

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.

7.—Charges, Acquittals and Convictions respecting Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48

Item	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Charges.....	48,624	48,263	53,959	50,681	48,066
Acquittals.....	6,072	6,257	6,983	6,578	6,403
Persons detained for insanity.....	41	41	37	47	31
Convictions.....	42,511	41,965	46,939	44,056	41,632
Males.....	38,407	38,690	43,771	41,003	38,633
Females.....	4,104	3,275	3,168	3,053	2,999
First convictions.....	29,016	28,832	31,708	28,329	25,400
Second convictions.....	4,437	4,322	4,854	4,908	4,608
Reiterated convictions.....	9,058	8,811	10,377	10,819	11,624

8.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals respecting Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1947 and 1948

Province or Territory	1947			1948		
	Charges	Convictions	Acquittals	Charges	Convictions	Acquittals
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	186	177	4.8	136	127	6.6
Nova Scotia.....	2,135	1,843	13.7	1,937	1,550	20.0
New Brunswick.....	1,554	1,468	5.5	1,220	1,170	4.1
Quebec.....	8,448	7,279	13.8	9,336	8,176	12.4
Ontario.....	24,125	20,178	16.4	21,382	17,705	17.2
Manitoba.....	3,023	2,808	7.1	3,453	3,207	7.1
Saskatchewan.....	2,326	2,172	6.6	1,871	1,737	7.2
Alberta.....	4,089	3,850	5.8	3,699	3,462	6.4
British Columbia.....	4,635	4,125	11.0	4,895	4,389	10.7
Yukon and N.W.T.....	160	156	2.5	137	129	5.8
Canada.....	50,681	44,056	13.1	48,066	41,632	13.4

Sentences.—The proportion of fines to other types of sentence has gradually lowered in each of the past five years; in 1944 it was 41 p.c. and in 1948, 30 p.c.; as a consequence, commitments to gaol increased each year during the same period from 37 p.c. in 1944 to 45 p.c. in 1948. Penitentiary sentences remained fairly constant at 7 p.c. with a slight increase to 9 p.c. in 1948, and suspended sentences were about 15 p.c. of the total each year.

9.—Sentences for Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48

Sentence	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Option of fine.....	17,367	16,900	18,789	15,077	12,680
Gaol—					
Under one year.....	11,134	11,189	12,747	13,004	12,926
One year or over.....	1,569	1,664	1,976	2,157	2,460
Reformatory.....	3,038	2,912	3,138	3,349	3,233
Penitentiary—					
Two years and under five.....	2,594	2,389	2,874	2,763	3,134
Five years or over.....	426	559	708	417	725
Life.....	6	2	8	5	3
Death.....	14	17	32	18	19
Suspended sentence or other disposition.....	6,363	6,333	6,667	7,266	6,452
Totals.....	42,511	41,965	46,939	44,056	41,632