

**Acquittals.**—In 1939, each province, with the exception of British Columbia, showed an increase as compared with 1938 in the number of convictions for indictable offences. In 1940, the number of convictions was less than in 1939 for each of the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and for the Territories. Only in the case of British Columbia, however, did the level drop below that of 1938. On the other hand, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta each showed a rising progression throughout the three-year period.

**7.—Charges, Convictions, and Percentages of Acquittals of Adults Charged with Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-40**

Province	1938		1939		1940		Percentages of Acquittals		
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	1938	1939	1940
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Prince Edward Island.....	246	225	280	268	260	251	7.7	4.3	3.5
Nova Scotia.....	1,437	1,269	1,875	1,635	1,825	1,573	11.7	12.8	13.8
New Brunswick.....	1,013	912	1,205	1,107	1,199	1,131	10.0	8.1	5.7
Quebec.....	11,549	10,277	11,884	10,804	13,112	12,152	11.0	8.3	7.3
Ontario.....	21,114	17,248	24,736	19,804	21,448	17,558	18.3	19.9	18.1
Manitoba.....	3,593	3,041	3,730	3,220	3,768	3,353	15.4	13.7	11.0
Saskatchewan.....	2,838	2,555	3,710	3,450	3,135	2,886	10.0	6.7	7.9
Alberta.....	4,269	3,619	4,732	4,087	4,908	4,411	15.2	13.6	10.1
British Columbia.....	4,924	4,443	4,168	3,701	3,837	3,392	9.8	11.2	11.6
Yukon and N.W.T.....	15	10	32	31	24	16	33.3	3.2	33.3
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>50,998</b>	<b>43,599</b>	<b>56,352</b>	<b>48,107</b>	<b>53,516</b>	<b>46,723</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>

**Classes of Indictable Offences and Analyses of Convictions.**—The 1940 convictions were 3 p.c. lower than in 1939, when they showed an increase of 10.3 p.c., compared with the previous year. Decreases in 1940 were shown for all classes except Class IV—Malicious Offences Against Property, and Class VI—Other Offences not included in Classes I-V.

**8.—Indictable Offences of Adults, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-40**

Class and Offence	1938		1939		1940	
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Class I.—Offences Against the Person</b>						
Abduction.....	33	22	26	23	29	13
Assaults.....	5,080	4,004	4,887	3,856	4,549	3,632
Offences against females.....	1,221	864	1,197	879	1,260	923
Manlaughter and murder.....	184	68	179	70	152	65
Attempted murder; shooting and wound- ing.....	136	95	150	105	125	85
Non-support, desertion.....	625	431	545	410	539	414
Other offences against the person.....	187	140	190	135	164	136
<b>Totals, Class I.....</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>7,174</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,818</b>	<b>5,268</b>
<b>Class II.—Offences Against Property With Violence</b>						
Burglary and robbery.....	6,187	5,509	6,892	6,147	6,074	5,416
<b>Totals, Class II.....</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>6,892</b>	<b>6,147</b>	<b>6,074</b>	<b>5,416</b>