

Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1961 to 1965. 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, 1961-65

Item	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	5,463	5,669	6,244	6,085	5,754
3 offences.....	2,040	2,046	2,155	2,094	2,063
4 offences.....	1,080	1,023	1,164	1,052	1,045
5 offences.....	593	584	615	587	564
6 offences.....	357	389	407	412	399
7 offences.....	279	262	276	258	270
8 offences.....	207	194	217	209	213
9 offences.....	146	140	170	151	156
10 offences.....	125	118	123	121	138
11 to 20 offences.....	423	416	491	476	440
21 offences or over.....	144	151	169	151	158
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	10,857	11,002	12,031	11,596	11,200
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	27,822	27,661	30,883	30,501	30,632
Grand Totals.....	38,679	38,663	42,914	42,097	41,832

Disposition of Cases and Previous Convictions.—As shown in Table 1, p. 439, of all suspects before the courts for indictable offences in 1965, 89.6 p.c. were adjudged guilty. There was, however, considerable variation among the provinces in this respect, the proportion ranging from 87.5 p.c. in British Columbia to 97.3 in Prince Edward Island.

Table 6 shows that of the 41,832 persons convicted in 1965, 26.2 p.c. had no previous conviction, 14.0 p.c. had previously been found guilty of one offence and 32.6 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions; court records for the other 27.2 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, 1964 and 1965

Item	1964	1965	Item	1964	1965
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Charged.....	46,551	46,662	Males convicted.....	37,927	36,992
Acquitted.....	4,090	4,305	Females convicted.....	4,170	4,840
Disagreement of jury.....	9	5	First conviction.....	11,047	10,966
Stay of proceedings.....	255	435	Second conviction.....	6,087	5,853
No Bill.....	34	23	Reiterated convictions.....	14,041	13,629
Detained because of insanity.....	66	62	Not given.....	10,922	11,384