

**Decrease of Drunkenness.**—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada was 25,048 in 1922 as compared with 34,362 in 1921, a decrease of 9,314 or 27·10 p.c. Table 32 shows the number of convictions by provinces for the five years 1918 to 1922, with increases and decreases for 1922 as compared with 1921, from which it will be seen that drunkenness, at least as measured by statistics of summary convictions, decreased during the year 1922 to a most appreciable extent.

**32.—Convictions for Drunkenness for the five years 1918-1922.**

| Provinces.                | 1918.         | 1919.         | 1920.         | 1921.         | 1922.         | Increase (+) or<br>Decrease (—),<br>1922 as compared<br>with 1921. |                |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|----------------|
|                           | No.           | No.           | No.           | No.           | No.           | Numerical.   | Per cent.      |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 96            | 116           | 120           | 144           | 162           | + 18   | + 12·50        |
| Nova Scotia.....          | 2,435         | 2,879         | 3,140         | 2,156         | 1,492         | — 664  | — 30·80        |
| New Brunswick.....        | 704           | 1,350         | 1,882         | 1,264         | 1,088         | — 176  | — 13·92        |
| Quebec.....               | 6,680         | 7,116         | 11,863        | 9,944         | 7,103         | — 2,841  | — 28·57        |
| Ontario.....              | 7,932         | 8,498         | 15,021        | 14,498        | 10,063        | — 4,435  | — 30·59        |
| Manitoba.....             | 1,123         | 1,570         | 2,330         | 1,429         | 1,622         | + 194  | + 13·53        |
| Saskatchewan.....         | 434           | 618           | 919           | 708           | 816           | + 108  | + 15·25        |
| Alberta.....              | 825           | 1,057         | 1,536         | 1,838         | 1,608         | — 230  | — 12·51        |
| British Columbia.....     | 778           | 1,004         | 2,948         | 2,379         | 1,081         | — 1,298  | — 54·56        |
| Yukon Territory.....      | 19            | 9             | 10            | 2             | 12            | + 10   | +500·00        |
| <b>Canada.....</b>        | <b>21,026</b> | <b>24,217</b> | <b>39,769</b> | <b>34,362</b> | <b>25,048</b> | <b>— 9,314</b>   | <b>— 27·10</b> |

NOTE.—Three juveniles not included in 1922.

**Juvenile Delinquents.**—The number of delinquents under 16 convicted of major offences during the year ended Sept. 30, 1922, was 4,065 against 3,574 in 1921, an increase of 491 or 13·7 p.c. During the same period the number of convictions for minor offences was 2,233 against 2,054, an increase of 179 or 8·7 p.c. Of the grand total (6,298 in 1922) 443 or 7 p.c. were females. Over 60 p.c. of the major offences committed were theft, the remainder being almost entirely composed of wilful offences against property and offences against property with violence. Of the major offenders, 2,758 were released on probation or on suspended sentence, while 1,053 were ordered to make restitution, fined, detained or committed to industrial schools; the remainder were reprimanded or released. Of the total number of major offenders, 543 had one previous delinquency, 573 had two and 112 had three previous delinquencies.

**33.—Juvenile Delinquents convicted of Major Offences by Classes of Offence, 1922, with the total and yearly average for the period 1885-1922.**

| Classes of Offence.                                   | Under<br>16 years. |              | 16 years and<br>under 21. |              | Totals.        |              |
|---|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | M.                 | F.           | M.                        | F.           | M.             | F.           |
|   | No.                | No.          | No.                       | No.          | No.            | No.          |
| I. Offences against the person.....                   | 161                | 11           | 226                       | 17           | 387            | 28           |
| II. Offences against property with violence.....      | 798                | 8            | 862                       | 7            | 1,660          | 15           |
| III. Offences against property without violence.....  | 2,447              | 113          | 1,635                     | 154          | 4,082          | 267          |
| IV. Malicious offences against property.....          | 436                | 5            | 66                        | 1            | 502            | 6            |
| V. Forgery and offences against the currency.....     | 12                 | 1            | 69                        | 1            | 81             | 2            |
| VI. Other offences not included in the above offences | 47                 | 26           | 92                        | 39           | 139            | 65           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                                     | <b>3,901</b>       | <b>164</b>   | <b>2,950</b>              | <b>219</b>   | <b>6,851</b>   | <b>383</b>   |
| <b>Total 1885-1922.....</b>                           | <b>54,993</b>      | <b>2,251</b> | <b>52,703</b>             | <b>4,106</b> | <b>107,696</b> | <b>6,357</b> |
| <b>Yearly Average 1885-1922.....</b>                  | <b>1,447</b>       | <b>59</b>    | <b>1,387</b>              | <b>108</b>   | <b>2,834</b>   | <b>167</b>   |