

31.—Summary Convictions, by Provinces and by Offences, 1923-1926¹—concluded.

B.—BY OFFENCES.

Offences.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	Increase or Decrease, 1925-26.
Assault.....	3,199	3,277	3,404	2,967	- 437
Carrying firearms and unlawful weapons..	529	492	410	385	- 25
Contempt of court.....	18	54	21	29	+ 8
Cruelty to animals.....	445	371	422	446	+ 24
Disturbing religious and like meetings...	62	22	40	22	- 18
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against	1,343	1,346	1,360	1,195	- 174
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	4,173	4,514	5,252	6,347	+ 1,095
Immigration Act, offences against.....	71	61	58	77	+ 19
Inspection and Sales Acts, offences against	45	217	194	142	- 52
Adulteration of Food (Food and Drug Acts).....	195	152	263	231	- 32
Weights and Measures Acts, offences against.....	122	81	136	196	- 30
Liquor, Prohibition and Temperance Acts, offences against.....	10,088	10,449	11,636	13,512	+ 1,876
Malicious or wilful damage to property...	608	731	738	679	- 59
Masters' and Servants' Acts, offences against.....	198	259	233	140	- 93
Non-payment of wages.....	1,075	1,037	1,103	1,277	+ 174
Municipal Acts and By-laws, breaches of various.....	68,810	71,517	75,621	90,901	+ 15,280
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	1,101	906	1,003	932	- 71
Contributing to delinquency of children...	250	412	836	709	- 127
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	1,297	996	823	743	- 80
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	782	642	1,067	784	- 283
Railway Acts, various offences against...	308	355	615	730	+ 115
Trespass on railway.....	535	669	1,070	731	- 339
Stealing ride on railway.....	461	464	681	404	- 277
Revenue Laws, offences against.....	763	518	502	422	- 80
Trespass.....	762	683	645	829	+ 184
Vagrancy.....	3,774	4,483	5,665	6,805	+ 1,140
Drunkenness.....	25,565	27,338	26,751	28,317	+ 1,566
Insulting, abusive and profane language...	631	690	611	576	- 35
Frequenting hawdy houses.....	3,772	3,957	3,553	3,267	- 286
Loose, idle, disorderly and breach of the peace.....	4,968	4,788	5,428	4,436	- 992
Various other offences.....	1,543	1,518	1,675	1,772	+ 97
Total.....	157,493	142,999	151,824	169,913	+ 18,089

¹Years ended Sept. 30.

Convictions for Drunkenness.—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada in 1926 was 28,317, as compared with 26,751 in 1925, 27,338 in 1924 and 25,565 in 1923, an increase of 1,566 or 5.85 p.c. in the latest year. Table 32 shows the number of convictions by provinces for the seven years 1920 to 1926, with increases and decreases for 1926 as compared with 1925.

Convictions for drunkenness in Canada were at their maximum in 1913, viz., 60,975. Convictions in the years from 1914 to 1919 were 60,067, 41,161, 32,730, 27,882, 21,026 and 24,217 respectively. For details by provinces in these years see the 1918 Year Book, p. 619, and the 1925 Year Book, p. 977.