

in the amount of crime. The decrease was principally in the number of offences against the person, and in Class VI., which includes minor offences.

848. It must be borne in mind that the number of convictions does not represent a similar number of individual criminals, because any person convicted more than once during the year, whether for the same or a different offence, is counted as a separate person for each conviction, and it is well known that for drunkenness, vagrancy and similar offences a number of persons are convicted several times every year. Of those convicted of indictable offences, 235 were convicted twice and 207 more than twice. Similar particulars for summary convictions are not available. In the city of Montreal, however, in 1890, out of 3,531 persons committed, 324 were committed twice, 89 three times, 37 four times, 12 five times, 6 six times, 1 seven times and 1 ten times, thus reducing the actual number of criminals to 2,927.

849. Out of the total number of convictions 3,964 were for indictable offences, being 30 more than in 1890, the principal increase having been in the province of Quebec. In proportion to population, the number of convictions was one in every 1,222 persons, and of offences charged one in every 809 persons. The number of persons charged with indictable offences was 5,988, so that 66·2 per cent were convicted; the proportion in 1890 was 67·6 per cent. The number of summary convictions was 33,451, as compared with 34,606 in 1890, a decrease of 1,155, and in proportion to population was one in 145 persons. The following were the number of persons charged, and the number and proportions of convictions to charges, according to the several classes of offences :—

OFFENCES.	Number of Persons Charged.	Number of Convictions.	Proportion of Convictions to Charges.
I. Offences against the person.....	1,448	907	62·6
II. do property with violence.....	441	283	64·2
III. do do without violence.....	3,644	2,498	68·6
IV. Malicious offences against property.....	112	50	44·6
V. Forgery and offences against the currency.....	63	36	57·1
VI. Other offences not included in the above classes.....	280	190	67·8
Total	5,988	3,964	66·2

850. There was an increase in the number of persons charged as compared with 1890, of 169, and in the number of convictions of 30, while the proportion of convictions to charges was 1 per cent lower than in 1890. The number of convictions was 244 less than in 1889.