

Convictions of Females.—There were fewer convictions of females for indictable offences in 1948 than in any other of the past 20 years. As compared with 1947, the only provinces reporting appreciable increases were Quebec and Manitoba. Ontario showed the most marked numerical decrease though New Brunswick and British Columbia each had a greater percentage decrease.

5.—Convictions of Females for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48

Province or Territory	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of Females Convicted to Total Convictions				
	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Prince Edward Island.....	20	12	6	1	2	7.6	5.2	1.9	0.6	1.6
Nova Scotia.....	94	89	69	61	62	5.3	4.2	3.1	3.3	4.0
New Brunswick.....	126	75	70	67	51	9.6	6.0	4.7	4.6	4.4
Quebec.....	1,574	783	620	433	551	15.2	8.2	7.2	5.9	6.7
Ontario.....	1,251	1,296	1,388	1,481	1,295	7.1	7.5	6.5	7.3	7.3
Manitoba.....	241	199	241	294	387	10.2	7.9	8.5	10.5	12.1
Saskatchewan.....	166	168	180	152	142	8.0	7.6	7.2	7.0	8.2
Alberta.....	258	281	229	246	243	8.2	8.8	6.5	6.4	7.0
British Columbia.....	372	369	353	314	262	10.9	10.6	9.0	7.6	6.0
Yukon and N.W.T.....	2	3	12	4	4	2.4	3.4	9.2	2.6	3.1
Canada.....	4,104	3,275	3,168	3,053	2,999	9.7	7.8	6.8	6.9	7.2

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, theft, receiving stolen goods, burglary and robbery.

6.—Persons Convicted of more than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48

Item	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	2,248	2,155	2,387	2,364	2,260
3 ".....	617	597	627	646	590
4 ".....	261	293	304	308	332
5 ".....	134	136	129	157	154
6 ".....	103	112	111	111	98
7 ".....	55	60	68	46	56
8 ".....	50	33	51	47	47
9 ".....	22	34	34	41	42
10 ".....	20	17	17	26	27
11 to 20 offences.....	47	50	73	83	93
21 offences or over.....	11	11	16	33	25
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence....	3,568	3,498	3,817	3,862	3,724
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	31,716	31,097	34,886	31,271	28,959
Grand Totals.....	35,284	34,595	38,703	35,133	32,683

Acquittals in Relation to Convictions and Recidivism.—The ratio of acquittals to convictions for indictable offences for the period 1944-48 averaged 13 p.c. The percentage varied greatly as between the provinces. In 1948, Nova Scotia showed the highest percentage of acquittals with Ontario second and Quebec third; New Brunswick had the lowest percentage.

The ratio of repeaters was higher in 1948 than for any of the past five years. In 1947, the percentage of second and repeated convictions was 36 while in 1948 it was 39 p.c. In these statistics, a person is considered a second offender or repeater