

In 1938, each province, with the exception of Saskatchewan and the Territories, showed an increase in the number of convictions for indictable offences.

7.—Charges, Convictions, and Percentages of Acquittals of Adults for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1936-38.

Province.	1936.		1937.		1938.		Percentages of Acquittals.		
	Charges.	Con- victions.	Charges.	Con- victions.	Charges.	Con- victions.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Prince Edward Island.....	83	75	122	98	246	225	9.6	19.7	9.3
Nova Scotia.....	1,389	1,147	1,214	1,081	1,437	1,269	17.4	11.0	13.2
New Brunswick.....	806	744	826	759	1,013	912	7.7	8.1	11.1
Quebec.....	10,626	9,497	8,879	7,781	11,549	10,277	10.6	12.4	12.4
Ontario.....	16,639	13,594	17,896	14,569	21,114	17,248	18.3	18.6	22.4
Manitoba.....	3,106	2,631	3,428	2,839	3,593	3,041	15.3	17.2	18.1
Saskatchewan.....	2,491	2,194	3,445	3,083	2,838	2,555	11.9	10.5	11.1
Alberta.....	3,880	3,138	4,361	3,589	4,269	3,619	19.1	17.7	18.0
British Columbia.....	3,501	3,021	3,774	3,331	4,924	4,443	13.7	11.7	10.8
Yukon and N.W.T.....	20	18	23	18	15	10	10.0	21.7	50.0
Canada.....	42,541	36,059	43,968	37,148	50,998	43,599	15.2	15.5	17.0

Classes of Indictable Offences and Analyses of Convictions.—Indictable offences are divided under the Canadian system into six main classes, as shown in Table 8. With the exception of Class IV, in which the decrease was slight, each of the classes showed an increase in 1938 over 1937. Convictions for indictable offences in 1938 numbered 43,599, being 17.4 p.c. higher than the 1937 figure of 37,148. Convictions for driving while drunk, which was formerly a non-indictable offence, accounted for 1,877 convictions of this increase; burglary, house-warehouse- and shop-breaking for 865; offences against gambling and lottery Acts 721; theft 707; and assault on and obstructing police 402.

8.—Indictable Offences of Adults, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1936-38.

Class and Offence.	1936.		1937.		1938.	
	Charges.	Con- victions.	Charges.	Con- victions.	Charges.	Con- victions.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences Against the Person.						
Abduction.....	40	17	27	18	33	22
Abortion and attempt.....	49	27	43	26	46	28
Assault, aggravated.....	1,476	929	1,408	965	1,558	1,074
Assault, common.....	2,044	1,577	1,920	1,475	2,012	1,565
Assault on females.....	131	93	143	101	125	81
Assault on wife.....	196	157	241	189	244	198
Assault, indecent.....	306	195	285	184	365	262
Assault on and obstructing police.....	714	647	1,070	963	1,510	1,365
Bigamy.....	46	40	71	56	43	34
Blackmail.....	30	19	26	22	33	28
Carnal knowledge.....	192	128	187	141	159	108
Cause injury by fast driving.....	45	28	51	24	51	29
Concealment of birth.....	8	6	16	15	20	17
Desertion and cruelty to children.....	16	13	6	2	24	21
Endangering life on railway.....	17	15	32	30	21	20
Incest.....	90	75	56	43	81	68
Libel.....	13	9	11	7	19	12
Manslaughter.....	126	59	148	44	139	46
Murder.....	47	22	35	13	45	22
Murder, attempt to commit.....	37	25	17	12	21	9
Non-support of family.....	319	194	404	304	601	410
Procuration.....	54	37	71	43	81	56
Rape.....	24	9	33	14	53	27
Rape, attempt to commit.....	12	12	8	7	18	10
Seduction.....	47	24	38	21	37	19