

1439. The returns are compiled under two headings : "Indictable Offences" and "Summary Convictions," the first including all cases tried by competent magistrates, with the consent of the persons accused, in accordance with the Acts relating to "Speedy Trials," "Summary Trials by Consent," and "Juvenile Offenders," chapters 175, 176 and 177, Revised Statutes of Canada. The second includes all cases of summary convictions by justices of the peace out of session, under chap. 178, Revised Statutes of Canada.

1440. The various indictable offences, which comprise the more serious crimes, are divided into six classes, as follow :—

- Class I. Offences against the person.
 II. Offences against property, with violence.
 III. Offences against property, without violence.
 IV. Malicious offences against property.
 V. Forgery and offences against the currency.
 VI. Other offences not included in the foregoing classes.

And the following list gives the principal crimes and offences that are included in each class :—

CLASS I.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.

Murder and attempt to murder.
 Manslaughter.
 Shooting, stabbing, wounding, &c.
 Rape and other offences against females.
 Unnatural offences.
 Bigamy.
 Abduction.
 Assault, aggravated and common.
 Other offences against the person.

CLASS II.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY, WITH VIOLENCE.

Robbery, with violence.
 Burglary, house and shop-breaking.
 Other offences against property with violence.

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.