

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

26,714 charges and 20,625 convictions for indictable offences throughout Canada during the year ended September 30, 1915, as compared with 28,007 charges and 21,438 convictions in 1914, a decrease of 1,293, or 4.62 p.c., for charges and of 813, or 3.79 p.c., for convictions during the year. As shown by the table, a decrease in the number of charges is found in every province except Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Summary Convictions.—The number of summary convictions in 1915 was 132,430, as compared with 161,597 in 1914. This represents a decrease of 29,167, or 18.05 p.c.

Death Sentences.—During 1915, 34 persons were sentenced to death for murder, as compared with 27 in 1914. Death sentences in 1915 were carried out in 21 cases, compared with 11 in 1914, and were commuted to life imprisonment in 13 cases in 1915, compared with 16 in 1914. Seven persons were sentenced in 1915 to be imprisoned for life, as compared with eight persons in 1914.

28.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals for Indictable Offences by Provinces, 1914 and 1915.

Provinces.	1914.			1915.		
	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.	37	25	32.43	27	16	40.74
Nova Scotia... ..	1,141	766	32.86	1,469	950	35.33
New Brunswick.	273	229	16.12	345	278	19.42
Quebec...	4,428	3,586	19.01	3,924	3,053	22.20
Ontario.	11,263	8,932	20.70	10,906	8,934	18.08
Manitoba.	1,733	1,494	13.79	1,859	1,577	15.17
Saskatchewan.	2,688	1,928	28.27	2,754	2,022	26.58
Alberta... ..	3,162	2,237	29.75	2,894	2,088	27.85
British Columbia..	3,239	2,213	31.67	2,494	1,680	32.64
Yukon. . .	43	28	34.88	42	27	35.47
Canada.... .	28,007	21,438	23.45	26,714	20,625	22.79