

Section 4.—Appeals

In the calendar year 1948, 12 p.c. of the appeals in indictable cases resulted in the convictions being quashed. Appeals were dismissed in 66 p.c. of the cases, and new trials were directed in 7 p.c. of the cases while 16 p.c. of the sentences were varied. In non-indictable cases 53 p.c. of the appeals were dismissed, 36 p.c. of the convictions were quashed and 11 p.c. of the sentences were varied.

17.—Appeals in Indictable and Non-Indictable Cases, by Provinces, 1948

Province or Court	Appeals Disposed of by Courts	Methods of Disposal			
		Con- victions Quashed	Dismissed	New Trial Directed	Sentence Varied
INDICTABLE CASES					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	1	—	—	—	1
Nova Scotia.....	9	—	7	1	1
New Brunswick.....	9	1	6	—	2
Quebec.....	74	13	54	2	5
Ontario.....	341	53	200	20	63
Manitoba.....	33	2	24	1	6
Saskatchewan.....	21	1	9	2	9
Alberta.....	85	13	52	10	10
British Columbia.....	214	7	168	11	28
Supreme Court of Canada.....	12	—	7	5	—
Totals.....	799	95	527	52	125
NON-INDICTABLE CASES					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	34	8	12	1	13
Nova Scotia.....	80	23	49	—	3
New Brunswick.....	13	5	7	—	1
Quebec.....	54	16	36	—	2
Ontario.....	304	120	157	—	27
Manitoba.....	11	3	5	—	3
Saskatchewan.....	26	11	13	—	2
Alberta.....	39	11	21	—	7
British Columbia.....	38	13	20	—	5
Totals.....	599	215	320	1	63

PART II.—OFFENCES OF YOUTHS

Indictable Offences.—In 1948 more than one-third (40 p.c.) of all indictable crimes were committed by young people between the ages of 16 and 24 years. As this age group includes the most daring offenders and at the same time those most likely to profit by education and training, it seems worthwhile to give consideration to it as distinct from the confirmed or older offenders groups. Where proper segregation in reformatories and penitentiaries is possible young offenders will be found more often in the open reformatories or institutions conducted on the Borstal system.

Offenders in this age group, although comprising only about 16 p.c. of total population over 16 years of age, were responsible in 1948 for 67 p.c. of the crimes of burglary and robbery, 45 p.c. of all cases of damage to property without violence and 49 p.c. of the malicious damage to property including arson.