

## TOTAL CONVICTIONS, 1882-1891.

PROVINCES.	OFFENCES AGAINST		Drunken- ness.	Other Offences.	Total.
	Person.	Property.			
Ontario.....	29,344	19,249	59,067	89,891	197,551
Quebec.....	11,281	9,345	27,589	34,694	82,909
Nova Scotia.....	2,546	1,482	6,086	4,089	14,203
New Brunswick.....	3,279	927	13,596	5,038	22,840
Manitoba.....	965	856	8,793	5,222	15,936
British Columbia.....	725	761	3,696	3,012	8,194
Prince Edward Island.....	546	187	2,913	1,826	5,472
The Territories.....	252	427	216	462	1,357
Total.....	48,938	33,234	121,956	144,332	348,462

875. In proportion to the number of inhabitants the offences in each year have been as follow :—

	No. of inhabitants		No. of inhabitants
1882 one in.....	140	1887 one in.....	134
1883 “.....	133	1888 “.....	124
1884 “.....	152	1889 “.....	123
1885 “.....	134	1890 “.....	122
1886 “.....	135	1891 “.....	129

Convictions to inhabitants, 1882-1891.

876. There has been apparently an increase of crime as between 1882 and 1891, but it is doubtful if these two years are strictly comparable, owing to the great improvements that have taken place, subsequent to the former year, in the completeness of the returns, and the probability is that the average of the four years 1888-1891, viz., one offence in every 124 inhabitants, very fairly represents the actual average for the decade, indications generally leading to the conclusion that while crime is not diminishing, it is not actually increasing, but keeping very much, year by year, the same ratio to population. The statistics for the decade now commencing are likely to be of much greater value both for comparative and instructive purposes than those of the one just concluded.

Apparent increase in crime.

877. The total number of convictions for drunkenness during the years 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891 were 11,156, 11,694, 12,807, 13,841, 14,045 and 12,997 respectively, the numerical increase being apparently large, though the proportion per 1,000 persons has not varied very much, the figures for each year being 2.33, 2.40, 2.57,

Convictions for drunkenness.