

Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1957 to 1961. 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, 1957-61

Item	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	4,308	4,685	4,396	4,940	5,463
3 offences.....	1,337	1,469	1,515	1,904	2,040
4 offences.....	826	852	816	933	1,080
5 offences.....	394	463	474	569	593
6 offences.....	259	290	298	365	357
7 offences.....	146	191	215	256	279
8 offences.....	159	180	166	196	207
9 offences.....	100	110	109	155	146
10 offences.....	87	104	69	109	125
11 to 20 offences.....	288	364	334	392	423
21 offences or over.....	95	163	113	119	144
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	7,999	8,871	8,505	9,938	10,857
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	23,766	25,675	22,587	25,505	27,822
Grand Totals.....	31,765	34,546	31,092	35,443	38,679

Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1961, 89.6 p.c. were adjudged guilty. There was considerable variation among provinces with Prince Edward Island showing 100 p.c. and Ontario 86.3 p.c.

6.—Persons Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Province, 1960 and 1961

Province or Territory	1960			1961		
	Persons Charged	Persons Convicted		Persons Charged	Persons Convicted	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	491	469	95.5	722	703	97.4
Prince Edward Island.....	34	32	94.1	42	42	100.0
Nova Scotia.....	1,494	1,343	89.9	1,585	1,383	87.3
New Brunswick.....	911	888	97.5	1,051	1,038	98.8
Quebec.....	7,601	6,806	89.5	8,997	8,064	89.6
Ontario.....	15,458	13,482	87.2	16,198	13,985	86.3
Manitoba.....	2,122	2,050	96.6	2,514	2,368	94.2
Saskatchewan.....	1,546	1,463	94.6	1,826	1,743	95.5
Alberta.....	4,026	3,831	95.2	4,269	4,012	94.0
British Columbia.....	5,441	4,868	89.5	5,697	5,092	89.4
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	219	211	96.3	260	249	95.8
Canada.....	39,343	35,443	90.1	43,161	38,679	89.6

In 1961, 27.3 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 13.6 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 35.9 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 23.2 p.c. were not obtained.