

The marked increase in the past nine or ten years has been due almost entirely to breaches of traffic regulations, which have risen from 96,340 in 1927 to 288,688 in 1937, or from 50 p.c. to nearly 69 p.c. of the total summary convictions. Drunkenness, breaches of by-laws, vagrancy, and offences against liquor Acts all show increases in convictions in 1937 over 1936. Offences against gambling Acts show a substantial decrease.

14.—Summary Convictions, by Offences, years ended Sept. 30, 1933-37.

Offence.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	Increase or Decrease 1936-37.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Assault.....	3,658	3,777	3,600	3,433	3,508	+ 75
Carrying fire-arms and unlawful weapons	361	290	258	388	323	- 85
Contempt of court.....	28	13	66	116	37	- 79
Cruelty to animals.....	244	305	263	259	266	+ 7
Disturbing religious and like meetings...	44	14	19	43	48	+ 5
Fishery and game Acts, offences against.	1,755	1,442	1,724	2,149	2,500	+351
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	22,191	30,699	25,889	40,670	14,360	-26,310
Immigration Act, offences against.....	41	29	24	28	19	- 9
Inspection and Sales Act, offences against	303	423	399	340	272	- 68
Adulteration of food (food and drugs Acts).....	162	202	244	201	321	+120
Weights and measures Acts, offences against.....	155	181	379	361	331	- 30
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	10,489	10,754	8,826	10,073	11,142	+ 1,069
Malicious or wilful damage to property...	811	729	790	785	806	+ 21
Masters and servants Acts, offences against.....	219	205	224	292	353	+ 61
Non-payment of wages.....	1,492	1,246	1,540	1,385	1,489	+104
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	186,848	217,827	246,123	237,183	288,688	+51,505
Breaches of by-laws.....	14,218	15,098	17,646	20,456	25,414	+ 4,958
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	1,363	1,435	1,415	1,607	2,062	+455
Contributing to delinquency of children...	952	939	862	1,063	931	-102
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	59	69	29	32	11	- 21
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	929	994	869	1,087	1,426	+339
Railway Acts, various offences against...	1,663	1,297	1,150	959	731	-228
Trespass on railway.....	915	565	713	588	565	- 23
Stealing ride on railway.....	2,277	1,076	1,017	524	388	-136
Revenue laws, offences against.....	1,076	923	2,604	3,345	4,011	+666
Trespass.....	844	518	381	505	580	+ 58
Vagrancy.....	11,109	6,424	7,966	7,416	8,744	+ 1,328
Drunkenness.....	18,910	20,764	25,643	28,433	34,606	+ 6,173
Insulting, abusive, and profane language...	346	163	180	347	144	-203
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	3,980	2,618	2,674	2,725	3,598	+873
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.....	2,813	4,787	5,777	7,515	7,700	+194
Various other offences.....	2,620	2,948	3,258	3,428	4,349	+ 1,421
Totals.....	292,673	328,744	362,642	377,706	426,212	+42,506

Convictions for Drunkenness.—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada in 1937 was 34,606, an increase of 21.7 p.c. over 1936. This was the highest point reached since 1930, when 35,789 convictions were recorded.