

nature, while 414,664 were non-indictable. The corresponding figures for 1937 were 43,968 indictable and 420,212 non-indictable cases. In the case of juvenile offenders, 8,929 young persons were brought before the courts, of whom 1,894 were either dismissed or had their cases adjourned *sine die*.

Convictions for All Offences.—Total convictions in 1938 increased by 222, or 0·1 p.c. as compared with 1937. Of the total, 7,035 were cases in which juveniles were found guilty of major or minor delinquency, a decrease of 681 or 8·8 p.c. from 1937. The convictions of adults are treated in detail in Section 2 of this chapter and those of juveniles are shown in Section 3.

In using the statistics in Table 1, it should be remembered that, while the Criminal Code undergoes little change over periods of time, the figures of summary convictions are influenced very much by the changing customs of the people, and show a strong tendency to increase with the increasing urbanization of the population. Summary convictions, as a class, have generally increased in proportion to all offences, but the most significant figures in Table 1 are those of indictable offences per 100,000 population. Attention is drawn to the increase in the proportion of both indictable offences and summary offences to population in recent years.

1.—Convictions for All Offences (Juveniles Included), Showing Indictable and Summary (or Non-Indictable) Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1886-1938.

NOTE.—Figures for intermediate years between 1886 and 1900 will be found at pp. 1050-1051 of the 1939 Year Book.

Year.	Indictable Offences.						Summary Offences, Total and Ratios.			Grand Total, Convictions.	
	Offences Against—			Other Indictable Offences.	Total and Ratios of Indictable Offences.						
	The Person.	Property with Violence.	Property without Violence.								
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	P.C. of All Offences.	Per 100,000 Population.	No.	P.C. of All Offences.	Per 100,000 Population.	No.	
1886...	735	268	2,111	395	3,509	10·3	77	30,365	89·7	663	33,874
1890...	876	288	2,490	280	3,934	10·0	82	34,606	90·0	724	38,540
1895...	1,108	483	3,506	377	5,474	14·5	109	32,111	85·5	639	37,585
1900...	1,235	431	3,702	400	5,768	13·8	109	35,885	86·2	677	41,653
1901...	1,189	493	3,568	388	5,638	13·4	105	36,510	86·6	679	42,148
1902...	1,329	419	3,541	371	5,660	13·0	103	37,876	87·0	690	43,536
1903...	1,602	562	3,853	504	6,521	12·9	115	43,862	87·1	776	50,383
1904...	1,603	565	4,060	526	6,754	12·3	116	48,192	87·7	827	54,946
1905...	1,609	670	4,316	1,029	7,624	12·2	127	54,935	87·8	915	62,559
1906...	1,618	649	4,651	1,174	8,092	11·4	133	62,811	88·6	1,030	70,903
1907...	1,849	684	5,672	905	9,110	11·5	142	70,060	88·5	1,092	79,170
1908...	2,413	914	6,960	1,048	11,335	12·8	171	77,299	87·2	1,167	88,634
1909...	2,441	852	6,828	1,328	11,449	12·7	168	78,503	87·3	1,154	89,552
1910...	2,632	945	6,994	1,129	11,700	11·4	167	91,203	88·6	1,304	102,903
1911...	2,442	978	8,014	1,193	12,627	11·1	175	100,633	88·9	1,396	113,260
1912...	3,486	1,196	9,346	1,539	15,567	10·6	211	130,960	89·4	1,773	146,527
1913...	4,256	1,478	10,868	1,718	18,320	10·5	240	154,818	89·5	2,028	173,138
1914...	4,428	1,810	13,248	1,952	21,438	11·7	272	161,597	88·3	2,051	183,035
1915...	3,975	2,242	12,882	1,526	20,625	13·4	258	132,430	86·5	1,659	153,055
1916...	3,443	1,484	9,805	4,428	19,160	15·4	239	104,631	84·6	1,308	123,791
1917...	2,526	1,322	8,694	3,017	15,559	13·6	193	98,452	86·4	1,221	114,011
1918...	2,526	2,051	9,851	2,942	17,370	14·1	213	105,899	85·9	1,300	123,269
1919...	2,605	2,608	10,281	2,902	18,396	14·1	222	111,623	85·9	1,343	130,019
1920...	2,901	2,313	10,350	2,879	18,443	11·3	215	144,265	88·7	1,684	162,708