

SUMMARY CONVICTIONS, 32-33 VIC., CHAPTERS 31, 32, 33, 34.

1889.

OFFENCES.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick.	Manitoba.	British Columbia	P. E. Island	The Territories.	Canada.
Assault on females.....									
Various offences against the person..	2,428	1,033	233	331	107	52	61	42	4,287
Various offences against property.....	407	253	38	50	13	14	1	7	783
Breach of municipal by-laws and other minor offences.....	10,315	3,462	314	402	311	302	121	85	15,312
Drunkenness.....	7,059	3,412	657	1,383	591	368	330	41	13,841
Total.....	20,209	8,160	1,242	2,166	1,022	736	513	175	34,223
Grand Total....	22,527	9,521	1,373	2,246	1,115	882	535	232	38,431

724. The proportion of convictions for indictable offences per 1,000 persons in each Province, in the years 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889, was as follows:—

Convictions for indictable offences, 1886-1889.

	1886.	1887	1888.	1889.
Ontario.....	·96	·85	·99	1·05
Quebec.....	·68	·70	·81	·90
Nova Scotia.....	·21	·35	·16	·27
New Brunswick.....	·19	·16	·20	·23
Manitoba.....	·71	·57	·49	·62
British Columbia.....	1·70	·81	·89	·93
Prince Edward Island.....	·33	·15	·11	·18
The Territories.....	·77	·15	48	·53

The proportion of convictions in Ontario has now increased to over one in every thousand persons, which is much higher than it ought to be. The proportion for the Dominion was ·83 per thousand. In England and Wales in 1888 the proportion was ·36 per thousand. There is not much doubt that the increase in Quebec is due to more complete returns, this Province having been very remiss in earlier years.