

Persons with Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1949-53. Multiple convictions occur most often in cases of forgery and uttering, false pretences, theft, receiving stolen goods and burglary.

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence 1949-53

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1951 are for the 12 months ended Sept. 30; those for 1951-53 are for the calendar year.

Item	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	2,593	1,769	1,669	2,409	3,248
3 ".....	814	507	562	759	971
4 ".....	363	275	248	360	437
5 ".....	195	174	162	186	259
6 ".....	120	108	117	144	222
7 ".....	63	70	75	106	122
8 ".....	63	50	50	79	92
9 ".....	46	46	26	51	67
10 ".....	56	31	32	47	52
11 to 20 offences.....	107	88	84	139	179
21 offences or over.....	30	14	28	50	57
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	4,450	3,132	3,053	4,330	5,706
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	26,472	28,253	25,927	25,431	23,861
Grand Totals.....	30,922	31,385	28,980	29,761	29,567

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable crimes in 1953, 86.9 p.c. were adjudged guilty; the convictions against males (87.3 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (81.3 p.c.) and varied greatly as between provinces. Prince Edward Island showed the highest percentage (99.6 p.c.) of convictions and Nova Scotia the lowest (80.5 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences by Province 1952 and 1953

Province or Territory	1952			1953		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p c.	No.	No.	p c.
Newfoundland.....	659	534	81.0	556	508	91.4
Prince Edward Island.....	93	89	95.7	271	270	99.6
Nova Scotia.....	1,703	1,216	71.4	1,917	1,543	80.5
New Brunswick.....	827	782	94.6	765	717	93.7
Quebec.....	6,506	5,723	88.0	6,970	6,122	87.8
Ontario.....	15,495	12,464	80.4	14,328	11,816	82.5
Manitoba.....	1,781	1,633	91.7	1,673	1,569	93.8
Saskatchewan.....	1,133	1,074	94.8	1,121	1,068	95.3
Alberta.....	2,642	2,452	92.8	2,395	2,300	96.0
British Columbia.....	4,156	3,703	89.1	3,957	3,582	90.5
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	91	91	100.0	74	72	97.3
Canada.....	35,086	29,761	84.8	34,027	29,567	86.9

In 1953, 46.9 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 8.7 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 18.4 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 26.0 p.c. were not obtained.