

27.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1923-1925.

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

Provinces.	1923.			1924.			1925.		
	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	18	13	27.8	29	25	13.8	10	3	70.0
Nova Scotia.....	636	400	36.9	789	595	24.6	827	624	24.6
New Brunswick.....	206	148	28.1	261	224	14.2	296	244	17.5
Quebec.....	3,501	2,655	24.1	3,440	2,729	20.7	4,233	3,084	27.1
Ontario.....	9,185	6,886	24.9	9,409	7,180	23.7	9,838	7,751	21.2
Manitoba.....	1,419	1,094	22.0	1,405	1,160	17.4	1,445	1,215	15.9
Saskatchewan.....	1,587	1,446	8.8	1,849	1,647	10.9	1,791	1,654	71.7
Alberta.....	1,753	1,424	18.6	1,887	1,423	24.6	1,571	1,254	20.2
British Columbia.....	1,443	1,116	22.5	1,588	1,265	20.3	1,669	1,384	17.0
Yukon.....	2	1	—	9	1	—	2	2	—
N.W. Territories.....	9	5	44.4	1	1	—	3	3	—
Canada.....	19,759	15,188	23.0	23,667	16,258	21.3	21,685	17,219	25.9

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 1923 and 1925, 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, 955 in 1924 and 548 in 1925. Details by offences are given in Table 28 and the details of the disposition of the charges in Table 29, which shows, among other information, that convictions of females numbered 2,035 in 1925 as against 1,826 in 1924, 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 30.

28.—Indictable Offences, by Classes, during the years ended Sept. 30, 1923-1925.

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Classes and Offences.	1923.		1924.		1925.	
	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
CLASS I.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.						
Murder.....	47	15	61	22	54	18
Murder, attempt to commit.....	30	15	30	12	26	11
Manslaughter.....	79	38	86	25	76	37
Abortion and concealing birth of infants.....	23	12	39	20	31	20
Rape and other crimes against decency.....	624	365	639	385	639	395
Procuracion.....	35	19	29	14	44	21
Bigamy.....	77	56	65	40	41	34
Shooting, stabbing and wounding.....	249	157	236	148	232	128
Assault on females and wife.....	93	63	87	65	90	66
Aggravated assault.....	615	382	579	388	608	414
Assault on police officer.....	245	217	487	442	489	439
Assault and battery.....	1,208	920	1,315	1,052	1,213	996
Refusal to support family.....	271	212	250	201	283	237
Wife desertion.....	9	7	13	11	15	15
Various other offences against the person.....	155	97	148	95	110	77
Total.....	3,760	2,575	4,064	2,923	3,941	2,986