

7.—Charges, Convictions, and Percentages of Acquittals of Adults Charged with Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-43

Province or Territory	1941		1942		1943		Percentages of Acquittals		
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	1941	1942	1943
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Prince Edward Island.....	217	207	226	205	184	174	4.8	10.2	5.7
Nova Scotia.....	1,999	1,675	1,892	1,646	2,020	1,725	19.3	14.9	17.1
New Brunswick.....	1,260	1,185	1,119	1,063	1,268	1,211	6.3	5.3	4.7
Quebec.....	12,433	11,514	11,167	10,269	12,581	11,669	8.0	8.7	7.8
Ontario.....	19,280	15,861	18,457	15,070	20,175	16,779	21.6	22.5	20.2
Manitoba.....	3,210	2,811	2,731	2,419	2,305	2,060	14.2	12.9	11.9
Saskatchewan.....	3,412	3,106	2,805	2,621	2,312	2,213	9.9	7.0	4.5
Alberta.....	3,846	3,263	3,721	3,193	3,057	2,787	17.9	16.5	9.7
British Columbia.....	3,340	2,996	3,130	2,792	3,475	3,092	11.5	12.1	12.4
Yukon and N.W.T.....	29	28	35	31	43	42	3.6	12.9	2.4
Canada.....	49,026	42,646	45,283	39,309	47,420	41,752	15.0	15.2	13.6

Classes of Indictable Offences and Analyses of Convictions.—Convictions in 1943 were 6.2 p.c. higher than in 1942. Theft, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, receiving stolen goods, forgery and uttering and gambling, which account for the greatest percentage of all indictable offences, were leaders in the decline of indictable crime during the war years. They were also the leaders in the heavy increase in indictable crime during the four years preceding the war. Convictions for theft increased 27.2 p.c. in the four pre-war years and decreased 17.7 p.c. during the first four years of the War. Theft comprises nearly one-fourth of all indictable crime.

8.—Indictable Offences of Adults, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-43

Class and Offence	1941		1942		1943	
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences Against the Person						
Abduction.....	21	19	21	11	18	13
Assaults.....	4,906	3,914	5,440	4,301	5,065	4,088
Offences against females.....	776	567	800	540	1,183	902
Manslaughter and murder.....	158	60	159	68	118	44
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	145	108	134	92	173	131
Non-support, desertion.....	509	380	412	325	439	298
Other offences against the person.....	150	94	152	128	153	134
Totals, Class I.....	6,665	5,142	7,118	5,465	7,149	5,610
Class II.—Offences Against Property With Violence						
Burglary and robbery.....	4,727	4,217	4,406	3,920	4,783	4,223
Totals, Class II.....	4,727	4,217	4,406	3,920	4,783	4,223
Class III.—Offences Against Property Without Violence						
Bringing stolen goods into Canada.....	5	5	4	4	Nil	-
Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....	3,292	2,791	2,859	2,478	2,074	1,870
Receiving stolen goods.....	1,728	1,351	1,542	1,183	1,869	1,391
Thefts.....	13,462	11,632	12,685	11,056	13,840	12,158
Totals, Class III.....	18,487	15,779	17,090	14,721	17,783	15,419