

25.—Convictions and Sentences for All Offences, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1922-1928—concluded.

Provinces.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
British Columbia—							
Convictions.....	13,066	13,115	14,773	16,620	20,034	24,616	24,142
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	129	123	204	170	127	237	205
Gaol or fine.....	11,822	12,349	13,757	15,332	18,638	22,974	22,460
Reformatory.....	26	31	18	49	51	49	63
Death.....	3	—	2	6	6	1	6
Other sentences.....	1,086	612	792	1,063	1,212	1,355	1,408
The Territories¹—							
Convictions.....	62	44	39	95	96	95	134
Sentences—							
Penitentiary.....	—	2	1	—	2	1	—
Gaol or fine.....	39	39	33	28	91	86	124
Reformatory.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Death.....	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Other sentences.....	23	1	5	67	3	8	10

¹Yukon Territory only for 1921-22.

Subsection 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 each year since 1900 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, 1926-28, the figures indicating the percentage of acquittals in the latest years.

While the number of convictions in 1928 was greater than in any other year since 1915, it should be remembered that the population of Canada has grown by something like 81 per cent 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, 1900-1928.

Years.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon.	N.W.T. ¹	Total.
1900.....	21	257	109	1,279	2,260	221	—	—	447	—	259	4,853
1901.....	14	287	100	1,222	2,169	185	—	—	401	40	203	4,621
1902.....	38	368	125	1,222	2,078	185	—	—	470	47	268	4,801
1903.....	32	393	131	1,397	2,344	318	—	—	443	56	369	5,483
1904.....	26	368	108	1,614	2,645	408	—	—	365	51	472	6,057
1905.....	35	342	110	1,861	2,805	534	—	—	574	39	524	6,824
1906.....	21	269	118	1,819	3,145	668	—	—	533	44	693	7,310
1907.....	9	402	147	1,827	3,392	773	587	395	532	42	—	8,106
1908.....	10	535	202	2,194	4,371	715	637	591	849	26	—	10,130
1909.....	18	463	156	2,136	4,524	784	737	645	799	37	—	10,299
1910.....	31	684	164	1,810	4,539	744	896	709	727	23	—	10,327
1911.....	19	356	123	1,865	5,067	888	957	870	1,015	24	4	11,188
1912.....	11	657	107	2,052	5,456	1,121	1,204	1,513	1,532	26	7	13,686
1913.....	8	598	140	2,336	6,272	1,331	1,594	1,908	1,794	26	—	16,007
1914.....	18	669	179	2,918	7,479	1,284	1,889	2,235	2,112	27	—	18,810
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	6	—	15,188
1924.....	25	595	224	2,729	7,180	1,160	1,647	1,423	1,265	10	—	16,258
1925.....	3	624	244	3,084	7,751	1,215	1,654	1,254	1,385	2	3	17,219
1926.....	14	752	222	3,053	7,248	1,383	2,052	1,463	1,252	3	6	17,448
1927.....	14	680	287	3,621	7,962	1,457	1,492	1,483	1,833	3	4	18,836
1928.....	43	891	365	4,299	9,052	1,672	1,761	1,701	1,931	5	—	21,720

¹The decline in this column after 1906 is due to the formation of the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta out of parts of the Northwest Territories.