

7.—Persons Charged and Convicted and Percentages respecting Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1949 and 1950

Province or Territory	1949			1950		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....
Prince Edward Island.....	125	119	95.2	131	124	94.7
Nova Scotia.....	1,954	1,522	77.9	1,964	1,464	74.5
New Brunswick.....	841	787	93.6	946	905	95.7
Quebec.....	8,004	6,923	86.5	7,252	6,417	88.5
Ontario.....	15,267	12,577	82.4	15,691	12,818	81.7
Manitoba.....	1,725	1,614	93.6	1,889	1,802	95.4
Saskatchewan.....	1,221	1,133	92.8	1,213	1,134	93.5
Alberta.....	2,481	2,305	92.9	2,589	2,401	92.7
British Columbia.....	4,411	3,839	87.0	4,644	4,178	90.0
Yukon and N.W.T.....	105	103	98.1	158	142	89.9
Canada.....	36,134	30,922	85.6	36,477	31,385	86.0

Sentences.—The types of sentences were in much the same proportion in 1949 and 1950. In the latter year 29.1 p.c. of persons convicted of indictable crimes were fined; 38.1 p.c. were sent to gaol without option of fine, 6.5 p.c. were committed to reformatories and 6.6 p.c. to penitentiaries, and 19.6 p.c. were given suspended sentence or put on probation. Eighteen males and one female were given the death sentence.

8.—Sentences given Persons for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Year Ended Sept. 30, 1950, with Totals for 1949

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Sentence	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada 1950	Canada 1949
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Option of fine.....	41	471	328	1,908	2,974	475	394	867	1,643	39	9,140	9,666
Gaol—												
Under one year..	49	492	334	2,519	3,773	561	485	804	1,257	80	10,354	10,022
One year or over.	5	12	6	535	315	161	91	206	267	9	1,607	1,601
Reformatory.....	—	7	4	60	1,846	39	—	7	91	—	2,054	1,964
Penitentiary—												
Two years and under five.....	5	150	79	543	461	53	44	146	248	5	1,734	1,518
Five years or over.....	—	11	4	129	78	12	3	28	59	1	325	268
Life.....	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	5	2
Preventive detention.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1
Death.....	—	—	—	6	4	2	1	3	3	—	19	26
Suspended sentence or other disposition.....	24	321	150	714	3,366	499	116	339	608	8	6,145	5,854
Totals.....	124	1,464	905	6,417	12,818	1,802	1,134	2,401	4,178	142	31,385	30,922

Court Proceedings.—The 1950 figures show that 68.3 p.c. of the persons tried by jury were convicted; speedy trials (by court after waiver of jury trial) brought convictions in 75.1 p.c. of the cases and summary trials by magistrates ended in convictions in 87.3 p.c. of the cases.

Of persons charged on indictment, 90.9 p.c. were tried by magistrate or family court judge, 2.5 p.c. by judge and jury and 6.6 p.c. by judge alone.

Tables 9 and 10 summarize court proceedings for the year ended Sept. 30, 1950.