

Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and a maritime court in Ontario.

633. There are also county courts, with variously limited jurisdiction, in all the provinces, but not in the North-West Territories. Police magistrates and justices of the peace, of whom there is an ample supply in each province, are appointed by the Provincial Governments.

County courts.
Magistrates.

634. There are five penitentiaries in the Dominion, situated at Kingston, Ont., St. Vincent de Paul, Montreal, Que., Dorchester, N.B., Stony Mountain, Man., and New Westminster, B.C., and the total convict population of Canada (that is the total number confined in the above penitentiaries) on 30th June, 1890, was 1,251, as compared with 1,195 on the same date in 1889, being an increase of 56. The proportion of convicts per 1,000 of the population during the last six years has been as follows :—

Penitentiaries and inmates.

1885.....	One in 4,080 persons.
1886.....	“ 3,822 “
1887.....	“ 3,999 “
1888..	“ 4,282 “
1889.....	“ 3,963 “
1890.....	“ 3,828 “
Average.....	“ <u>3,996</u> “

Though the proportion in the last two years has been slightly below the average of six years, still it will be seen that, taken as a whole, the figures have not varied very much, and that though there has not been any marked increase in crime, yet the proportion of convicts has increased just about *pro rata* with the population, the opinion of the Inspector of Penitentiaries to the contrary notwithstanding (Report of Minister of Justice, 1890, p. xi). The number of convicts received during the year was 431, being 3 less than in 1889. The convicts comprised 1,229 males and 22 females, 21 of the latter being confined at Kingston and 1 in British Columbia. No woman has yet been convicted of a penitentiary offence in Manitoba.

635. The convicts were divided among the several penitentiaries as follow :—

Number of convicts.

	Number.	Daily average.
Kingston.....	586	577
St. Vincent de Paul.....	342	337
Dorchester.....	174	173
Manitoba.....	73	69½
British Columbia.....	76	86½
	<u>1,251</u>	<u>1,242¾</u>