

PARTICULARS OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE PENITENTIARIES
DURING THE YEARS 1890 AND 1891.

DESCRIPTION.	1890.			1891.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cannot read	52	5	57	58	3	61
Read only	9		9	21	1	22
Read and write	238	6	244	206	16	222
Not given	123	2	125	106	3	109
England	55		55	39	6	45
Scotland	8		8	8		8
Ireland	28	1	29	25	5	30
United States	37		37	38	3	41
Canada	257	12	269	250	9	259
Germany	7		7	3		3
France	7		7	8		8
Italy	4		4	6		6
Newfoundland	5		5			
China	5		5	5		5
Japan	1		1			
Spain				2		2
Other countries	8		8	7		7
Commercial	51		51	30		30
Agricultural	20		20	31		31
Industrial	108		108	91		91
Professional	16		16	3	1	4
Domestic	24	1	25	16		16
Labourers	124		124	138		138
Not given	79	12	91	82	22	104

Female convicts.

841. The proportion of women to the total number of persons admitted in 1887 was 1·24 per cent, in 1888 4·66 per cent, in 1889 2·08 per cent, in 1890 2·99 per cent, and in 1891 5·55 per cent. The proportion of criminals under 20 years of age was slightly higher than during the preceding year, having been 14·49 per cent, as compared with 13·79 per cent. The proportions in 1889 and 1888 were 15·47 per cent and 15·04 per cent respectively. The number of Canadians only varies slightly, but the tendency is apparently to decrease, the figures for the last four years having been 64·34 per cent, 62·12 per cent, 61·84 per cent and 62·56 per cent, a slight increase being apparent in 1891 over 1890, but as the number of criminals is keeping pace with the increase of population, it would seem as if the criminal classes receive more recruits from strangers coming into the country than from native-born Canadians.

Convicts under 20 years of age.

Canadian convicts.

Number of deaths and escapes.

842. The number of deaths during the year was 16, which, considering the physical condition of many of the prisoners, is decidedly a low average. There were only 3 escapes from the various penitentiaries during the year.