

In 1939, each province, with the exception of British Columbia and the Territories, showed an increase in the number of convictions for indictable offences.

7.—Charges, Convictions, and Percentages of Acquittals of Adults Charged with Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1937-39

Province	1937		1938		1939		Percentages of Acquittals		
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	1937	1938	1939
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Prince Edward Island.....	122	98	246	225	280	268	19.7	7.7	4.3
Nova Scotia.....	1,214	1,081	1,437	1,269	1,875	1,635	11.0	11.7	12.8
New Brunswick.....	826	759	1,013	912	1,205	1,107	8.1	10.0	8.1
Quebec.....	8,879	7,781	11,549	10,277	11,884	10,804	12.4	11.0	8.3
Ontario.....	17,896	14,569	21,114	17,248	24,736	19,804	18.6	18.3	19.9
Manitoba.....	3,428	2,839	3,593	3,041	3,730	3,220	17.2	15.4	13.7
Saskatchewan.....	3,445	3,083	2,838	2,555	3,710	3,450	10.5	10.0	6.7
Alberta.....	4,361	3,589	4,269	3,619	4,732	4,087	17.7	15.2	13.6
British Columbia.....	3,774	3,331	4,924	4,443	4,168	3,701	11.7	9.8	11.2
Yukon and N.W.T.....	23	18	15	10	32	31	21.7	33.3	3.2
Canada.....	43,968	37,148	50,998	43,599	56,352	48,107	15.5	14.3	14.6

Classes of Indictable Offences and Analyses of Convictions.—Increases were recorded in all classes, except Class I, Offences Against the Person; the 1939 total of convictions being 10.3 p.c. higher than the 1938 figure. Of this increase, Class V, Forgery and Other Offences Against the Currency, was the largest contributor, the figure being 2,126 as compared to 1,319 in 1938.

8.—Indictable Offences of Adults, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1937-39

Class and Offence	1937		1938		1939	
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences Against the Person						
Abduction.....	27	18	33	22	26	23
Abortion and attempt.....	43	26	46	28	51	37
Assault, aggravated.....	1,408	965	1,558	1,074	1,735	1,255
Assault, common.....	1,920	1,475	2,012	1,565	2,229	1,741
Assault on females.....	143	101	125	81	158	107
Assault on wife.....	241	189	244	198	223	182
Assault, indecent.....	285	184	365	262	336	257
Assault on and obstructing police.....	1,070	963	1,510	1,365	923	860
Bigamy.....	71	56	43	34	42	41
Blackmail.....	26	22	33	28	48	33
Carnal knowledge.....	187	141	159	108	153	116
Cause injury by fast driving.....	51	24	51	29	26	11
Concealment of birth.....	16	15	20	17	14	12
Desertion and cruelty to children.....	6	2	24	21	20	16
Endangering life on railway.....	32	30	21	20	20	18
Incest.....	56	43	81	68	80	62
Libel.....	11	7	19	12	39	19
Manslaughter.....	148	44	139	46	142	56
Murder.....	35	13	45	22	37	14
Murder, attempt to commit.....	17	12	21	9	19	10
Non-support of family.....	404	304	601	410	525	394
Procuration.....	71	43	81	56	84	58
Rape.....	33	14	53	27	42	16
Rape, attempt to commit.....	8	7	18	10	18	12
Seduction.....	38	21	37	19	41	22