

**Recidivism.**—The number of those offenders who relapse into crime after a first conviction has been steadily increasing. In the latest five years the number of first offenders convicted of indictable offences has decreased from 74.6 p.c. of the total of convictions for this class of offence to 65.4 p.c. Table 12 shows the numbers of first and second offences and of reiterated offences of an indictable nature for which convictions were made in the five latest years, together with the percentage of each of these classes to the total.

**12.—Numbers and Percentages of First Offences, Second Offences, and Reiterated Offences of an Indictable Nature, years ended Sept. 30, 1933-37.**

| Class of Offence.   | Numbers of Convictions. |               |               |               |               | Percentages of Totals. |               |               |               |               |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | 1933.                   | 1934.         | 1935.         | 1936.         | 1937.         | 1933.                  | 1934.         | 1935.         | 1936.         | 1937.         |
| First .....         | 24,576                  | 22,805        | 23,844        | 24,109        | 24,291        | 74.60                  | 71.98         | 71.11         | 66.85         | 65.38         |
| Second .....        | 3,584                   | 3,219         | 3,163         | 3,864         | 4,273         | 10.88                  | 10.16         | 9.43          | 10.72         | 11.50         |
| Reiterated .....    | 4,782                   | 5,060         | 6,524         | 8,086         | 8,584         | 14.52                  | 17.86         | 19.46         | 22.42         | 23.12         |
| <b>Totals .....</b> | <b>32,942</b>           | <b>31,684</b> | <b>33,531</b> | <b>36,059</b> | <b>37,148</b> | <b>100.00</b>          | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

**Subsection 2.—Summary Convictions of Adults.**

The following statistics relate to non-indictable offences committed by adults (persons 16 years of age or over) and disposed of by police magistrates or other justices of the peace, under authority of the Summary Convictions Act. Such convictions numbered 420,212 during the year ended Sept. 30, 1937, an increase of 42,506, or 11.25 p.c., as compared with 1936. Every province, with the exception of Quebec, showed an increase in the total of convictions for non-indictable offences.

**13.—Summary Convictions, by Provinces, years ended Sept. 30, 1911-37.**

NOTE.—For figures for 1900-10, see p. 1020 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..... | 375    | 5,306 | 2,766 | 17,729  | 34,871  | 12,366 | 7,317  | 9,350  | 10,380 | 145   | 28     | 100,633 |
| 1912..... | 437    | 5,920 | 3,022 | 24,335  | 42,104  | 13,985 | 9,184  | 15,254 | 16,472 | 163   | 84     | 130,960 |
| 1913..... | 443    | 6,353 | 3,136 | 29,714  | 51,396  | 16,513 | 11,711 | 17,513 | 17,882 | 157   | 157    | 154,818 |
| 1914..... | 498    | 6,613 | 2,872 | 30,563  | 56,874  | 14,840 | 11,854 | 16,806 | 20,481 | 196   | 196    | 161,597 |
| 1915..... | 346    | 5,774 | 2,833 | 24,152  | 49,942  | 11,266 | 9,650  | 12,331 | 15,993 | 143   | 143    | 132,430 |
| 1916..... | 405    | 5,924 | 2,664 | 20,767  | 41,732  | 7,824  | 9,287  | 9,526  | 6,344  | 156   | 156    | 104,631 |
| 1917..... | 323    | 4,700 | 2,664 | 22,580  | 42,635  | 7,065  | 6,007  | 8,726  | 6,768  | 84    | 84     | 98,452  |
| 1918..... | 209    | 4,794 | 1,611 | 25,374  | 46,445  | 7,298  | 6,536  | 6,744  | 6,821  | 64    | 64     | 105,899 |
| 1919..... | 236    | 5,533 | 2,447 | 30,881  | 44,587  | 8,128  | 6,180  | 5,961  | 7,638  | 32    | 32     | 111,623 |
| 1920..... | 340    | 5,790 | 3,405 | 40,801  | 55,049  | 11,093 | 6,523  | 7,219  | 13,998 | 49    | 49     | 144,265 |
| 1921..... | 373    | 4,639 | 2,680 | 45,042  | 63,874  | 9,563  | 6,137  | 8,571  | 14,460 | 37    | 37     | 155,376 |
| 1922..... | 309    | 3,332 | 2,281 | 31,441  | 63,015  | 9,530  | 6,876  | 7,766  | 11,720 | 53    | 53     | 136,322 |
| 1923..... | 321    | 3,033 | 2,179 | 27,593  | 64,639  | 11,377 | 8,346  | 8,359  | 11,639 | 37    | 37     | 137,493 |
| 1924..... | 232    | 3,355 | 2,499 | 22,803  | 73,768  | 11,189 | 7,274  | 8,342  | 13,508 | 29    | 29     | 142,999 |
| 1925..... | 235    | 2,790 | 2,417 | 25,364  | 79,470  | 10,724 | 8,020  | 7,840  | 14,875 | 29    | 61     | 151,825 |
| 1926..... | 345    | 3,588 | 2,418 | 24,428  | 90,061  | 13,913 | 8,614  | 8,142  | 18,337 | 45    | 45     | 169,913 |
| 1927..... | 392    | 4,362 | 2,565 | 28,732  | 101,345 | 16,420 | 8,243  | 8,801  | 22,292 | 54    | 34     | 193,240 |
| 1928..... | 662    | 4,499 | 3,031 | 29,302  | 146,586 | 19,921 | 9,108  | 10,927 | 21,598 | 72    | 57     | 245,763 |
| 1929..... | 783    | 6,231 | 4,032 | 51,099  | 153,385 | 26,536 | 11,413 | 13,939 | 22,499 | 94    | 32     | 290,043 |
| 1930..... | 906    | 6,299 | 4,072 | 60,098  | 163,913 | 26,879 | 11,574 | 12,904 | 21,989 | 86    | 39     | 308,759 |
| 1931..... | 833    | 5,324 | 4,533 | 99,381  | 153,451 | 22,625 | 10,681 | 13,113 | 17,671 | 80    | 71     | 327,778 |
| 1932..... | 825    | 3,573 | 3,841 | 112,132 | 131,374 | 18,218 | 7,538  | 8,180  | 12,148 | 55    | 25     | 297,909 |
| 1933..... | 653    | 3,822 | 3,483 | 117,433 | 124,589 | 15,396 | 6,355  | 6,698  | 11,051 | 68    | 23     | 292,673 |
| 1934..... | 733    | 4,216 | 3,598 | 113,318 | 169,895 | 16,985 | 5,690  | 7,896  | 13,369 | 28    | 31     | 328,744 |
| 1935..... | 924    | 4,318 | 3,958 | 118,499 | 190,763 | 15,685 | 5,749  | 8,398  | 13,759 | 41    | 38     | 262,642 |
| 1936..... | 956    | 5,593 | 4,691 | 111,254 | 204,744 | 17,476 | 5,750  | 8,810  | 18,349 | 58    | 25     | 307,706 |
| 1937..... | 1,438  | 6,249 | 5,706 | 99,404  | 237,309 | 28,500 | 7,580  | 10,916 | 22,997 | 62    | 57     | 420,212 |

<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.