

The following table gives the ages of the juvenile criminals convicted for indictable offences, by provinces, in 1897, and the totals for 1884 to 1897:—

AGES OF JUVENILE CRIMINALS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES IN 1897.

PROVINCES.	UNDER 16 YEARS.		16 YEARS AND UNDER 21.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Ontario.....	330	24	490	34
Quebec.....	201	8	230	20
Nova Scotia.....	32		25	
New Brunswick.....	8		9	
Manitoba.....	27	2	34	10
British Columbia.....	28		13	
Prince Edward Island.....	13		12	
The Territories.....			8	1
Totals.....	689	34	871	65

TOTALS FOR 1884-97.

PROVINCES.	UNDER 16 YEARS.		16 YEARS AND UNDER 21.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Ontario.....	4,907	219	5,778	540
Quebec.....	2,107	182	2,593	219
Nova Scotia.....	209	8	305	33
New Brunswick.....	233	5	249	18
Manitoba.....	159	5	255	19
British Columbia.....	76		139	14
Prince Edward Island.....	63	1	66	9
The Territories.....	18		88	3
Totals.....	7,772	420	9,483	555
Average.....	555	30	677	61

Juvenile criminals furnished 29 per cent of the total convictions for indictable offences for the year 1897 and 31.28 per cent for the period 1884 to 1897, inclusive.