

## Subsection 1.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable Offences.

The progress of a community, from a moral point of view, is often judged by the number of convictions for indictable offences, as these are less affected than non-indictable offences by extraneous circumstances and the varying methods of law enforcement in different areas and in different years. However, in the study of such statistics it is important to have comparable figures over a period of years, and these are set out by provinces for each year since 1911 in Table 5. Again, in Table 7 are shown the numbers of charges and convictions and the percentages of acquittals for the three years ended Sept. 30, 1935-37.

It may be stated that during the thirty-eight year-period from 1900 to 1937 crimes increased from 5,768 to 37,148 or 544 p.c. The increase in the population during the same period was but 109.7 p.c., revealing that the increase in the crime rate was five times that of the population.

## 5.—Convictions of Persons 16 Years of Age or Over for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1911-37.

NOTE.—For figures for 1900-10, see p. 1016 of the 1933 Year Book.

| Year.     | P.E.I. | N.S.  | N.B. | Que.  | Ont.   | Man.  | Sask. | Alta. | B.C.  | Yukon. | N.W.T. | Canada. |
|-----------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
|           | No.    | No.   | No.  | No.   | No.    | No.   | No.   | No.   | No.   | No.    | No.    | No.     |
| 1911..... | 19     | 356   | 123  | 1,865 | 5,067  | 888   | 957   | 870   | 1,015 | 24     | 4      | 11,188  |
| 1912..... | 11     | 657   | 107  | 2,052 | 5,456  | 1,121 | 1,204 | 1,513 | 1,532 | 28     | 7      | 13,686  |
| 1913..... | 8      | 598   | 140  | 2,336 | 6,272  | 1,331 | 1,594 | 1,908 | 1,794 | 26     |        | 16,007  |
| 1914..... | 18     | 669   | 179  | 2,918 | 7,479  | 1,284 | 1,889 | 2,235 | 2,112 | 27     |        | 18,810  |
| 1915..... | 12     | 840   | 206  | 2,427 | 7,112  | 1,382 | 1,993 | 2,082 | 1,517 | 24     |        | 17,575  |
| 1916..... | 11     | 519   | 241  | 3,186 | 6,023  | 914   | 1,711 | 1,895 | 1,503 | 20     |        | 16,003  |
| 1917..... | 21     | 427   | 228  | 2,667 | 4,824  | 755   | 1,057 | 894   | 1,058 | 22     |        | 11,953  |
| 1918..... | 12     | 563   | 230  | 2,916 | 6,111  | 811   | 1,067 | 886   | 659   | 11     | 1      | 13,266  |
| 1919..... | 14     | 663   | 241  | 2,960 | 6,805  | 919   | 1,134 | 1,028 | 951   | 5      |        | 14,520  |
| 1920..... | 4      | 580   | 375  | 2,517 | 6,707  | 987   | 1,467 | 1,233 | 1,212 | 6      |        | 15,088  |
| 1921..... | 15     | 712   | 313  | 2,654 | 7,548  | 1,159 | 1,220 | 1,263 | 1,232 | 3      |        | 16,169  |
| 1922..... | 27     | 701   | 322  | 2,885 | 7,021  | 1,188 | 1,391 | 1,171 | 1,094 | 10     |        | 15,720  |
| 1923..... | 13     | 400   | 148  | 2,655 | 6,886  | 1,094 | 1,446 | 1,424 | 1,116 | 6      |        | 15,188  |
| 1924..... | 25     | 595   | 224  | 2,729 | 7,180  | 1,100 | 1,647 | 1,423 | 1,265 | 10     |        | 16,258  |
| 1925..... | 3      | 624   | 244  | 3,084 | 7,751  | 1,215 | 1,654 | 1,254 | 1,385 | 2      | 3      | 17,219  |
| 1926..... | 14     | 752   | 222  | 3,053 | 7,248  | 1,383 | 2,052 | 1,463 | 1,252 | 3      | 6      | 17,448  |
| 1927..... | 14     | 680   | 287  | 3,621 | 7,962  | 1,457 | 1,492 | 1,483 | 1,833 | 3      | 4      | 18,836  |
| 1928..... | 43     | 891   | 365  | 4,299 | 9,052  | 1,672 | 1,761 | 1,701 | 1,931 | 5      | Ni     | 21,720  |
| 1929..... | 55     | 869   | 358  | 4,780 | 9,489  | 1,968 | 1,918 | 2,201 | 2,423 | 8      | 6      | 24,097  |
| 1930..... | 59     | 875   | 354  | 5,540 | 11,774 | 2,272 | 2,355 | 2,525 | 2,694 | 6      | 3      | 28,457  |
| 1931..... | 57     | 1,184 | 461  | 5,737 | 12,000 | 3,102 | 2,716 | 2,887 | 3,385 | 8      | 5      | 31,542  |
| 1932..... | 78     | 1,072 | 514  | 7,086 | 12,428 | 2,982 | 1,893 | 2,241 | 3,072 | 6      | 11     | 31,353  |
| 1933..... | 70     | 1,160 | 479  | 7,713 | 13,152 | 2,667 | 2,049 | 2,544 | 3,094 | 7      | 7      | 32,942  |
| 1934..... | 68     | 992   | 525  | 7,687 | 11,761 | 2,571 | 2,396 | 2,708 | 2,946 | 3      | 7      | 31,684  |
| 1935..... | 59     | 1,002 | 576  | 9,354 | 12,653 | 2,382 | 1,876 | 2,424 | 3,088 | 3      | 14     | 33,531  |
| 1936..... | 75     | 1,147 | 744  | 9,497 | 13,594 | 2,631 | 2,194 | 3,138 | 3,021 | 8      | 10     | 36,059  |
| 1937..... | 98     | 1,081 | 759  | 7,781 | 14,569 | 2,839 | 3,083 | 3,589 | 3,331 | 8      | 10     | 37,148  |

<sup>1</sup> Included with Manitoba since that part of the N.W.T. from which earlier returns were received was included in Manitoba by the Extension of Boundaries Act, 1912. Later figures are for the present area of the N.W.T.

**Multiple Convictions.**—The total number of convictions must not be confused with the total number of persons convicted in any one year since an increasing number of persons tried for indictable offences have been convicted for more than one offence at the same trial. The trend of such 'multiple convictions' is interesting to students of sociology, and the following table has been compiled to show this for the five-year period 1933-37.