26	13·69	11·83

The above figures would seem to indicate an increase in youthful depravity which is not encouraging, more especially

Criminals under 16.