

25.—Convictions and Sentences for all Offences, by Provinces, 1920-1926—concluded.

Provinces.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Alberta—							
Convictions.....	8,459	9,847	9,201	10,067	9,765	9,368	10,111
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	87	67	99	77	83	88	79
Gaol or fine.....	7,756	8,809	7,907	9,384	8,442	7,630	8,403
Reformatory.....	4	4	19	10	4	8	12
Death.....	3	2	2	4	1	2	—
Other sentences.....	629	965	1,174	592	1,235	1,642	1,617
British Columbia—							
Convictions.....	15,434	16,020	13,066	13,115	14,773	16,620	20,034
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	80	194	129	123	204	170	127
Gaol or fine.....	14,084	14,617	11,822	12,349	13,757	15,332	18,638
Reformatory.....	22	15	26	31	18	49	51
Death.....	—	3	3	—	2	6	6
Other sentences.....	1,248	1,191	1,086	612	792	1,063	1,212
The Territories—							
Convictions.....	55	40	62	44	39	95	96
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	—	—	—	2	1	—	2
Gaol or fine.....	45	21	39	39	33	28	91
Reformatory.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Death.....	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Other sentences.....	10	19	23	1	5	67	3

¹Yukon Territory only for 1920-22.

²Years ended Sept. 30.

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 12 years in Table 26. Again, in Table 27 are shown the number of charges and convictions and the percentage of acquittals for the 3 years ended Sept. 30, 1924-26, the figures indicating a decreasing percentage of acquittals in the latest year.

While the number of convictions in 1926 was greater than in any other year since 1915, it should be remembered that the population of Canada has grown by something like 20 p.c. in the period covered by Table 26.

26.—Convictions of Persons 16 years of age and upwards for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1915-1926.

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	16,093
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	693	241	2,990	6,605	919	1,134	1,028	951	5	14,530
1920.....	4	550	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
1925.....	3	624	244	3,084	7,751	1,215	1,654	1,254	1,385	5	17,219 ³
1926.....	14	752	222	3,053	7,248	1,383	2,052	1,463	1,252	3	17,448 ⁴

¹Includes 5 in Northwest Territories. ²Includes 1 in Northwest Territories. ³Includes 3 in Northwest Territories. ⁴Includes 6 in Northwest Territories.