

Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions.—As shown in Table 1, p. 420, of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1963, 90.1 p.c. were adjudged guilty. There was, however, considerable variation among the provinces in this respect, the proportion ranging from 86.6 p.c. in Ontario to 97.6 p.c. in New Brunswick.

Table 6 shows that of the 42,914 persons convicted in 1963, 26.2 p.c. had no previous conviction, 14.5 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 34.2 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the other 25.1 p.c. were not obtained.

6.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences, Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions, 1962 and 1963

Item	1962	1963	Item	1962	1963
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charged	42,935	47,616	Males convicted	35,515	39,178
Acquitted	3,962	4,397	Females convicted	3,148	3,736
Disagreement of jury	1	7	First conviction	10,269	11,222
Stay of proceedings	243	195	Second conviction	5,479	6,213
No Bill	20	47	Reiterated convictions	13,405	14,691
Detained because of insanity	46	56	Not given	9,510	10,788

Sentences, Method of Trial and Court Proceedings.—Table 7 summarizes the sentences given for indictable offences, Table 8 shows the method of trial and disposition of cases, and Table 9 shows persons charged and convicted of indictable crimes according to trial court.

Two kinds of sentences maintain for a certain period of time a relationship between the person dealt with by the court and the legal institutions of a community—probation and commitment to an institution. There are several types of institutions to which a person can be committed, such as penitentiaries, reformatories, gaols and industrial farms. Theoretically, every institution has a specific purpose which is supposed to be taken into account when arriving at a legal decision. In practice, however, the availability of an institution in a given community is a factor in determining the decision rendered by the court.

7.—Sentences Given for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1963

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	247	10	384	390	1,954	3,595	546	409	1,267	1,249	47	10,098
Gaol—												
Under one year	232	19	385	316	3,127	3,247	544	775	1,298	2,064	162	12,169
One year or over	71	1	17	62	351	540	171	142	597	603	11	2,566
Reformatory	—	—	8	6	142	1,771	44	—	—	106	—	2,077
Penitentiary—												
Under two years	—	—	2	15	3	74	5	2	14	12	—	127
Two years and under five	41	12	185	120	811	770	158	117	220	408	5	2,847
Five years and under ten	1	—	7	7	113	107	5	6	30	59	—	335
Ten years and under four-teen	—	—	3	—	31	16	1	1	1	8	—	61
Fourteen years or over	—	—	—	—	15	8	—	—	—	4	—	29
Life	—	—	—	1	10	8	4	2	4	5	1	35
Preventive	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	3	—	7
Death	—	—	—	1	6	2	—	—	—	2	—	11
Suspended sentence without probation	106	22	197	166	1,759	980	408	215	426	546	29	4,854
Suspended sentence with probation	174	—	328	199	1,365	3,666	345	199	525	896	1	7,698
Totals	872	64	1,516	1,233	9,690	14,785	2,231	1,869	4,383	5,965	256	42,914