

CASES TRIED BY STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES AND INSPECTORS
NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

YEARS.	INDICTABLE OFFENCES.			Summary Convictions.	Total Convictions.
	Number of Charges.	Acquittals.	Convictions.		
1883.....	29	10	19	165	184
1884....	58	36	22	235	257
1885	92	75	17	156	173
1886.....	56	39	17	314	331
1887	45	28	17	173	190
1888	29	25	4	139	143
1889	32	27	5	172	177
1890.....	47	36	11	154	165
1891.	42	32	10	192	202
1892	77	67	10	286	296

1442. Including the Mounted Police Returns, the number of convictions was less by 2,324, it being the second 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 in the amount of crime. The decreases in 1892 were generally distributed, occurring in all the classes of crime, excepting forgery and offences against the currency and offences against the person.

1443. It must be borne in mind that the number of convictions does not represent a like 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; as is well known, the same persons are convicted several times a year for such offences as drunkenness, vagrancy and similar offences.