

Homicides in New York City:

Year.	Number.
1866.....	8
1872.....	5
1885.....	84
1896.....	91
1904.....	147

In 1866 there were 4 convictions for the 8 murders committed. In 1904 there were 27 convictions for the 147 murders and two executions for the year. Seven life sentences.

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Greater London (population 6,500,000)...	1904	24	20
Greater New York city (pop. 4,544,354)...	1904	147	27

The aggregate homicides in one year of London, Paris and Berlin do not equal the awful murder record of New York City.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Some little comment has been made in connection with the administrative operation of the Canadian parole system, in comparison with the operation of the parole laws of the United States and elsewhere. They emanate from a source not in touch with the results or the figures given from the states and countries where the parole system is in vogue. I have gone carefully over the tabulated statements of two of the leading United States penal institutions, showing from their figures the best percentage of work accomplished under the system of a "Board of Control," or the "Board of Pardons." I think after a study or analysis of both systems you will agree that the Canadian system is second to none, not only in results accomplished, but in the principle of administration. The careful investigation sought in each case, and the thoughtful consideration given by the Department of Justice before the Crown will grant a parole to any prisoner in our penal institutions in Canada, is strongly in evidence from the results shown by the Canadian system.

The record of the State prison at Michigan City from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1904, shows 909 men released on parole. 184, or twenty per cent., proved delinquent. Of this number 99 were returned to prison for crimes committed while on parole. Of 69 cases the maximum of the term for which they were sentenced expired while they were on parole, and they received their discharge. 491 earned their discharge by good conduct while on parole, 17 died, and 148 continue to make their reports required by the authorities.