

**5.—Convictions of Females for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended
Sept. 30, 1943-47**

| Province or Territory | Numbers of Convictions | | | | | Percentages of Females Convicted to Total Convictions | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 15 | 20 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 5.2 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 100 | 94 | 89 | 69 | 61 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| New Brunswick..... | 83 | 126 | 75 | 70 | 67 | 6.9 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Quebec..... | 3,422 | 1,574 | 783 | 620 | 433 | 29.4 | 15.2 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 5.9 |
| Ontario..... | 1,463 | 1,251 | 1,296 | 1,388 | 1,481 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| Manitoba..... | 246 | 241 | 199 | 241 | 294 | 11.9 | 10.2 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 10.5 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 188 | 166 | 168 | 180 | 152 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 7.0 |
| Alberta..... | 253 | 253 | 281 | 229 | 246 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 |
| British Columbia..... | 361 | 372 | 369 | 353 | 314 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 7.6 |
| Yukon and N.W.T..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 9.2 | 2.6 |
| Canada..... | 6,132 | 4,104 | 3,275 | 3,168 | 3,053 | 14.7 | 9.7 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 |

Multiple Convictions.—The total number of convictions for any one year must not be confused with the total number of persons convicted for the same period since persons tried for indictable offences are, in many cases, convicted for more than one offence at the same trial. The trend of such multiple convictions is of value to students of sociology. They occur more often in cases of forgery and uttering, false pretences and fraud, theft and receiving stolen goods, burglary and offences against the Wartime Prices and Trade Board Act.

6.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1943-47

| Item | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Persons Convicted of— | | | | | |
| 2 offences..... | 2,330 | 2,248 | 2,155 | 2,387 | 2,364 |
| 3 "..... | 590 | 617 | 597 | 627 | 646 |
| 4 "..... | 249 | 261 | 293 | 304 | 308 |
| 5 "..... | 132 | 134 | 136 | 129 | 157 |
| 6 "..... | 101 | 103 | 112 | 111 | 111 |
| 7 "..... | 36 | 55 | 60 | 68 | 46 |
| 8 "..... | 37 | 50 | 33 | 51 | 47 |
| 9 "..... | 19 | 22 | 34 | 34 | 41 |
| 10 "..... | 16 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 26 |
| 11 to 20 offences..... | 60 | 47 | 50 | 73 | 83 |
| 21 offences or over..... | 11 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 33 |
| Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence... | 3,581 | 3,568 | 3,498 | 3,817 | 3,862 |
| Totals, Convicted of One Offence..... | 31,019 | 31,716 | 31,097 | 34,886 | 31,271 |
| Grand Totals..... | 34,600 | 35,284 | 34,595 | 38,703 | 35,133 |

Acquittals in Relation to Convictions and Recidivism.—The ratio of acquittals to convictions for indictable offences for the period 1943-47 averaged 13.1 p.c. The percentage varies greatly as between the provinces. In 1947, Ontario showed the highest percentage of acquittals with Quebec second and Nova Scotia third; Yukon and the Northwest Territories had the lowest percentage—only 2.5 p.c.

The ratio of repeaters was slightly higher in 1947 than it has been for the last five years when it was, approximately, one in every three convicted persons. In these statistics, a person is considered a second offender, or repeater, if convicted of two crimes or more, even though there may be only one court hearing. This tends to exaggerate the problem of recidivism, and it should be recognized that the number of convictions is affected by multiple convictions.