

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1959, 89.3 p.c. were adjudged guilty; the convictions against males (89.6 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (85.9 p.c.) and varied considerably between provinces. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island showed the highest percentages (97.7 and 96.5 p.c., respectively) of convictions and Ontario the lowest (87.1 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1958 and 1959

Province or Territory	1958			1959		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
		No.	p.c.		No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	604	575	95.2	584	551	94.3
Prince Edward Island.....	138	134	97.1	86	83	96.5
Nova Scotia.....	1,524	1,353	88.8	1,546	1,362	88.1
New Brunswick.....	1,006	991	98.5	773	755	97.7
Quebec.....	7,878	7,127	90.5	7,095	6,252	88.1
Ontario.....	14,896	12,953	87.0	13,873	12,080	87.1
Manitoba.....	1,550	1,501	96.8	932	908	97.4
Saskatchewan.....	1,629	1,558	95.6	1,232	1,165	94.6
Alberta.....	4,003	3,766	94.1	3,584	3,402	94.9
British Columbia.....	5,105	4,512	88.4	4,984	4,416	88.6
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	82	76	92.7	123	118	95.9
Canada.....	38,415	34,546	89.9	34,812	31,093	89.3

In 1959, 31.2 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 13.7 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 35.5 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 19.6 p.c. were not obtained.

7.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences, Disposition of Cases and Recidivism, 1958 and 1959

Item	1958	1959	Item	1958	1959
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charges.....	38,415	34,812	Convictions of males.....	32,512	28,977
Acquittals.....	3,686	3,533	Convictions of females.....	2,034	2,115
Disagreement of jury.....	7	12	First convictions.....	14,091	9,715
Stay of proceedings.....	128	124	Second convictions.....	3,470	4,247
No Bill.....	11	11	Reiterated convictions.....	8,209	11,029
Detention because of insanity.....	37	40	Not given.....	8,776	6,101

Sentences.—In 1959, 22 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences were fined, 35.2 p.c. were sent to gaol without option of fine, 6.7 p.c. were committed to reformatories and 8.6 p.c. to penitentiaries, and 27.5 p.c. were given suspended sentences with or without probation. Two criminal sexual psychopaths and one habitual criminal were given preventive detention, four persons received a life sentence and 16 were given the death penalty. The proportions in 1959 were much the same as in recent preceding years.