

## 7.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences and Disposition of Cases, 1951 and 1952

Item	1951	1952	Item	1951	1952
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charges.....	34,181	35,086	Convictions—		
Acquittals.....	5,048	5,070	Males.....	27,044	27,785
Disagreement of jury.....	4	10	Females.....	1,936	1,976
Stay of proceedings.....	89	131	First convictions.....	15,881	14,565
No bill and <i>nolle prosequi</i> .....	20	63	Second convictions.....	2,502	2,448
Detention because of insanity.....	40	51	Reiterated convictions.....	5,975	6,162
			Not given.....	4,622	6,586

**Sentences.**—The types of sentences were in much the same proportion in 1951 and 1952. In the latter year, 31.9 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable crimes were fined, 36.2 p.c. were sent to gaol without option of fine, 6.4 p.c. were committed to reformatories and 6.4 p.c. to penitentiaries, and 19.0 p.c. were given suspended sentences or put on probation. Five habitual criminals were given preventive detention. Eight persons received life sentences and 17 were given the death penalty.

## 8.—Sentences given for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1952 with Totals for 1951

Sentence	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada 1952	Canada 1951
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Option of fine....	240	31	440	306	1,799	3,399	470	423	866	1,494	21	9,489	8,776
Gaol—													
Under one year.....	188	33	373	252	2,159	3,453	409	416	786	1,048	52	9,169	9,378
One year or over.....	21	2	18	8	374	293	175	97	297	326	2	1,613	1,479
Reformatory.....	—	—	8	7	38	1,699	59	9	13	71	—	1,904	1,705
Penitentiary—													
Two years and under five.....	8	6	85	59	614	429	62	28	149	201	1	1,642	1,605
Five years or over.....	1	1	8	1	110	89	6	3	19	29	—	267	278
Life.....	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	1	—	8	6
Preventive deten- tion.....	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	5	1
Death.....	—	—	1	—	3	8	—	—	3	2	—	17	15
Suspended sentence or other disposi- tion.....	76	16	282	149	626	3,088	450	97	318	530	15	5,647	5,737
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>12,464</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>29,761</b>	<b>28,980</b>

**Court Proceedings.**—In 1952, 62.0 p.c. of the persons tried by jury were convicted; speedy trials (by court after waiver of jury trial) brought convictions in 73.4 p.c. of the cases so tried and summary trials by magistrates ended in convictions in 86.3 p.c. of the cases.

Of persons charged on indictment, 90.7 p.c. were tried by magistrate or family and juvenile court judge, 6.6 p.c. in county and district courts and 2.6 p.c. in higher courts.