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for the year ended

SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Number of cases dealt with by different courts 1926-27
Indictable offences by provinces 1926-27
Indictable offences by classes 1923-27
Summary convictions by provinces 1926-27
Summary convictions by offences 1923-27

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Criminal Statistics for the year ended

September 30th, 1927.

The total number of convictions recorded in the returns of Criminal Statistics for the year ended September 30th, 1927 was 212,075 compared with 187,361 for 1926. Showing an increase of 24,714 or 13.19 p.c. The increase in 1926 over the previous year was 10.83 p.c. The number of indictable offences returned for the year was 23,526 charges and 18,835 convictions. The summary convictions for non indictable offences amounted to 193,240. There was an increase in convictions for indictable offences of 1,387 (7.95 p.c.) during the year. The proportions of convictions to charges in 1927 was 79.94 p.c. There was an increase in summary conviction of 23,327 (13.73 p.c.) which is the greatest increase rate recorded since 1913.

The returns from the different courts were as follows:-

How Tried	1927		1926	
	Convicted	Acquitted	Convicted	Acquitted
By Jury	614	472	690	510
Under the Speedy Trials Act without a Jury..	2,412	855	1,995	834
Under the Summary Trials Act by Police or other Magistrates	16,079	3,400	14,763	3,184
Total indictable offences	18,835	4,727	17,448	4,528
Summary convictions of non-indictable offences	193,240	-	169,913	-
Grand Totals	212,075	4,727	187,361	4,528

Of the total 212,075 convictions in 1927, 91.12 p.c. were for non-indictable offences, and 8.88 p.c. for indictable offences. Of the indictable offences 4.61 p.c. were tried by Jury, 12.72 p.c. by Speedy Trials Act and 82.67 p.c. by Summary Trial.



The convictions for 1926 and 1927 were as follows:

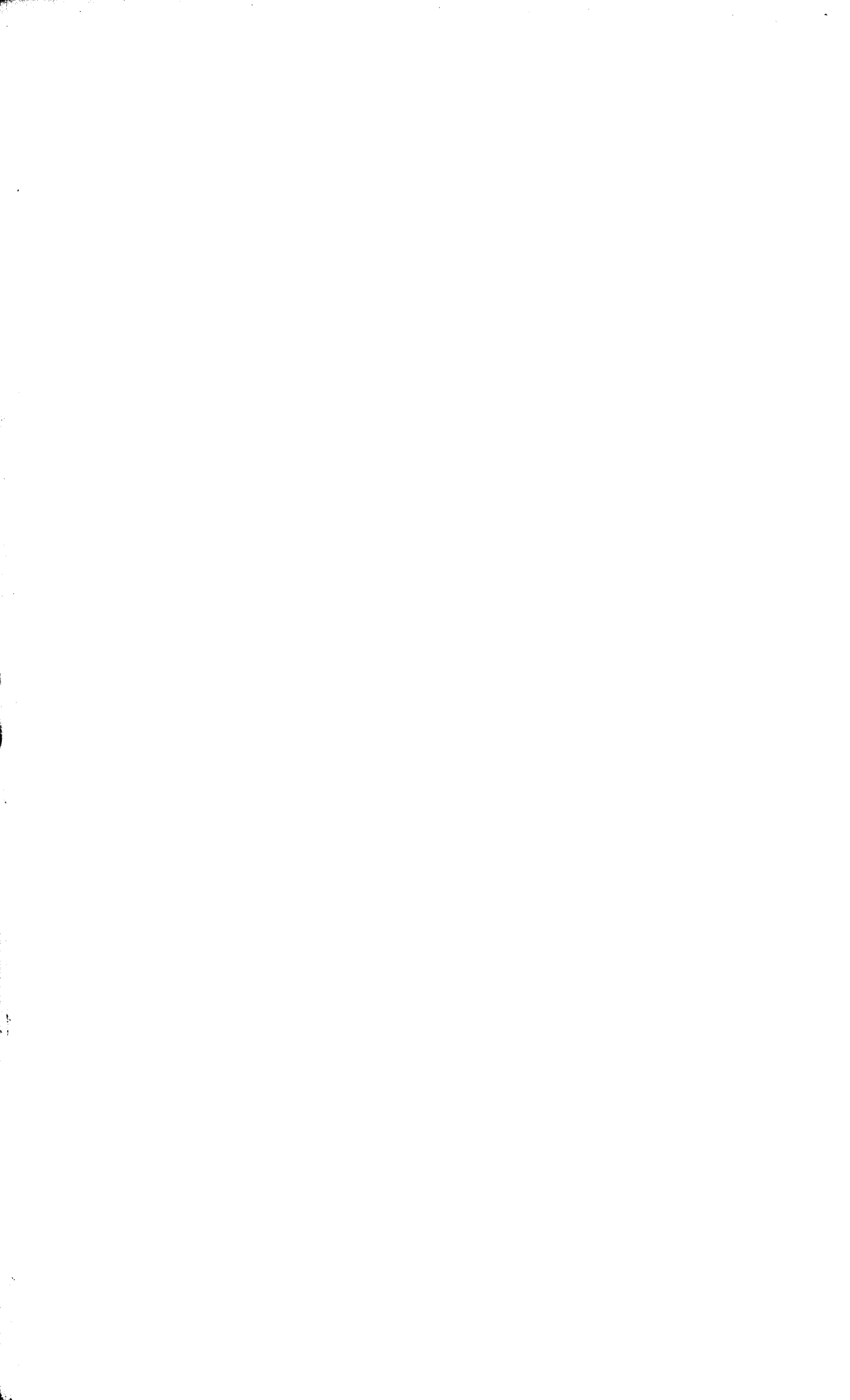
Indictable Offences by Provinces

			Increase	Decrease	Per cent
	1926	1927	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island	14	14	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	752	680	-	72	9.57
New Brunswick	222	287	65	-	29.28
Quebec	3,053	3,621	568	-	18.60
Ontario	7,248	7,962	714	-	9.85
Manitoba	1,383	1,457	74	-	5.35
Saskatchewan	2,052	1,492	-	560	27.29
Alberta	1,463	1,482	19	-	1.30
British Columbia	1,252	1,833	581	-	21.70
Yukon and N.W. Territories	9	7	-	2	22.22
CANADA	17,448	18,835	1,387	-	7.95

Decreases are seen only in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and the Territories. All the other provinces show increases varying from 1.30 p.c. to 29.28 p.c.

Indictable Offences by Classes and Crimes.

OFFENCES	Number of Convictions				
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
CLASS I. Offences against the person -					
Murder	15	21	18	15	10
" attempt to commit	15	12	11	7	16
Manslaughter	38	26	37	45	40
Abortion and concealing birth, Rape and other offences against decency	12	20	20	19	21
Procuration	365	385	395	370	442
Bigamy	19	14	21	20	42
Shooting, stabbing and wounding	56	49	34	31	66
Assault of females and wife ...	157	148	126	168	192
" aggravated	63	65	66	111	145
" on police	382	388	414	482	519
" and battery	217	442	439	475	471
Non-support of family	920	1,052	996	1,261	951
Wife desertion	212	201	237	218	170
Other offences against the person	7	11	15	23	12
TOTALS	97	95	77	123	111
CLASS II. Offences against property with violence -					
Burglary, house, warehouse and shopbreaking	1,175	1,558	1,705	1,417	1,731
Robbing and demanding with menaces	146	160	229	208	168
TOTALS	1,321	1,718	1,934	1,625	1,899



Indictable Offences-(Concluded)

OFFENCES	Number of Convictions				
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
CLASS III. Offences against property without violence -					
Bringing stolen goods into Canada	2	5	4	2	-
Embezzlement	14	4	8	6	34
False pretences	577	677	805	882	1,190
Feloniously receiving stolen goods	333	376	403	400	376
Fraud and conspiracy to defraud ..	472	550	667	593	697
Horse and cattle stealing	18	57	44	37	26
Theft	5,800	6,164	6,610	6,651	7,108
Theft of mail	22	34	33	21	32
Theft of automobile	65	280	222	366	465
T O T A L S	7,303	8,147	8,796	8,958	9,928
CLASS IV. Malicious offences against property					
Arson	58	45	34	38	33
Malicious injury to horses, cattle and other property	217	189	161	201	245
T O T A L S	275	234	195	239	278
CLASS V. Forgery and other offences against currency -					
Offences against currency	10	4	3	2	3
Forgery and Uttering forged documents	301	324	405	383	474
T O T A L S	311	328	408	385	477
CLASS VI. Various Offences -					
Breach of Trade-Marks Act	41	31	83	48	60
Carrying unlawful weapons	141	87	89	125	90
Conspiracy	30	21	39	53	34
Criminal Negligence	45	45	44	55	40
Breach of gambling and lottery Acts	434	348	450	550	908
Illicit stills	1,068	955	548	405	353
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof	666	701	942	739	809
Perjury and subornation of perjury	53	78	60	60	69
Offences against public morals ..	149	85	179	191	66
Prison breach, and escape from custody	134	123	142	152	126
Breach of Inland Revenue Laws ..	33	241	120	193	201
Riot and affray	127	52	70	113	78
Attempt to commit suicide	27	30	61	71	78
Sodomy	52	49	58	55	49
Various and miscellaneous	403	56	93	63	84
TOTALS	3,403	2,902	2,978	2,873	3,045
GRAND TOTALS	15,188	16,258	17,219	17,448	18,835

By classes of crime, offences against the person decreased from 3,368 to 3,208 or 5.0 p.c. All other classes increased: Offences against property with violence 16.86 p.c., offences against property without violence, 10.83 p.c., malicious offences against property 16.32 p.c., forgery and offences against the currency, 23.90 p.c. and various other offences 6.0 p.c.



Summary Convictions of Non-indictable Offences by Provinces

	1926	1927	Increase	Decrease	Per cent
Prince Edward Island	345	392	47	-	13.62
Nova Scotia	3,568	4,362	794	-	22.25
New Brunswick	2,418	2,565	147	-	6.07
Quebec	24,428	28,732	4,304	-	17.28
Ontario	90,061	101,345	11,284	-	12.52
Manitoba	13,913	16,420	2,507	-	18.02
Saskatchewan	8,614	8,243	-	371	43.07
Alberta	8,142	8,801	659	-	4.16
British Columbia	18,337	22,292	3,955	-	21.56
Yukon and N.W. Territories	87	88	1	-	1.16
CANADA	169,913	193,240	23,327	-	13.73

The summary convictions increased in every province excepting Saskatchewan where there was a decrease of 43.07 p.c.

Summary Convictions by Offences

OFFENCES	Number of Convictions				
	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Assaults	3,119	3,277	3,404	2,967	3,436
Breach of peace	124	100	163	155	152
Carrying firearms and unlawful weapons .	529	492	410	385	386
Contempt of court	18	54	21	29	32
Cruelty of animals	445	371	422	446	545
Disturbing religious and like meetings	62	22	40	22	25
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against.	1,343	1,346	1,369	1,195	1,245
Gambling Acts, offences against	4,173	4,514	5,252	6,347	5,858
Immigration Act, offences against	71	61	57	77	61
Inspection and Sales Acts, offences against	45	217	194	142	227
Adulteration of food - (Food and Drug Acts)	195	152	263	231	240
Weights and Measures - Acts, offences against	122	81	136	106	82
Liquor, Prohibition and Temperance Acts, offences against	10,088	10,449	11,636	13,512	12,477
Malicious or wilful damage to property ..	608	731	738	679	807
Masters' and Servants' Acts, offences against	198	259	233	140	210
Non-payment of wages	1,075	1,037	1,103	1,277	1,231
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	49,816	60,058	63,778	78,027	96,340
Breaches of other by-laws	18,994	11,459	11,843	12,874	13,437
TOTAL	68,810	71,517	75,621	90,901	109,777
Non-support of family and neglecting children	1,101	906	1,003	932	1,192
Contributing to delinquency of children	250	412	836	709	1,002
Opium and narcotic Drug Act, various offences against	1,297	996	823	743	491
Profanation of the Lord's Day	782	642	1,067	784	824
Railway Acts, various offences against .	308	355	615	730	775
Trespass on railway	535	669	1,070	731	925
Stealing ride on railway	461	464	581	404	929
Revenues Laws, offence against	763	518	502	422	804
Trespass	762	683	645	829	593
Vagrancy	3,774	4,483	5,665	6,805	7,701
Drunkenness	25,565	27,338	26,751	28,317	31,171
Insulting, abusive and profane language	631	690	611	576	629
Frequenting bawdy houses	3,772	3,957	3,553	3,267	2,397
Loose, idle, disorderly	4,844	4,688	5,265	4,281	5,292
Various other offences	1,623	1,518	1,675	1,772	1,724
T O T A L S	137,493	142,999	151,825	169,913	193,240

The principal increase was in breaches of traffic regulations convictions which rose from 78,027 to 96,340 (23.47 p.c.) during the year. Drunkenness increased from 28,317 to 31,171, but breaches of liquor laws decreased from 13,512 to 12,477 during the year 1927.

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