

tabulated for each person. This offence is selected according to the following criteria: (1) if the person were tried on several charges, the offence selected is that for which proceedings were carried to the farthest stage—conviction and sentence; (2) if there were several convictions, the offence selected is that for which the heaviest punishment was awarded; (3) if the final result of proceedings on two or more charges were the same, the offence selected is the more serious one, as measured by the maximum penalty allowed by the law; (4) if a person were prosecuted for one offence and convicted of another—for example, charged with murder and convicted of manslaughter—the offence selected is the one for which the person was convicted.

In 1963 there were 47,616 adults charged with 86,674 indictable offences, of whom 42,914 were found guilty of 78,518 offences. In the previous year there were 42,935 adults charged with 81,181 indictable offences, of whom 38,663 were found guilty of 71,507 offences.

1.—Persons Charged and Persons Convicted of Indictable Offences, with Ratio per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over, by Province, 1962 and 1963

Province or Territory	Persons Charged		Persons Convicted				Persons Convicted per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over	
	1962	1963	1962		1963		1962	1963
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	951	902	905	95.2	872	96.7	343	322
Prince Edward Island.....	81	67	75	92.6	64	95.5	114	96
Nova Scotia.....	1,539	1,684	1,353	87.9	1,516	90.0	287	316
New Brunswick.....	1,218	1,315	1,194	98.0	1,283	97.6	327	339
Quebec.....	8,559	10,667	7,698	90.0	9,690	90.8	228	261
Ontario.....	15,872	17,079	13,764	86.7	14,785	86.6	329	348
Manitoba.....	2,347	2,344	2,191	93.4	2,231	95.2	357	358
Saskatchewan.....	1,770	1,986	1,675	94.6	1,869	94.1	282	314
Alberta.....	4,467	4,664	4,246	95.1	4,383	94.0	493	498
British Columbia.....	5,870	6,645	5,313	90.5	5,965	89.8	478	526
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	261	263	249	95.4	256	97.3	1,092	1,138
Canada.....	42,935	47,616	38,663	90.0	42,914	90.1	324	354

Table 2 classifies indictable offences by type of offence for 1962 and 1963. Class I covers offences against the person and in 1963 there were 5,786 males and 240 females convicted in this category, mostly for assaults of various kinds. Classes II to IV deal with offences against property. Thefts predominate among the offences in these classes, and breaking and entering and robbery, serious crimes which involve acts of violence, are the next most numerous. Class V deals with offences relating to currency and Class VI with miscellaneous offences; among the latter, the most numerous convictions are for offences connected with gaming, betting and lotteries. In 1963 there were 288 men and 122 women convicted under federal statutes of whom 191 men and 105 women were offenders under the Narcotic Control Act.