

13.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1911-33.

NOTE.—For figures for the years 1900-10, see p. 1023 of the 1933 Year Book.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon.	N.W.T.	Total.
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	838	1,768	-	-	12,462
1913.....	9	83	5	3,373	6,697	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	2,619	441	533	813	10	-	16,338
1918.....	17	523	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	-	25,296
1920.....	129	600	49	11,499	19,708	4,987	744	1,673	3,780	1	-	43,170
1921.....	109	443	87	12,335	26,860	4,995	700	1,845	4,412	2	-	51,788
1922.....	38	289	315	3,344	31,813	4,968	1,112	1,996	4,101	1	-	47,977
1923.....	36	397	196	1,746	33,402	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	-	63,778
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	1,610	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	859	887	19,427	105,703	19,460	3,643	5,612	10,592	2	-	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	16,556	4,259	5,070	7,851	2	-	212,361
1932.....	174	643	842	70,253	94,188	13,251	2,811	2,755	5,743	-	-	190,660
1933.....	82	628	693	72,464	91,521	11,021	1,859	3,282	5,298	-	-	186,848

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 high total of 212,361 in 1931, since when there has been a slight decline. The provincial distribution of the totals indicates that for the past five years Quebec shows the largest percentage of increase. Only Quebec and Alberta show increases for 1933 as compared with 1932, the remainder of the provinces showing decreases. For the year 1933, Ontario, which had 48 p.c. of the registrations of motor vehicles in Canada (see p. 738), had 49 p.c. of the total convictions; Quebec in the same year had 15 p.c. of the motor vehicles and 39 p.c. of the convictions; and Manitoba 6.3 p.c. of the motor vehicles and 5.9 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 provinces. Thus, the above three provinces contain large centres of population, while in the Maritime Provinces, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a lower degree of urbanization, convictions were low in proportion to the number of motor vehicles registered.

Section 4.—Juvenile Delinquency.

Juveniles under 16 years of age to the number of 7,453 were found guilty of various offences in the year ended Sept. 30, 1933, as compared with 7,363 in 1932, 7,768 in 1931, 8,425 in 1930, 7,826 in 1929, 7,699 in 1928, 8,185 in 1927 and 7,831 in 1926. Of the 1933 total, 5,144 were convicted of "major" offences and 2,309 of "minor" offences, terms which correspond very nearly to "indictable" and "non-indictable" offences, as applied to adults. The offences proven against juveniles in 1932 and 1933 are shown by provinces in Table 14.