

**PARTICULARS OF PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE PENITENTIARIES
DURING THE YEARS 1889 AND 1890.**

DESCRIPTION.	1889.			1890.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Cannot read	67	3	70	52	5	57
Read only	19		19	9		9
Read and write	223	3	226	236	6	244
Not given	115	3	118	123	2	125
England.....	35		35	55		55
Scotland.....	9		9	8		8
Ireland.....	30	2	32	28	1	29
United States.....	50		50	37		37
Canada.....	262	7	269	257	12	269
Germany.....	2		2	7		7
France.....	2		2	7		7
Italy.....	2		2	4		4
Newfoundland.....	1		1	5		5
China.....	15		15	5		5
Japan.....				1		1
Spain.....	2		2			
Other countries.....	14		14	8		8
Commercial.....	35		35	51		51
Agricultural.....	14		14	20		20
Industrial.....	122		122	108		108
Professional.....	6		6	16		16
Domestic.....	15	1	16	24	1	25
Labourers.....	135		135	124		124
Not given.....	97	8	105	79	12	91

The proportion of women to the total number of persons admitted in 1887 was 1·24 per cent, in 1888 4·66 per cent, in 1889 2·08 per cent, and in 1890 2·99 per cent. The proportion of criminals under 20 years of age was slightly lower than during the two preceding years, having been 13·79 per cent, as compared with 15·47 per cent and 15·04 per cent in 1889 and 1888 respectively. The number of Canadians only varies slightly, but the tendency is apparently to decrease, the figures for the last three years having been 64·34 per cent, 62·12 per cent and 61·84 per cent; and as the number of criminals is keeping pace with the increase of population, it would seem that the criminal classes receive more recruits from strangers coming into the country than from native-born Canadians.

Number of deaths and escapes. 641. The number of deaths during the year was 10, which, considering the physical condition of many of the prisoners, is decidedly a low average. There were also 10 escapes from the various penitentiaries during the year.