

26.—Convictions and Sentences for all Offences, by Provinces, 1918-1924—concluded.

Provinces.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Alberta—							
Convictions.....	7,633	7,001	8,459	9,847	9,201	10,067	9,765
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	65	76	67	67	99	77	83
Gaol or fine.....	7,206	6,401	7,756	8,809	7,907	9,384	8,442
Reformatory.....	2	1	4	4	19	10	4
Death.....	1	3	3	2	2	4	1
Other sentences.....	359	520	629	965	1,174	592	1,235
British Columbia—							
Convictions.....	7,680	8,789	15,434	16,020	13,066	13,115	14,778
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	43	81	80	194	129	123	204
Gaol or fine.....	6,536	7,768	14,084	14,617	11,822	12,349	13,757
Reformatory.....	38	34	22	15	26	31	18
Death.....	1	1	—	3	3	—	2
Other sentences.....	1,062	905	1,248	1,191	1,086	612	792
The Territories¹—							
Convictions.....	75	37	55	40	62	44	39
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Gaol or fine.....	66	21	45	21	39	39	33
Reformatory.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Death.....	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Other sentences.....	9	16	10	19	23	1	5

¹ Yukon Territory only for 1918-22.**2.—Indictable Offences.**

The progress of a community, from the moral point of view, is often judged by the number of convictions for indictable offences, as these are less affected than non-indictable offences by extraneous circumstances and the varying methods of law enforcement in different areas and in different years. However, in the study of such statistics it is important to have comparable figures over a period of years, and these are set out by provinces for the latest 10 years available in Table 27. Again, in Table 28 are shown the number of charges and convictions and the percentage of acquittals for the 3 years ended Sept. 30, 1922-24, the figures indicating a decreasing percentage of acquittals in the latest year, though this percentage was itself somewhat higher than in the years 1918 to 1920.

While the number of convictions in 1924 was greater than in any other year except 1915, it should be remembered that the population of Canada has grown by something like 20 p.c. in the period covered by Table 27.

27.—Convictions of Persons 16 years of age and upwards for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, 1915-1924.

Years.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon.	Total.
1915.....	12	840	206	2,427	7,112	1,362	1,993	2,082	1,517	24	17,575
1916.....	11	519	241	3,166	6,023	914	1,711	1,895	1,503	20	16,003
1917.....	21	427	228	2,667	4,824	755	1,057	894	1,058	22	11,953
1918.....	12	563	230	2,916	6,111	811	1,067	886	659	11	13,266
1919.....	14	663	241	2,960	6,605	919	1,134	1,028	951	5	14,520
1920.....	4	580	375	2,517	6,707	987	1,467	1,233	1,212	6	15,088
1921.....	15	712	313	2,654	7,548	1,159	1,220	1,263	1,282	3	16,169
1922.....	27	701	322	2,885	7,021	1,188	1,391	1,171	1,004	10	15,720
1923.....	13	400	148	2,655	6,886	1,094	1,446	1,424	1,116	1	15,188 ¹
1924.....	25	595	224	2,729	7,180	1,160	1,647	1,423	1,265	9	16,258 ²

¹Includes 5 in Northwest Territories.²Includes 1 in Northwest Territories.