

24.—Convictions for Criminal and Minor Offences by Classes of Offence, years ended Sept. 30, 1921-1925 (including Juveniles).

A.—NUMBERS.

Classes of Offences.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Offences against the person.....	8,197	7,291	7,550	7,595	7,826
Offences against property with violence.....	2,609	2,783	2,076	2,536	2,749
Offences against property without violence.....	12,059	11,607	11,482	12,780	13,892
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	2,081	2,610	3,075	2,635	2,644
Total for criminal offences.....	24,946	24,291	24,183	25,556	27,111
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	74,459	69,297	69,445	72,389	76,619
Breach of liquor laws.....	10,460	8,519	10,090	10,449	11,636
Drunkenness.....	34,362	25,051	25,565	27,345	26,754
Vagrancy.....	5,561	4,796	3,969	4,596	5,830
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	5,560	5,468	5,026	4,974	5,946
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	4,051	3,918	4,438	4,658	4,495
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	17,774	17,000	16,536	17,252	19,392
Total for minor offences.....	152,227	134,040	135,069	141,663	150,672
Grand Total.....	177,173	158,340	159,252	167,219	177,783

B.—RATIOS PER CENT OF TOTAL AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION.

Classes of Offences.	1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.		1925.	
	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.
Offences against the person.....	4.6	93	4.6	81	4.7	83	4.5	82	4.4	84
Offences against property with violence.....	1.5	30	1.7	31	1.3	23	1.5	27	1.6	29
Offences against property without violence.....	6.8	137	7.3	130	7.2	126	7.7	139	7.8	148
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	1.2	24	1.7	29	2.0	34	1.6	29	1.5	28
Total for criminal offences.....	14.1	284	15.3	271	15.2	266	15.3	277	15.3	289
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	42.1	847	43.8	775	43.6	765	43.3	785	43.1	818
Breach of liquor laws.....	5.9	119	5.4	95	6.3	111	6.3	113	6.6	124
Drunkenness.....	19.4	391	15.8	282	16.0	281	16.4	295	15.0	286
Vagrancy.....	3.1	63	3.0	53	2.5	44	2.7	50	3.3	62
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	3.1	63	3.5	61	3.1	55	2.9	54	3.3	64
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	2.3	46	2.5	44	2.8	49	2.8	50	2.5	48
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	10.0	202	10.7	190	10.4	182	10.3	187	10.9	208
Total for minor offences.....	85.9	1,731	84.7	1,500	84.7	1,487	84.7	1,535	84.7	1,610
Grand Total.....	100	2,615	100	1,771	100	1,753	100	1,812	100	1,899

The recent trend of total convictions, including those of juveniles, and of sentences imposed, is shown by provinces for the years 1919 to 1925 in Table 25. A satisfactory feature shown in this table is the decline of penitentiary sentences in Canada from 1,614 in 1921 to 1,536 in 1925, as indicating a decline in the number of serious crimes. Death sentences, which numbered 28 in 1919 and 26 in 1920, fell to 15 in 1923, rose to 22 in 1924, and dropped to 18 in 1925.