

Classes of Indictable Offences.—Indictable offences are divided under the Canadian system into six 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 all classes except Class V show an increase between 1929 and 1931. Details by offences are given in Table 6 and the details of the disposition of the charges in Table 7, which shows, among other information, that convictions of females numbered 2,607 in 1931 as against 2,660 in 1930, — the first decrease in four years; as recently as 1924 the figure was only 1,826. Details as to occupation, conjugal condition, educational status, age, use of liquors, birthplace, religion and residence of those convicted of indictable offences are given in Table 8.

6.—Indictable Offences, by Classes, years ended Sept. 30, 1929-31.

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

Class and Offence.	1929.		1930.		1931.	
	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
CLASS I.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.						
Murder.....	50	26	54	17	49	25
Murder, attempt to commit.....	20	12	28	12	49	32
Manslaughter.....	111	59	130	51	144	52
Abortion and concealing birth of infants.....	25	16	42	29	47	32
Rape and other crimes against decency.....	681	402	741	458	764	487
Procuration.....	56	34	51	38	65	34
Bigamy.....	52	40	55	50	53	47
Shooting, stabbing and wounding.....	185	143	266	182	252	152
Assault on females incl. assault on wife.....	221	182	256	232	221	189
Aggravated assault.....	1,273	892	1,340	910	1,412	903
Assault on police officer.....	611	557	589	534	710	658
Assault and battery.....	1,689	1,310	1,780	1,358	1,860	1,427
Refusal to support family.....	318	193	396	264	430	269
Wife desertion.....	24	19	9	7	20	12
Causing injury by fast driving.....	111	62	114	76	118	81
Various other offences against the person.....	103	68	167	116	121	82
Totals.....	5,510	4,015	6,018	4,314	6,324	4,483
CLASS II.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITH VIOLENCE.						
Burglary, house, warehouse, and shop-breaking.....	2,526	2,298	3,575	3,268	4,030	3,672
Robbery and demanding with menaces.....	360	255	569	428	798	655
Totals.....	2,886	2,553	4,144	3,696	4,828	4,327
CLASS III.—OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.						
Bringing stolen goods into Canada.....	3	3	2	2	2	1
Embezzlement.....	12	8	11	6	54	48
False pretences.....	1,789	1,513	2,481	2,065	2,822	2,406
Feloniously receiving stolen goods.....	593	383	745	520	701	539
Fraud and conspiracy to defraud.....	879	592	880	698	891	647
Horse, cattle and sheep stealing.....	76	60	123	95	87	64
Theft.....	10,391	8,777	12,405	10,540	13,668	11,610
Theft of mail.....	31	28	32	28	29	21
Theft of automobile.....	884	774	919	822	943	807
Totals.....	14,665	12,128	17,598	14,766	19,197	16,143
CLASS IV.—MALICIOUS OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.						
Arson.....	81	34	86	51	163	86
Malicious injury to horses and cattle, and other willful damage to property.....	429	347	501	381	635	482
Totals.....	510	381	587	432	798	568