

1658. The following table shows the number of prisoners in the common jails and prisons under provincial jurisdiction, at the dates mentioned:—

PERSONS CONFINED IN PROVINCIAL PRISONS IN CANADA.

PROVINCES.	Number of jails.	Date.	NUMBER CONFINED.		Total.
			Males.	Females.	
Ontario.....	*55	Sept. 30, 1893.	862	250	1,112
Quebec.....	24	Dec. 31, 1893.	368	199	567
Nova Scotia.....	†30	June 30, 1894.	139	12	151
New Brunswick.....	14	“ 30, 1894.	45	6	51
Manitoba.....	‡3	Dec. 31, 1893	392	31	423
British Columbia.....	4	Oct. 31, 1893.	.....	.....	154
Prince Edward Island.....	3	June 30, 1892.	20	4	24
The Territories (Regina).....	9	“ 30, 1894.	71	3	74

\*Including 10 lock-ups; Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto; and Ontario reformatory, Penetanguishene.

†Including four lock-ups.

‡Total number confined during the year.

The Provincial governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick do not publish any returns of persons in their prisons, consequently application was made to the sheriffs of the several counties, almost all of whom responded, and thanks are due to them for their attention. Three counties (Carleton, Madawaska and Westmoreland) in New Brunswick, and two counties (Annapolis and Inverness) in Nova Scotia made no returns.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS.

1659. The judicial system of Canada has been described in paragraph 44.

1660. The Act authorizing the collection and compilation of Criminal Statistics came into operation in 1876. The returns are yearly becoming more valuable, greater care being exercised in the collection. The whole system has been reviewed during the year 1893, with the result of adding to the returns the criminals dealt with by the North-west Mounted Police.

1661. 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.