

In 1958, 40.8 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 10.0 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 23.8 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, 1957 and 1958

Item	1957	1958	Item	1957	1958
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charges.....	35,458	38,415	Convictions of males.....	30,003	32,512
Acquittals.....	3,564	3,686	Convictions of females.....	1,762	2,034
Disagreement of jury.....	5	7	First convictions.....	14,070	14,091
Stay of proceedings.....	69	128	Second convictions.....	3,083	3,470
No Bill.....	18	11	Reiterated convictions.....	6,557	8,209
Detention because of insanity.....	37	37	Not given.....	8,055	8,776

Sentences.—In 1958, 25.9 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences were fined, 34.0 p.c. were sent to gaol without option of fine, 6.3 p.c. were committed to reformatories and 8.3 p.c. to penitentiaries, and 25.5 p.c. were given suspended sentences with or without probation. One habitual criminal was given preventive detention, eight persons received a life sentence and 16 were given the death penalty. The proportions in 1958 were much the same as in recent preceding years.

8.—Sentences Given for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1958

Sentence	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Option of fine.....	210	37	389	289	1,467	3,130	479	1,157	581	1,181	14	8,934
Gaol—												
Under one year.....	152	48	321	318	2,237	3,128	348	521	1,407	1,203	48	9,731
One year or over.....	39	3	15	46	290	530	118	103	397	458	2	2,001
Reformatory.....	—	—	5	—	95	1,628	32	—	—	405	—	2,165
Penitentiary—												
Two years and under five.	11	9	174	99	892	533	67	254	77	342	6	2,464
Five years and under ten..	—	—	4	5	112	109	7	16	4	50	—	307
Ten years and under four-	—	—	1	—	40	29	—	2	—	8	—	80
teen.....	—	—	—	—	13	8	—	—	—	1	—	22
Fourteen years or over....	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	1	—	—	—	8
Life.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Death.....	—	—	2	1	2	6	1	—	2	2	—	16
Suspended sentence without probation.....	162	37	139	231	1,800	1,002	397	286	149	285	5	4,493
Suspended sentence with probation.....	1	—	302	2	175	2,848	52	244	123	577	1	4,325
Totals.....	575	134	1,353	991	7,127	12,953	1,501	2,584	2,740	4,512	76	34,546