

31.—Summary Convictions, by Provinces and by Offences, 1924-1927—concluded.

B.—BY OFFENCES.

Offences.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	Increase or Decrease, 1926-27.
Assault.....	3,277	3,404	2,967	3,436	+ 469
Carrying firearms and unlawful weapons..	492	410	385	386	+ 1
Contempt of court.....	54	21	29	32	+ 3
Cruelty to animals.....	371	422	446	545	+ 99
Disturbing religious and like meetings.....	22	40	22	25	+ 3
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against	1,346	1,369	1,195	1,245	+ 50
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	4,514	5,252	6,347	5,858	- 389
Immigration Act, offences against.....	61	58	77	61	- 16
Inspection and Sales Acts, offences against	217	194	142	227	+ 85
Adulteration of Food (Food and Drug Acts).....	152	263	231	240	+ 9
Weights and Measures Acts, offences against.....	81	136	106	82	- 24
Liquor, Prohibition and Temperance Acts, offences against.....	10,449	11,636	13,512	12,477	- 1,035
Malicious or wilful damage to property..	731	738	679	807	+ 128
Masters' and Servants' Acts, offences against.....	259	233	140	210	+ 70
Non-payment of wages.....	1,037	1,103	1,277	1,231	- 46
Municipal Acts and By-laws, breaches of various.....	71,517	75,621	90,901	109,777	+ 18,876
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	906	1,003	932	1,192	+ 260
Contributing to delinquency of children..	412	536	709	1,002	+ 293
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	996	823	743	491	- 252
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	642	1,067	784	824	+ 46
Railway Acts, various offences against...	355	615	730	775	+ 45
Trespass on railway.....	669	1,070	731	925	+ 194
Stealing ride on railway.....	464	681	404	929	+ 525
Revenue Laws, offences against.....	518	502	422	304	+ 382
Trespass.....	683	645	829	593	- 236
Vagrancy.....	4,483	5,665	6,305	7,701	+ 896
Drunkenness.....	27,338	26,751	28,317	31,171	+ 2,854
Insulting, abusive and profane language...	690	611	576	629	+ 53
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	3,957	3,553	3,267	2,397	- 870
Loose, idle, disorderly and breach of the peace.....	4,788	5,428	4,436	5,444	+ 1,008
Various other offences.....	1,518	1,675	1,772	1,724	- 48
Total.....	142,999	151,825	169,913	193,240	+ 23,327

¹Years ended Sept. 30.

Convictions for Drunkenness.—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada in 1927 was 31,171, as compared with 28,317 in 1926, 26,751 in 1925, and 27,338 in 1924, an increase of 2,854 or 10.1 p.c. in the latest year. Table 32 shows the number of convictions by provinces for the seven years 1921 to 1927, with increases and decreases for 1927 as compared with 1926.

Convictions for drunkenness in Canada were at their maximum in 1913, viz.: 60,975. Convictions in the years from 1914 to 1920 were 60,067, 41,161, 32,730, 27,882, 21,026, 24,217 and 39,769 respectively. For details by provinces in these years see the 1918 Year Book, p. 619, and the 1925 Year Book, p. 977.