

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, 1953-57

Item	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences	3,248	3,265	3,280	3,463	4,308
3 offences	971	1,713	1,089	1,101	1,337
4 offences	437	256	528	607	826
5 offences	259	154	306	306	394
6 offences	222	89	189	209	259
7 offences	122	58	126	119	146
8 offences	92	44	113	108	159
9 offences	67	27	91	83	100
10 offences	52	54	56	69	87
11 to 20 offences	179	194	200	252	288
21 offences and over	57	65	92	76	95
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence	5,706	5,919	6,070	6,393	7,999
Totals, Convicted of One Offence	23,861	24,929	22,203	21,020	23,766
Grand Totals	29,567	30,848	28,273	27,413	31,765

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1957, 89.6 p.c. were adjudged guilty; the convictions against males (89.8 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (86.3 p.c.) and varied considerably between provinces. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick showed the highest percentage (97.5 p.c.) of convictions and Nova Scotia the lowest (84.4 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1956 and 1957

Province or Territory	1956			1957		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland	565	540	95.6	723	703	97.2
Prince Edward Island	68	68	100.0	80	78	97.5
Nova Scotia	1,293	1,119	86.5	1,462	1,234	84.4
New Brunswick	784	763	97.3	848	827	97.5
Quebec	6,445	5,710	88.6	7,394	6,678	90.3
Ontario	11,875	10,126	85.3	13,319	11,495	86.3
Manitoba	1,779	1,707	96.0	2,309	2,246	97.3
Saskatchewan	1,366	1,300	95.2	1,244	1,176	94.5
Alberta	2,714	2,540	93.6	3,274	3,045	93.0
British Columbia	3,900	3,491	89.5	4,736	4,216	89.0
Yukon and Northwest Territories	49	49	100.0	69	67	97.1
Canada	30,838	27,413	88.9	35,458	31,765	89.6

In 1957, 44.3 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 9.7 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 20.6 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 25.4 p.c. were not obtained.

7.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences, Disposition of Cases and Recidivism, 1956 and 1957

Item	1956	1957	Item	1956	1957
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charges	30,838	35,458	Convictions of males	25,837	30,003
Acquittals	3,316	3,564	Convictions of females	1,576	1,762
Disagreement of jury	11	5	First convictions	13,015	14,070
Stay of proceedings	53	69	Second convictions	2,267	3,083
No Bill	9	18	Reiterated convictions	5,264	6,557
Detention because of insanity	36	37	Not given	6,867	8,055