

The following table shows the total number of convictions (indictable cases as well as summary convictions) in the order of criminality :—

PROVINCES.	Total Convictions.		Number of Inhabitants for each Conviction.	
	1898.	1899.	1898.	1899.
The Territories	2,074	2,828	63	50
British Columbia	2,473	2,362	64	77
Ontario	16,811	16,784	134	137
New Brunswick	2,354	2,261	136	142
Quebec	10,026	10,275	158	157
Manitoba	1,328	1,489	160	157
Nova Scotia	2,680	2,259	170	203
Prince Edward Island	460	452	237	241
Canada	38,206	38,710	137	138

The above figures show that the number of convictions has increased in the Territories, Quebec and Manitoba, while it has decreased in all other provinces.

The number of cases tried by a jury in Canada during the year 1899 was 750, of which 413 males and 16 females were convicted, against 822 cases in 1898, of which 454 males and 24 females were convicted.

The number of cases in which the prerogative of mercy has been exercised during the year 1899 was 246 including 6 death sentences commuted, against 156 cases in 1898, including 4 death sentences commuted.

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