

or a different offence, is counted as a separate person for each conviction, and it is well known that for drunkenness, vagrancy and similar offences a number of persons are convicted several times every year. Of those convicted of indictable offences, 205 were convicted twice and 198 more than twice. Similar particulars for summary convictions are not available. In the city of Montreal, however, in 1890, out of 3,531 persons committed, 324 were committed twice, 89 three times, 37 four times, 12 five times, 6 six times, 1 seven times and 1 ten times, thus reducing the actual number of criminals to 2,927.

647. Out of the total number of convictions, 3,934 were for indictable offences, being 274 less than in 1888, there having been a decrease in every province, with the exception of British Columbia. In proportion to population, the number of convictions was one in every 1,219 persons, and of offences charged one in every 821 persons. The number of persons charged with indictable offences was 5,819, so that 67·6 per cent were convicted; the proportion in 1889 was 66·6 per cent. The number of summary convictions was 34,606, as compared with 34,223 in 1889, an increase of 383, and in proportion to population was one in 138 persons. The following were the number of persons charged, and the number and proportions of convictions to charges, according to the several classes of offences :—

Convictions for indictable offences.

OFFENCES.	Number of Persons Charged.	Number of Convictions.	Proportion of Convictions to Charges.
I. Offences against the person.....	1,338	881	65·8
II. do property, with violence.....	407	276	67·8
III. do do without do.....	3,576	2,432	68·0
IV. Malicious offences against property....	106	59	55·6
V. Forgery and offences against the currency.	72	46	63·8
VI. Other offences not included in the above classes.....	320	240	75·0
Total.....	5,819	3,934	67·6

There was a decrease in the number of persons charged, as compared with 1889, of 495, and in the number of convictions of 274, the proportion of convictions to charges being, however, 1 per cent higher than in 1889.

648. The number of individuals convicted was 3,531, as compared with 3,673 in 1889, being a decrease of 142. In the following tables the number of convictions only are given, the convictions being treated as individuals.

Number of individual criminals.