

8.—Charges, Convictions, and Percentages of Acquittals of Adults Charged with Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1942-44

Province or Territory	1942		1943		1944		Percentages of Acquittals		
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	1942	1943	1944
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
Prince Edward Island.....	226	205	184	174	275	262	9.3	5.4	4.7
Nova Scotia.....	1,892	1,646	2,020	1,725	2,129	1,782	13.0	14.6	16.3
New Brunswick.....	1,119	1,063	1,268	1,211	1,361	1,310	5.0	4.5	3.7
Quebec.....	11,167	10,269	12,581	11,669	11,468	10,386	8.0	7.2	9.4
Ontario.....	18,457	15,070	20,175	16,779	20,973	17,613	18.4	16.8	16.0
Manitoba.....	2,731	2,419	2,305	2,060	2,715	2,420	11.4	10.6	10.9
Saskatchewan.....	2,805	2,621	2,312	2,213	2,228	2,074	6.6	4.3	6.9
Alberta.....	3,721	3,193	3,057	2,787	3,494	3,164	14.2	8.8	9.4
British Columbia.....	3,130	2,792	3,475	3,092	3,882	3,418	10.8	11.0	12.0
Yukon and N.W.T.....	35	31	43	42	99	82	11.4	2.3	17.2
Canada.....	45,283	39,309	47,426	41,752	48,624	42,511	13.2	12.0	12.6

Classes of Indictable Offences and Analyses of Convictions.—Convictions for 1944 were 1.82 p.c. higher than in 1943. Theft, assault, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, receiving stolen goods, forgery and uttering, gambling and “keepers and inmates of bawdy houses”, accounted for the highest percentage of all indictable offences, but were leaders in the decline of indictable offences during the War. They were also leaders in the heavy increase of indictable crime during the five years preceding the War. Convictions for theft, which had shown a 21.4 p.c. increase in the five pre-war years, decreased 22.0 p.c. during the five war years. Theft comprises over one-fourth of all indictable crime.

9.—Indictable Offences of Adults, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1942-44

Class and Offence	1942		1943		1944	
	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions	Charges	Con- victions
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences Against the Person						
Abduction.....	21	11	18	13	42	30
Assault.....	5,440	4,301	5,065	4,088	5,276	4,183
Offences against females.....	800	540	1,183	902	1,097	795
Manslaughter and murder.....	159	68	118	44	140	58
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	134	92	173	131	119	99
Non-support, desertion.....	412	325	439	298	410	255
Other offences against the person.....	152	128	153	134	151	129
Totals, Class I.....	7,118	5,465	7,149	5,610	7,235	5,549
Class II.—Offences Against Property With Violence						
Burglary and robbery.....	4,406	3,920	4,783	4,223	5,883	5,291
Totals, Class II.....	4,406	3,920	4,783	4,223	5,883	5,291
Class III.—Offences Against Property Without Violence						
Bringing stolen goods into Canada.....	4	4	Nil	—	2	2
Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....	2,859	2,478	2,074	1,870	2,114	1,877
Receiving stolen goods.....	1,542	1,183	1,869	1,391	2,017	1,458
Theft.....	12,685	11,056	13,840	12,158	14,204	12,565
Totals, Class III.....	17,090	14,721	17,783	15,419	18,337	15,902