

4.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable and Summary Offences, by Class of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1934-38—concluded.

Class of Offence.	PERCENTAGES OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION.									
	1934.		1935.		1936.		1937.		1938.	
	P.C. of Total.	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total.	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total.	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total.	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total.	Per 100,000 Pop.
Indictable Offences—										
Offences against the person.....	1.0	33	1.0	37	1.1	41	1.0	44	1.2	50
Offences against property with violence.....	1.2	39	1.1	38	1.2	44	1.0	41	1.2	49
Offences against property without violence.....	4.5	152	4.2	152	4.2	158	4.1	171	4.4	181
Other indictable offences..	2.1	69	2.2	80	2.2	84	2.0	78	2.7	109
<b>Totals, Indictable Offences.</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>389</b>
Summary Offences—										
Gambling Acts.....	8.5	283	6.5	237	9.8	369	3.2	129	2.3	94
Liquor Acts.....	3.0	99	2.2	81	2.4	91	2.4	100	2.7	111
Traffic regulations.....	60.4	2,010	62.2	2,251	57.4	2,151	63.1	2,596	62.4	2,551
Vagrancy and loose, idle, and disorderly conduct.	3.1	104	3.4	124	3.5	132	3.6	148	3.8	157
Drunkenness.....	5.8	192	6.4	235	6.9	258	7.6	311	8.1	329
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	0.7	24	0.7	24	0.7	25	0.8	32	0.8	31
Othersummary offences..	9.7	322	10.1	364	10.6	399	11.2	463	10.4	426
<b>Totals, Summary Offences.</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>3,699</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,327</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,088</b>

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, 1936-38.

It may be stated that during the thirty-nine year period from 1900 to 1938 crimes increased from 5,768 to 43,599 or 655.9 p.c. The increase in the population during the same period was 111.5 p.c., revealing that the increase in the crime rate was nearly six times that of the population.