

## ADMINISTRATION

## CRIMINAL STATISTICS AND PENITENTIARIES.

The criminal statistics of Canada are collected, compiled and published annually by the Census and Statistics Office under statutory authority of the Census and Statistics Act, 1905 (4-5 Edw. VII, c. 5). They relate to the year ended September 30, and the last issued annual report is for 1913. The statistics are divided into the two classes of (1) indictable offences and (2) summary convictions, the former comprising all cases tried by police or other magistrates and the latter all cases of minor importance disposed of by justices of the peace under the Summary Convictions Act.

**Indictable Offences.**—Table 25 shows by provinces in respect of indictable offences the number of charges and convictions and the percentage of acquittals for the years 1912 and 1913. There were 24,078 charges and 18,320 convictions for indictable offences throughout Canada, during the year ended September 30, 1913, as compared with 20,168 charges and 15,567 convictions in 1912, or an increase of 19.28 p.c. for the former and 17.69 p.c. for the latter during the year. The provinces showing the higher percentages of increase were New Brunswick 39.26, Saskatchewan 32.54, Alberta 25.77 and Manitoba 21.50, while Nova Scotia and the Territories show decreases.

**Summary Convictions.**—The number of summary convictions in 1913 was 154,818, as compared with 130,960 in 1912. This represents an increase of 23,858, or 14.76 p.c. The principal increases were in drunkenness, from 53,171 in 1912 to 60,975 in 1913, in breaches of municipal acts and bye-laws, from 27,712 in 1912 to 34,283 in 1913, and in vagrancy, loose and disorderly conduct, from 21,072 in 1912 to 25,069 in 1913.

**Death Sentences.**—During 1913, 23 persons were sentenced to death for murder, as compared with 25 in 1912. Death sentences in 1913 were carried out in 8 cases compared with 13 in 1912, and were commuted to life imprisonment in 15 cases in 1913 compared with 12 in 1912. Three persons were sentenced to be imprisoned for life in 1913, one for being accessory after the fact in a case of murder, one for attempt to commit murder and one for manslaughter, as compared with six for manslaughter in 1912.

25.—Charges, Convictions and Percentages of Acquittals for Indictable Offences by Provinces, 1912 and 1913.

Provinces.	1912.			1913.		
	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Charges.	Convictions.	Acquittals.
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island..	18	11	38.9	14	12	14.28
Nova Scotia.....	989	729	26.3	908	685	24.56
New Brunswick.....	179	135	24.6	218	188	13.76
Quebec.....	3,040	2,515	17.2	3,609	2,989	17.18
Ontario.....	8,593	6,448	25.0	9,763	7,403	24.17
Manitoba.....	1,474	1,302	11.8	1,810	1,582	12.60
Saskatchewan.....	1,540	1,220	20.8	2,210	1,617	26.83
Alberta.....	1,951	1,521	22.0	2,740	1,913	30.18
British Columbia.....	2,340	1,653	29.3	2,770	1,904	31.26
Yukon.....	36	26	27.8	36	27	25.00
The Territories.....	8	7	12.5	-	-	-
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>20,168</b>	<b>15,567</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>24,078</b>	<b>18,320</b>	<b>23.93</b>