

are in the eastern Maritime Provinces, excepting two, which are in Manitoba.

One county in Quebec (Richmond) is under the old Dunkin Act.

1496. According to the returns there were during the period 1884-92, 109,078 convictions for drunkenness. This is an average of 12,120 a year. The convictions in 1892 were 11,415. They were, therefore, 705 below the average. The average of the period 1884-92 is 2,584 convictions in every 1,000,000 of the people. The convictions have, therefore, decreased 9·8 per cent in 1892 as compared with the average of the 1884-92 period. It is, of course, impossible to tell whether this decrease is due to decrease in drinking or to decrease in activity of prosecuting those who get drunk.

1497. The convictions for drunkenness in the several provinces are given in the following table :—

It appears from this table that in 1892, out of every group of 539 of the inhabitants of Ontario, one had been convicted for drunkenness ; out of every group of 393 of the people of Quebec one had been convicted for drunkenness, while in the province of Nova Scotia one out of every group of 668 had been so convicted. Ranged according to position, with respect to sobriety, as tested by convictions, the provinces stand thus : Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, New Brunswick and British Columbia. The North-west Territories appear to stand next to Nova Scotia. But in the returns of 1892, as in previous years, the convictions before the North-west Mounted Police were not included. Including these the North-west Territories would stand on a par with Prince Edward Island.

CONVICTIONS FOR DRUNKENNESS BY PROVINCES, 1884 TO 1892.

PROVINCES.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Ontario	4,694	5,868	5,453	6,200	6,633	7,059	6,553	4,973	3,967
Quebec	1,624	2,163	2,367	2,947	3,360	3,412	3,999	4,199	3,832
Nova Scotia ..	591	768	667	462	501	657	642	635	676
New Brunswick..	1,402	1,300	1,290	1,011	1,141	1,383	1,561	1,628	1,291
Manitoba	1,085	711	631	529	479	591	486	518	633
British Columbia.	235	108	389	261	370	368	469	651	606
P. E. Island.....	246	328	359	274	287	330	287	311	301
Territories	10	36	41	48	82	109
Total	9,877	11,246	11,156	11,694	12,807	13,841	14,045	12,997	11,415