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Abstract of Report on Criminal Statistics for the year ended September 30th, 1921.

The total number of indictable offences returned as having been disposed of by the courts during the year 1921 was 24,943, of which 19,396 were convicted, 5,492 were discharged, in 24 cases the jury disagreed, 30 of the accused were detained for lunacy and 1 committed suicide before trial.

The convictions for indictable offences increased by 953 or 5.2 per cent over 1920. The increase of 1920 over 1919 was but 47 convictions.

For non-indictable offences convictions only are collected. These numbered 157,704 in 1921 and 144,265 in 1920, an increase of 13,439 or 9.3 per cent.

The following is a comparative statement of the indictable offences for the Dominion by classes for the years 1920 and 1921.

Indictable Offences By Classes

Class I Offences against the Person.

Offences	1921		1920	
	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions
Murder	77	17	57	26
Murder attempt to commit	40	21	36	19
Manslaughter	89	39	84	43
Abortion and concealing birth of infants	27	15	20	11
Rape and other crimes against decency	643	362	532	293
Procuration	64	37	40	27
Bigamy	72	56	88	71
Shooting, stabbing and wounding	244	141	282	183
Assault on females	35	19	97	70
Assault on wife	48	31		
Wife desertion	10	8		
Aggravated assault	737	493	698	455
Assault on police officer	622	536	628	578
Assault and battery	1319	1041	1205	934
Refuse to support family	180	101	149	110
Various other offences against the person	146	98	113	76
Totals of Class I.	4,353	3,015	4,029	2,901

Class II Offences against Property with Violence

Offences	1921		1920	
	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions	Number of Charges	Number of Convictions
Burglary, house, warehouse and shopbreaking	2,773	2,340	2,317	2,073
Robbery and demanding with violence	423	247	366	227
Highway Robbery	29	22	26	10
Totals of Class II.	3,225	2,609	2,709	2,310

Class III Offences against Property without Violence

Bringing stolen goods into Canada	2	1	1	1
Embezzlement	6	6	8	4
False Pretences	859	589	693	473
Feloneously receiving stolen goods	736	479	652	430
Fraud and conspiracy to defraud	746	515	576	436
Horse, cattle and sheep stealing	121	83	73	51
Theft	10803	8730	10478	8605
Theft of mail	39	35	24	22
Totals of Class III.	13,306	10,438	12,505	10,022

Class IV. Malicious Offences against Property.

Arson	68	26	78	34
Malicious injury to horses, cattle and other wilful damage to property	405	271	415	294
Totals of Class IV.	473	297	493	328

Class V. Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency.

Offences against currency	13	9	14	11
Forgery and uttering forged documents	604	533	559	419
Totals of Class V.	617	542	573	430

Class VI. Other Offences not included in the Foregoing Class.

	1921		1920	
	Number of Charges	Number of Con- victions	Number of Charges	Number of Con- victions
Attempt to Commit suicide	47	33	42	33
Carrying unlawful weapons	259	239	156	144
Criminal Negligence	66	42	67	50
Conspiracy	46	24	101	58
Driving automobile while drunk	147	142	48	48
Forcible Entry	4	2	4	3
Indecent Exposure and other offences against public morals	110	87	187	170
Intimidation	60	31	32	19
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof	1033	956	927	823
Offences against gambling and lottery acts	351	283	361	303
Offences against Revenue Laws	80	63	122	114
Illicit stills	239	220	251	239
Perjury and subornation of perjury	117	45	106	34
Prison breach and escape from prison	173	163	155	147
Riot and affray	62	48	101	94
Sedition	2	1	12	8
Sodomy and bestiality	86	62	104	85
Various other misdemeanours	93	54	128	80
Totals of Class VI.	2,969	2,495	2,904	2,452
Totals of Indictable Offences	24,943	19,396	23,213	18,443

Convictions of juveniles under 16 years of age are as follows;

	1921	1920
Indictable offences	3,227	3,355
Non-indictable offences	2,963	2,953
Total	6,190	6,308

Showing a decrease of 128 for indictable offences, and an increase of 10 for non-indictable offences.

This abstract precedes the full Annual Report which is now in press, a copy of which when issued will be forwarded on application to:

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Summary Convictions By Police Magistrates and Other Justices.

Offences	Totals for Canada In-			Decrease
	1921	1920	crease	
Alien Restrictions Acts, offences against	-	-		243
Assaults	3,281	3,454		173
Carrying fire-arms & unlawful weapons	728	442	286	
Contempt of Court	16	11	5	
Cruelty to animals	585	640		55
Disturbing religious and like meetings	28	35		7
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against	876	623	253	
Gambling Acts, offences against	5,056	4,537	519	
Immigration Acts, offences against	174	79	95	
Incorrigibility	244	385		141
Inspection and Sales Acts, offences against	82	45	37	
Adulteration of food	232	118	114	
W Weights and Measures Acts, offences against	129	136		7
Larceny of dogs, birds, trees, fruits, etc.	233	98	135	
Liquor, Prohibition & Temperance Acts, offences against	10,460	10,247	213	
Malicious or wilful damage to property	1,091	1,176		85
Masters' and Servants' Acts, offences against	185	222		37
Non-payment of wages	793	349	444	
Medical and Dentistry Acts, offences against	38	20	18	
Militia Acts, offences against	13	928		915
Miscellaneous minor offences	1,265	856	409	
Municipal Acts and By-laws, breach of various	16,586	9,916	6670	
School Act, breach of	5,554	1,826		272
Exercising various callings without licenses	1,923	1458	465	
Health By-laws, breach of	1,507	1,930		423
Street and traffic regulations, breach of various	13,377	9,689	3688	
By motor vehicles	33,641	28,866	4775	
By bicycles	362	370		8
By cabs and drays	128	183		55
Obstructing street and sidewalk	4,335	4,062	273	
Provincial Acts, breach of various	429	229	200	
Causing prairie fires	28	58		30
Herd and branding, offences relating to	25	8	17	
Stray and impounded animals, offences relating to	564	783		219
Totals of Municipal and Provincial Acts	74,459	59,378	15,081	
Non-support of family	601	377	224	
Neglected children	626	417	209	
Contributing to delinquency of children	137	36	101	
Opium and Drug Act, various offences against	1,443	1,430	13	
Keeping opium resort	85	37	48	
Frequenting opium resort	265	330		65
Pharmacy Acts, offences against	21	7	14	
Profanation of Lord's Day	882	1,031		149
Railway Acts, offences against	536	182	354	
Revenue Laws, offences against	573	804		231
Seaman's Acts, offences against	11	43		32
Threats and abusive language	334	722		388
Trepass	1,833	1,212	621	
Vagrancy	5,561	5,607		46
Drunkenness	34,362	39,769		5407
Indecent exposure	322	209	113	
Insulting, obscene and profane language	340	374		34
Keeping, frequenting bawdy houses and inmates thereof	3,095	2,998	97	
Loose, idle, disorderly & breach of the peace	6355	4,240	2115	
War Measures Acts, offences against	-	-	-	-
Insanity	354	418		64
Totals	157,704	144,265	13439	