

PENITENTIARIES.

1641. For the punishment of criminals there are five penitentiaries in the Dominion, situated at Kingston, Ontario; St. Vincent de Paul, Montreal, Que; Dorchester, N.B.; Stony Mountain, Man., and New Westminster, B.C. The total number of persons confined in these five penitentiaries on the 30th June, 1894, was 1,223, of whom 1,191 were males, and 32 were females.

1642. By three-year periods, since 1881, the following is the average of convicts in the penitentiaries:—

AVERAGE OF CONVICTS IN PENITENTIARIES SINCE 1881.

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
1894.. .. .	1,223	32

There was an increase of 31 in the number of male convicts and a decrease of 2 in the number of female convicts, making a total increase of 29 as compared with 1893.

1643. Considered in relation to the growth of population, the following table shows that in every group of 4,106 persons one was in the penitentiary in 1894. This is a considerably smaller proportion than the average of the period 1881-94, which is one convict to every 3,975 persons.

PROPORTION OF CONVICTS TO POPULATION, 1881-94.

YEAR.	One Person in	YEAR.	One Person in
1881	3,560	1889	3,966
1882	3,886	1890	3,831
1883	3,882	1891	3,881
1884	4,204	1892	3,993
1885	4,082	1893	4,155
1886	3,824	1894	4,106
1887	4,002		
1888	4,285	Average	3,975