

869. In 1891 there were 33,451 summary convictions, of which 29,475 were commitments to jail with the option of a fine, and 2,171 without that option. The proportion of convictions per 1,000 of population remains low, and compares very favourably with other countries, as for the years 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891 it was 6.33, 6.40, 6.82, 6.74, 7.16 and 6.91 per cent respectively.

Summary convictions.

870. Assuming, in the absence of information to the contrary, that all those charged with indictable offences were committed for trial, the following figures will show the proportion per 1,000 of population of those committed and of those convicted during the last five years:—

Commitments per 1000 of population

	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Commitments	0.97	1.18	1.24	1.20	1.23
Convictions.....	0.66	0.75	0.83	0.81	0.82

871. In England and Wales in 1891 the commitments per 1,000 were 0.40, and convictions 0.31; and in the United Kingdom in the same year they were respectively 0.43 and 0.32 per 1,000.

Commitments in England and Wales.

872. The following table gives the number of convictions for indictable offences and the number of summary convictions in each province in 1891, according to the returns:—

Convictions by provinces, 1891.

CONVICTIONS BY PROVINCES, 1891—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

OFFENCES.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick.	Manitoba.	British Columbia	P. E. Island	The Territories.	Canada.
Murder, attempts at, and manslaughter.....	7	4	2	.....	.....	5	.....	1	19
Rape and other offences against females.....	39	47	6	2	1	4	6	2	107
Other offences against the person.....	352	328	16	20	21	35	4	5	781
Robbery with violence, burglary, house and shop-breaking.....	154	79	14	3	6	16	4	7	283
Horse, cattle and sheep stealing.....	29	9	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	5	47
Other offences against property.....	1,367	824	78	50	59	67	11	49	2,505
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	37	12	2	2	2	4	.....	4	63
Other minor offences.....	61	53	6	19	.....	14	4	2	159
Total.....	2,046	1,356	124	96	93	145	29	75	3,964