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that there is a marked increase both in charges and convictions for 1912 as compared with 1911. Table 30 shows the total number of convictions for indictable offences and the number of convictions per 10,000 inhabitants by provinces for each of the census years 1891, 1901 and 1911. It will be noticed from this table that the ratio of crime has increased from 8.2 per 10,000 inhabitants in 1891 to 10.5 in 1901 and to 17.5 in 1911. The lowest ratios are in the Maritime provinces and in Quebec. Table 31 shows for 1911 and 1912 the number of indictable offences in six classes.

Summary Convictions.—The number of summary convictions in 1912 was 130,960, as compared with 100,633 in 1911. This represents an increase of 30,327, or 30.13 per cent. The principal increases were in drunkenness, from 41,379 in 1911 to 53,171 in 1912, in breaches of municipal acts and bye-laws, from 18,108 in 1911 to 27,712 in 1912, and in vagrancy, loose and disorderly conduct, from 16,770 in 1911 to 21,072 in 1912.

Death Sentences.—During 1912, 25 persons were sentenced to death for murder, as compared with 17 in 1911. Death sentences in 1912 were carried out in 16 cases compared with seven in 1911, and were commuted to life imprisonment in nine cases in 1912 compared with eight in 1911. Six persons were sentenced to life imprisonment for manslaughter in 1912 as compared with five persons in 1911.

29.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals in respect of Indictable Offences by Provinces, 1911 and 1912.

Provinces.	1911.			1912.		
	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	39	21	46.1	18	11	38.9
Nova Scotia.....	643	383	40.4	989	729	26.3
New Brunswick..	183	146	20.2	179	135	24.6
Quebec.....	2,521	2,044	18.9	3,040	2,515	17.2
Ontario.....	7,843	5,911	24.6	8,593	6,448	25.0
Manitoba.....	1,222	1,047	14.3	1,474	1,302	11.8
Saskatchewan..	1,353	977	27.7	1,540	1,220	20.8
Alberta.....	1,211	919	24.1	1,951	1,521	22.0
British Columbia	1,570	1,149	26.8	2,340	1,653	29.3
Yukon.....	36	26	27.7	36	26	27.8
The Territories..	4	4	-	8	7	12.5
Canada.....	16,625	12,627	24.0	20,168	15,567	22.8