

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence 1951-55

Item	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	1,669	2,409	3,248	3,265	3,280
3 ".....	562	759	971	1,713	1,089
4 ".....	248	360	437	256	528
5 ".....	162	186	259	154	306
6 ".....	117	144	222	89	189
7 ".....	75	106	122	58	126
8 ".....	50	79	92	44	113
9 ".....	26	51	67	27	91
10 ".....	32	47	52	54	56
11 to 20 offences.....	84	139	179	194	200
21 offences or over.....	28	50	57	65	92
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	3,053	4,330	5,706	5,919	6,070
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	25,927	25,431	23,861	24,929	22,203
Grand Totals.....	28,980	29,761	29,567	30,848	28,273

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable crimes in 1955, 87.4 p.c. were adjudged guilty; the convictions against males (87.8 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (81.0 p.c.) and varied considerably between provinces. Prince Edward Island showed the highest percentage (99.2 p.c.) of convictions and Nova Scotia the lowest (79.8 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences by Province 1954 and 1955

Province or Territory	1954			1955		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p. c.	No.	No.	p. c.
Newfoundland.....	712	645	90.6	667	611	91.6
Prince Edward Island.....	171	171	100.0	130	129	99.2
Nova Scotia.....	1,915	1,526	79.7	1,967	1,570	79.8
New Brunswick.....	784	735	93.8	783	751	95.9
Quebec.....	7,302	6,525	89.4	7,248	6,391	88.2
Ontario.....	14,898	12,412	83.3	12,959	10,836	83.6
Manitoba.....	1,838	1,739	94.6	1,636	1,558	95.2
Saskatchewan.....	1,248	1,184	94.9	1,134	1,072	94.5
Alberta.....	2,487	2,383	95.8	2,385	2,251	94.4
British Columbia.....	3,866	3,471	89.8	3,456	3,102	89.8
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	57	57	100.0	2	2	100.0
Canada.....	35,278	30,848	87.4	32,367	28,273	87.4

In 1955, 45.6 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 8.8 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 19.0 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 26.6 p.c. were not obtained.

7.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences and Disposition of Cases and Recidivism, 1954 and 1955

Item	1954	1955	Item	1954	1955
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charges.....	35,278	32,367	Convictions of males.....	29,035	26,568
Acquittals.....	4,216	3,936	Convictions of females.....	1,813	1,705
Disagreement of jury.....	4	9	First convictions.....	13,082	12,894
Stay of proceedings.....	141	97	Second convictions.....	2,477	2,482
No bill and <i>nolle prosequi</i>	17	9	Reiterated convictions.....	5,639	5,369
Detention because of insanity.....	52	43	Not given.....	9,650	7,528