

1462. By three-year periods, since 1881, the following is the average of convicts in the penitentiaries :—

Period.	Average Number.	Average of Females.
1881-83.....	1,163	32
1884-86.....	1,126	41
1887-89.....	1,149	26
1890-92.....	1,243	24
1893.....	1,194	34

1463. The number of convicts in 1893 was less than in any previous year since 1888. The number of female convicts in 1893 was greater than in any previous year since 1886.

1464. Considered in relation to the growth of population, the following table shows that in every group of 4,155 persons one was in the penitentiary in 1893. This is considerably smaller proportion than the average of the period 1881-93, which is one convict to every 3,965 persons.

PROPORTION OF CONVICTS TO POPULATION, 1881-93.

1881.....	One in 3,560 persons.
1882.....	“ 3,886 “
1883.....	“ 3,882 “
1884.....	“ 4,204 “
1885.....	“ 4,082 “
1886.....	“ 3,824 “
1887.....	“ 4,002 “
1888.....	“ 4,285 “
1889.....	“ 3,966 “
1890.....	“ 3,831 “
1891.....	“ 3,881 “
1892.....	“ 3,993 “
1893.....	“ 4,155 “
Average	<u>3,965</u>

1465. The following tables give the number of convicts remaining in each of the penitentiaries on the 30th June of each year, the number discharged in each year, and the causes :—