

Persons with Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1948-52. Multiple convictions occur most often in cases of forgery and uttering, false pretences, theft, receiving stolen goods and burglary.

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, 1948-52

NOTE.—Figures for years prior to 1951 are for the 12 months ended Sept. 30; those for 1951 and 1952 are for the calendar year.

Item	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	2,260	2,593	1,769	1,669	2,409
3 ".....	590	814	507	562	759
4 ".....	332	363	275	248	360
5 ".....	154	195	174	162	186
6 ".....	98	120	108	117	144
7 ".....	56	63	70	75	106
8 ".....	47	63	50	50	79
9 ".....	42	46	46	26	51
10 ".....	27	56	31	32	47
11 to 20 offences.....	93	107	88	84	139
21 offences or over.....	25	30	14	28	50
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	3,724	4,450	3,132	3,053	4,330
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	28,959	26,472	28,253	25,927	25,431
Grand Totals.....	32,683	30,922	31,385	28,980	29,761

Disposition of Cases and Recidivism.—Of all suspects before the courts for indictable crimes, 84.8 p.c. were adjudged guilty in 1952; the convictions against males (85.2 p.c.) constituted a higher percentage than those against females (79.8 p.c.) and varied greatly as between provinces. The Yukon and Northwest Territories together showed the highest percentage (100 p.c.) of convictions and Nova Scotia the lowest percentage (71.4 p.c.).

6.—Persons Charged and Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Province, 1951 and 1952

Province or Territory	1951			1952		
	Charges	Convictions		Charges	Convictions	
	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	p.c.
Newfoundland.....	565	490	86.7	659	534	81.0
Prince Edward Island.....	112	109	97.3	93	89	95.7
Nova Scotia.....	1,733	1,296	74.8	1,703	1,216	71.4
New Brunswick.....	780	746	95.6	827	782	94.6
Quebec.....	6,357	5,726	90.1	6,506	5,723	88.0
Ontario.....	14,975	11,801	78.8	15,495	12,464	80.4
Manitoba.....	1,706	1,565	91.7	1,781	1,633	91.7
Saskatchewan.....	1,116	1,049	94.0	1,133	1,074	94.8
Alberta.....	2,426	2,302	94.4	2,642	2,452	92.8
British Columbia.....	4,333	3,821	88.2	4,156	3,703	89.1
Yukon and N.W.T.....	78	75	96.2	91	91	100.0
Canada.....	34,181	28,980	84.8	35,036	29,761	84.8

In 1952, 49.0 p.c. of the convicted persons were first offenders, 8.2 p.c. had previously been found guilty of an offence and 20.7 p.c. had two or more earlier convictions. Court records for the remaining 22.1 p.c. were not obtained.