

In Class II (Offences against Property with Violence) 237, or 4.89 p.c., fewer convictions were made in 1937 than in 1936, although an increase is shown in the number of convictions for robbery.

For Class III (Offences against Property without Violence) there is an increase of 1,472 convictions, or 8.65 p.c., in 1937 compared with the 1936 figure. Convictions for bringing stolen goods into Canada, embezzlement, false pretences, receiving stolen goods, fraud, theft, and theft of automobile were more numerous in 1937 than in 1936. Horse and cattle stealing, and theft of mail show fewer convictions in 1937 than in the preceding year.

In Class IV (Malicious Offences against Property), an increase of 99 convictions, or 20.12 p.c., is shown for 1937 as compared with 1936.

Convictions for offences in Class V (Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency) increased from 1,094 in 1936 to 1,242 in 1937. The 148 increase represents 13.53 p.c. Both crimes in this category, forgery and offences against currency, increased during 1937.

Class VI (Other Offences), including crime not classified in the preceding five classes, shows 760, or 9.32 p.c., fewer convictions in 1937 than in the preceding year. Criminal negligence, illicit stills, keepers and inmates of bawdy houses, offences against public morals, offences against the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, perjury, and breach of revenue laws show increases during 1937 but there are decreases in convictions for attempted suicide, carrying unlawful weapons, conspiracy, gambling and lotteries, intimidation, prison breach and escape, riot and unlawful assembly, sodomy, breaches of the Trade Mark Act, and miscellaneous.

Details are given in Tables 8 to 11.

8.—Indictable Offences, by Classes, years ended Sept. 30, 1935-37.

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

Class and Offence.	1935.		1936.		1937.	
	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.	Charges.	Convictions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences against the Person.						
Abduction.....	21	13	40	17	27	18
Abortion and attempt.....	39	26	49	27	43	26
Assault, aggravated.....	1,376	940	1,476	929	1,408	965
Assault, common.....	1,622	1,212	2,044	1,577	1,920	1,475
Assault on females.....	171	129	131	93	143	101
Assault on wife.....	207	173	196	157	241	189
Assault, indecent.....	274	195	306	195	285	184
Assault on and obstructing police.....	592	515	714	647	1,070	963
Bigamy.....	56	47	46	40	71	56
Blackmail.....	25	16	30	19	26	22
Carnal knowledge.....	177	108	192	128	187	141
Cause injury by fast driving.....	32	19	45	28	51	24
Concealment of birth.....	13	11	8	6	16	15
Desertion and cruelty to children.....	17	11	16	13	6	2
Endangering life on railway.....	20	20	17	15	32	30
Incest.....	74	59	90	75	56	43
Libel.....	17	10	13	9	11	7
Manslaughter.....	135	41	126	59	148	44
Murder.....	46	15	47	22	35	13
Murder, attempt to commit.....	21	13	37	25	17	12
Non-support of family.....	255	157	319	194	404	304
Procuration.....	77	63	54	37	71	43
Rape.....	26	14	24	9	33	14
Rape, attempt to commit.....	12	8	12	12	8	7
Seduction.....	57	30	47	24	38	21
Shooting and wounding.....	146	113	144	90	153	99
Wife desertion.....	8	7	14	10	8	6
Other offences against the person.....	28	20	1	-	-	-
Totals, Class I.....	5,574	3,985	6,338	4,457	6,506	4,524