

28.—Race, Nationality, Religion, etc., of Convicts, 1920-1926—concluded.

Items.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>By Conjugal State—</b>							
Single.....	1,218	1,456	1,750	1,577	1,317	1,411	1,485
Married.....	638	626	790	809	779	823	871
Widowed.....	75	68	100	100	127	110	116
Divorced.....	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,473</b>
<b>By Sex—</b>							
Male.....	1,809	2,125	2,616	2,460	2,194	2,318	2,439
Female.....	32	25	24	26	31	27	34
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,473</b>
<b>By Social Habits—</b>							
Abstainers.....	548	500	651	593	433	507	540
Temperate.....	975	1,092	1,401	1,309	1,255	1,374	1,549
Intemperate.....	408	468	588	584	487	464	384
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,473</b>
<b>By Religion—</b>							
Anglican.....	301	356	435	367	354	370	392
Baptist.....	111	113	137	131	99	92	118
Buddhist.....	7	12	10	34	38	28	31
Greek Catholic.....	57	73	85	88	65	58	65
Jewish.....	38	34	41	59	49	51	53
Lutheran.....	46	37	50	50	33	51	65
Methodist.....	187	207	241	235	212	213	224
Presbyterian.....	193	207	285	282	272	285	269
Roman Catholic.....	946	1,052	1,294	1,176	1,025	1,130	1,201
Other creeds.....	45	59	49	58	72	64	47
No creed.....	-	-	13	6	6	5	8
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,473</b>

<sup>1</sup> Including Danish, Norwegian and Swedish.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes 1 Arabian.    <sup>3</sup> Includes 2 Eskimos.

5.—Divorces in Canada.

For many years subsequent to Confederation the number of divorces granted in Canada was very small, 1883, with 13 divorces, being the first year in which the number attained two figures, while 1903, with 21 divorces, was the record year up to that time. Thereafter the numbers grew more rapidly, 1909 showing 51 divorces and 1913, the last pre-war year, 60 divorces. This number was, however, less than one per 1,000 of the marriages contracted in Canada in these years.

The effect of the war was to increase very greatly the number of divorces granted in Canada. The causes may be found in the generally unsettling psychological effect of the war period, and the long separations between men on active service and their wives. The provision of new facilities for divorce is also to be considered; owing to a decision of the Imperial Privy Council, divorces in the Prairie Provinces have subsequently to 1918 been granted by the courts of these provinces, so that Ontario and Quebec are now the only provinces in which the applicant for divorce must secure a special Private Act of Parliament.

The above-mentioned causes have tended to produce the recent increase in the number of divorces granted in Canada, which have grown from 114 in 1918 to 608 in 1926, these numbers being those of final decrees, which alone really constitute divorces. The statistics of divorces granted in the years from 1901 to 1926 inclusive will be found in Table 39. (For divorces in the years prior to 1901 see 1921 Year Book, p. 825.)