

Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1960 to 1964. 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, 1960-64

Item	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	4,940	5,463	5,669	6,244	6,086
3 offences.....	1,904	2,040	2,046	2,155	2,094
4 offences.....	933	1,080	1,023	1,164	1,052
5 offences.....	569	593	594	615	587
6 offences.....	365	357	389	407	412
7 offences.....	256	279	262	276	258
8 offences.....	196	207	194	217	209
9 offences.....	155	146	140	170	151
10 offences.....	109	125	118	123	121
11 to 20 offences.....	392	423	416	491	476
21 offences or over.....	119	144	151	169	151
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	9,938	10,857	11,002	12,031	11,596
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	25,505	27,822	27,661	30,883	30,501
Grand Totals.....	35,443	38,679	38,663	42,914	42,097

Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions.—As shown in Table 1, p. 415, of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1964, 90.4 p.c. were adjudged guilty. There was, however, considerable variation among the provinces in this respect, the proportion ranging from 87.2 p.c. in Ontario to 96.2 p.c. in New Brunswick.

Table 6 shows that of the 42,097 persons convicted in 1964, 26.2 p.c. had no previous conviction, 14.5 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 33.4 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions; court records for the other 25.9 p.c. were not obtained. There is little change in these percentages from year to year.

6.—Persons Charged with Indictable Offences, Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions, 1963 and 1964

Item	1963	1964	Item	1963	1964
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charged.....	47,616	46,551	Males convicted.....	39,178	37,927
Acquitted.....	4,397	4,090	Females convicted.....	3,736	4,170
Disagreement of jury.....	7	9	First conviction.....	11,222	11,047
Stay of proceedings.....	195	255	Second conviction.....	6,213	6,687
No Bill.....	47	34	Reiterated convictions.....	14,691	14,041
Detained because of insanity.....	56	66	Not given.....	10,788	10,922