

13.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1900-31.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon.	N.W.T.	Total.
1900.	2	21	7	31	94	5	-	-	17	-	-	185
1901.	3	12	2	5	123	22	-	-	9	-	-	183
1902.	6	38	9	5	278	24	-	-	6	17	4	387
1903.	1	47	22	40	314	53	-	-	43	8	12	540
1904.	1	25	14	19	431	142	-	-	68	-	-	704
1905.	18	47	9	40	431	360	-	-	53	2	97	1,057
1906.	-	16	10	226	190	603	-	-	91	-	40	1,176
1907.	-	27	7	53	239	290	21	28	135	-	-	800
1908.	2	17	13	55	509	176	18	37	453	-	-	1,270
1909.	11	19	5	64	1,929	469	25	21	283	-	-	2,826
1910.	15	38	10	131	3,515	1,161	28	137	436	-	-	5,471
1911.	19	86	17	267	3,376	1,116	96	139	661	-	-	5,777
1912.	8	97	24	1,806	5,928	1,778	215	338	1,768	-	-	12,462
1913.	9	83	5	3,373	6,687	3,030	248	672	1,883	-	-	16,000
1914.	7	176	69	2,643	4,717	2,419	410	754	2,051	-	-	13,246
1915.	6	62	101	1,509	4,494	1,865	204	503	1,804	1	-	10,549
1916.	7	228	57	2,146	5,577	1,043	321	380	615	7	-	10,381
1917.	13	324	54	1,677	9,854	2,819	441	533	813	10	-	16,338
1918.	17	533	80	3,505	12,206	2,700	418	736	995	1	-	21,181
1919.	15	509	62	4,971	13,374	3,123	863	701	1,677	1	-	25,295
1920.	129	600	49	11,499	19,708	4,987	744	1,673	3,780	1	-	43,170
1921.	199	443	87	12,335	26,860	4,995	700	1,845	4,412	2	-	51,788
1922.	38	269	315	3,344	31,813	4,968	1,112	1,966	4,101	1	-	47,377
1923.	36	397	196	1,746	33,492	6,182	1,246	2,514	4,095	1	-	49,815
1924.	49	350	237	3,818	40,530	6,412	1,282	2,301	5,084	-	-	60,063
1925.	27	200	281	4,976	44,618	5,971	1,375	1,940	4,389	1	-	63,777
1926.	64	263	180	5,534	52,727	8,588	1,730	2,059	6,882	-	-	78,027
1927.	69	402	244	6,418	62,037	10,871	1,616	2,459	12,268	2	-	96,380
1928.	228	462	516	6,273	101,356	14,099	2,100	3,481	12,976	2	-	141,493
1929.	152	893	887	19,427	105,703	19,460	3,643	5,612	10,592	2	1	166,337
1930.	212	831	757	28,633	115,073	20,672	3,727	4,903	10,776	-	-	185,584
1931.	95	999	1,200	64,611	111,718	16,856	4,259	5,070	7,851	2	-	212,361

¹ The decline after 1906 is due to the formation of the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta out of parts of the Northwest Territories.

The greatest percentage increases were recorded between 1908 and 1913. In this 5-year period total convictions increased from 1,270 to 16,000. For three years thereafter there was an abrupt decline, but beginning with 1917 another 5-year series of increases brought the total up to 51,788 in 1921; by 1924 the 60,000 mark had been reached, and recent years have witnessed a rapid increase to the 1931 figures. The provincial distribution of the totals indicates that for the last five years Quebec shows the largest percentage of increase. Only Quebec and New Brunswick show increases for 1931 as compared with 1930 but the single increase in the case of Quebec is more than sufficient to offset the decreases of the other seven provinces, substantial though these are in some cases, such as Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. For the year 1931, Ontario, which had 47 p.c. of the registrations of motor vehicles in Canada (see p. 686), had nearly 53 p.c. of the total convictions; Quebec in the same year had 15 p.c. of the motor vehicles and 30 p.c. of the convictions. In interpreting the figures in this way, however, it should be pointed out that Traffic Regulations are by no means uniform throughout Canada and no account is taken of the differences in the degrees of urbanization in the two provinces.

Section 4.—Juvenile Delinquency.

Juveniles under 16 years of age to the number of 7,768 were found guilty of various offences in the year ended Sept. 30, 1931, as compared with 8,425 in 1930, 7,826 in 1929, 7,699 in 1928, 8,185 in 1927 and 7,831 in 1926, a decrease of 657 in the latest year. Of the 1931 total, 5,311 were convicted of "major" offences and 2,457