

Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1954-58. Multiple convictions occur most often in cases of forgery and uttering, false pretences, theft, having in possession, and breaking and entering.

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, 1954-58

Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	3,265	3,280	3,463	4,308	4,685
3 offences.....	1,713	1,089	1,101	1,337	1,469
4 offences.....	256	528	607	826	852
5 offences.....	154	306	306	394	463
6 offences.....	89	189	209	259	290
7 offences.....	58	126	119	146	191
8 offences.....	44	113	108	159	180
9 offences.....	27	91	83	100	110
10 offences.....	54	56	69	87	104
11 to 20 offences.....	194	200	252	288	364
21 offences and over.....	65	92	76	95	163
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	5,919	6,070	6,393	7,999	8,871
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	24,929	22,203	21,020	23,766	25,675
Grand Totals.....	30,848	28,273	27,413	31,765	34,546

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1958, 89.9 p.c. were adjudged guilty; the convictions against males (90.1 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (87.2 p.c.) and varied considerably between provinces. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island showed the highest percentages (98.5 and 97.1 p.c., respectively) of convictions and Ontario the lowest (87.0 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1957 and 1958

Province or Territory	1957			1958		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	723	703	97.2	604	575	95.2
Prince Edward Island.....	80	78	97.5	138	134	97.1
Nova Scotia.....	1,462	1,234	84.4	1,524	1,353	88.8
New Brunswick.....	848	827	97.5	1,006	991	98.5
Quebec.....	7,394	6,678	90.3	7,878	7,127	90.5
Ontario.....	13,319	11,495	86.3	14,896	12,953	87.0
Manitoba.....	2,309	2,246	97.3	1,550	1,501	96.8
Saskatchewan.....	1,244	1,176	94.5	1,629	1,558	95.6
Alberta.....	3,274	3,045	93.0	4,003	3,766	94.1
British Columbia.....	4,736	4,216	89.0	5,105	4,512	88.4
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	69	67	97.1	82	76	92.7
Canada.....	35,458	31,765	89.6	38,415	34,546	89.9