

## FOREIGN POPULATION.

### Form Large Percentage of Canada's Criminal Classes.

That the growth of the foreign population in Canada has also added to our criminal statistics is shown by the fact that there are at the present time no less than seven murder cases under review by the Department of Justice and in every case it is a foreigner involved. The last Canadian criminal statistics available, those for 1912-13 show that in that year there were 52 charges and 25 convictions for murder. Of the 25 convictions no less than 17 were foreign born—foreign born meaning elsewhere than in Canada, the United States or Great Britain. One was born in Scotland, one in England and the remaining six in Canada.

During the same period there were 31 convictions for attempt to murder, and of these only three were Canadian born. The nationality of three were not given and the remaining twenty-four were born outside of Canada. Of these six were Americans and four English, leaving fifteen what are known as "foreigners."

According to the last census figures those born in foreign countries—excluding United States and Great Britain—formed 6.2 per cent. population, yet in 1912 the foreign born offenders of all classes were 17.2 per cent.

The Canadian born offenders represented 36.1 per cent., although Canadian born form 77.9 per cent. of the population. British born outside of Canada were 19 per cent. of the offenders, but formed 11.6 per cent. of the population. American born formed 4.2 per cent. of the population, but the convicted of American birth were 7.6 per cent.