

28.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, 1922-1924.

NOTE.—The figures of the table do not include charges or convictions of juvenile delinquents.

Provinces.	1922.			1923.			1924.		
	Char- ges.	Convic- tions.	Acquit- tals.	Char- ges.	Convic- tions.	Acquit- tals.	Char- ges.	Convic- tions.	Acquit- tals.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	40	27	32.5	18	13	27.8	29	25	13.8
Nova Scotia	973	701	28.0	636	400	36.9	789	595	24.6
New Brunswick	373	322	13.7	206	148	28.1	261	224	14.2
Quebec	3,779	2,885	23.7	3,501	2,655	24.1	3,440	2,729	20.7
Ontario.....	9,622	7,021	27.1	9,185	6,886	24.9	9,409	7,180	23.7
Manitoba.....	1,578	1,188	24.7	1,419	1,094	22.9	1,405	1,160	17.4
Saskatchewan.....	1,733	1,391	19.7	1,587	1,446	8.8	1,849	1,647	10.9
Alberta.....	1,613	1,171	27.4	1,753	1,424	18.6	1,887	1,423	24.6
British Columbia.....	1,308	1,004	23.2	1,443	1,116	22.5	1,588	1,265	20.3
Yukon.....	13	10	23.0	2	1	-	9	9	-
N.W. Territories.....	-	-	-	9	5	44.4	1	1	-
Canada.....	21,032	15,720	25.3	19,759	15,188	23.0	20,667	16,258	21.3

Classes of Indictable Offences.—Indictable offences are divided under the Canadian system into 6 main classes, as follows:—offences against the person, offences against property with violence, offences against property without violence, malicious offences against property, forgery and other offences against the currency, and other indictable offences. Convictions in the first, third, fourth and sixth classes show an increase between 1922 and 1924, but convictions for offences against property (with violence) and for forgery and other offences against the currency show a decline in the two years. Especially noteworthy is the increase of convictions for "illicit stills" from 220 in 1921 to 1,068 in 1923 and 955 in 1924. Details by offences are given in Table 29, and the details of the disposition of the charges in Table 30, which shows, among other information, that convictions of females numbered 1,826 in 1924, as against 1,609 in 1923, 1,609 in 1922, and 1,765 in 1921. Details as to the occupations, conjugal condition, educational status, ages, use of liquors, birthplaces and religions of those convicted of indictable offences are given in Table 31.

29.—Indictable Offences, by Classes, during the years ended Sept. 30, 1922-1924.

NOTE.—The figures of the table do not include charges or convictions of juvenile delinquents.

Classes and Offences.	1922.		1923.		1924.	
	Charges.	Convic- tions.	Charges.	Convic- tions.	Charges.	Convic- tions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
CLASS I.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.						
Murder.....	56	19	47	15	61	22
Murder, attempt to commit.....	41	20	30	15	30	12
Manslaughter.....	88	45	79	38	86	25
Abortion and concealing birth of infants.	39	25	23	12	39	20
Rape and other crimes against decency.	650	350	624	365	639	395
Procuration.....	50	25	35	19	29	14
Bigamy.....	92	74	77	56	65	49
Shooting, stabbing and wounding.....	215	119	249	157	236	148
Assault on females and wife.....	96	64	93	63	87	65
Aggravated assault.....	671	464	615	382	579	388
Assault on police officer.....	427	367	245	217	487	442
Assault and battery.....	1,270	987	1,208	920	1,315	1,052
Refusal to support family.....	274	154	271	212	250	201
Wife desertion.....	14	11	9	7	13	11
Various other offences against the person	141	80	155	97	148	95
Total.....	4,124	2,804	3,760	2,575	4,064	2,929