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An Act to make provision for the Collection and Registration of the Criminal Statistics of Canada.

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WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision by law for the collection and registration of the criminal statistics of Canada: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. The clerk, and where there is no clerk, the officer performing like duties, and where there is no such officer, the judge of every court administering criminal justice, and the warden of every penitentiary or reformatory, and the sheriff of every district, shall, before the end of October in each year, fill up and transmit to the Minister of Agriculture, or in case this branch of the subject of statistics and the registration thereof be, by the Governor in Council, assigned to any other Minister, then to such other Minister, such schedules for the year ending the thirtieth day of September preceding, relative, in the case of the clerk, officer or judge to the criminal business transacted in the court, and in the cases of the warden or sheriff to the prisoners committed to his penitentiary, reformatory or gaol, as he shall receive from time to time from the said Minister.

Schedules of criminal statistics to be filled up and transmitted yearly by certain functionaries to the proper Minister, in forms furnished by him.

Every officer required by the "*Act respecting the duties of Justices of the Peace out of sessions, in relation to summary convictions and orders*" (being thirty-second and thirty-third Victoria, chapter thirty-one) to transmit to the Minister of Finance true copies of returns made by Justices of the Peace under the said Act, shall, before the end of October in each year, transmit to the Minister of Agriculture, or such other Minister as aforesaid, true copies of all such returns for the year ending the thirtieth day of September preceding, instead of transmitting the same at the times required by the eighty-first section of the said Act.

Returns under 32 and 33, Vict., c. 31, s. 81, to be transmitted to the proper Minister yearly.