

Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1958 to 1962. 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, 1958-62

Item	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	4,685	4,396	4,940	5,463	5,669
3 offences.....	1,409	1,515	1,904	2,040	2,046
4 offences.....	852	816	933	1,080	1,023
5 offences.....	463	474	569	593	594
6 offences.....	290	298	365	357	339
7 offences.....	191	215	256	279	262
8 offences.....	180	166	196	207	194
9 offences.....	110	109	155	146	140
10 offences.....	104	69	109	125	118
11 to 20 offences.....	364	334	392	423	416
21 offences or over.....	153	113	119	144	151
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	8,871	8,505	9,938	10,857	11,002
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	25,675	22,587	25,505	27,822	27,661
Grand Totals.....	34,546	31,092	35,443	38,679	38,663

Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1962, 90.0 p.c. were adjudged guilty. There was considerable variation among provinces with New Brunswick showing 98.0 p.c. and Ontario 86.7 p.c.

6.—Persons Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Province, 1961 and 1962

Province or Territory	1961			1962		
	Persons Charged	Persons Convicted		Persons Charged	Persons Convicted	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	722	703	97.4	951	905	95.2
Prince Edward Island.....	42	42	100.0	81	75	92.6
Nova Scotia.....	1,585	1,383	87.3	1,539	1,353	87.9
New Brunswick.....	1,051	1,038	98.8	1,218	1,194	98.0
Quebec.....	8,997	8,064	89.6	8,569	7,698	90.0
Ontario.....	16,198	13,985	86.3	15,872	13,764	86.7
Manitoba.....	2,514	2,368	94.2	2,347	2,191	93.4
Saskatchewan.....	1,826	1,743	95.5	1,770	1,675	94.6
Alberta.....	4,269	4,012	94.0	4,467	4,246	95.1
British Columbia.....	5,697	5,092	89.4	5,870	5,313	90.5
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	260	249	95.8	261	249	95.4
Canada.....	43,161	38,679	89.6	42,935	38,663	90.0

In 1962, 26.5 p.c. of the convicted persons had no previous conviction, 14.2 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 34.7 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 24.6 p.c. were not obtained.