

CLASS III.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY, WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

Horse, cattle and sheep-stealing.
Larceny.
Embezzlement.
Felonious receiving.
Fraud.

CLASS IV.—MALICIOUS OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.

Malicious injury to horses, cattle and other property.
Arson, burning, &c.

CLASS V.—FORGERY AND OFFENCES AGAINST THE CURRENCY.

Forgery.
Offences against the currency.

CLASS VI.—OTHER OFFENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING CLASSES.

Carrying unlawful weapons.
Offences against gambling, municipal, liquor and other Acts.
Keeping disorderly houses and houses of ill-fame.
Perjury.
Smuggling, and offences against the revenue.
Other offences not included in the above classes.

Convictions in Canada, 1887-1891.

846. The following table gives the total number of convictions of all kinds in Canada, according to the above returns, during the years ended 30th September, 1887 to 1891 :—

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS IN CANADA, 1887 TO 1891.

OFFENCES.	Convictions for the Year ended 30th September.				
	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
I. Offences against the person.....	4,902	4,790	5,284	5,093	4,787
II. do property, with violence.....	208	225	283	276	283
III. do property, without violence.....	2,784	3,437	3,774	3,614	3,614
IV. Malicious offences against property	176	332	236	247	253
V. Forgery and offences against the currency	43	45	41	46	36
VI. Other offences, not included in the above classes.....	26,340	28,820	28,813	29,264	28,442
Total.....	34,453	37,649	38,431	38,540	37,415

Decrease in number.

847. The number of convictions was less by 1,125 than in 1890, it being the first time for several years that there was any decrease in the number, and as the returns are collected with so much greater accuracy than formerly, it would seem as if there was some ground for assuming that the reduction in number represented an actual decrease