

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 285,951* in 1938, or from 50 p.c. to nearly 69 p.c. of the total summary convictions. Drunkenness; offences against fishery and game Acts, Inspection and Sales Act, masters and servants Acts, railway Acts, revenue laws and liquor Acts; non-payment of wages; contributing to delinquency of children; and vagrancy, all showed increases in convictions in 1938 over 1937. Offences against gambling Acts, breaches of traffic regulations, and breaches of by-laws showed substantial decreases.

* Exclusive of 1,877 convictions for driving car while drunk. This offence, formerly included under breaches of traffic regulations, was, in 1938, classed as an indictable offence. (See Table 8.)

14.—Summary Convictions, by Type of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1934-38.

Offence.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	Increase or Decrease 1937-38.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Assault.....	3,777	3,690	3,433	3,508	3,236	-272
Carrying fire-arms and unlawful weapons.....	280	258	388	323	418	+95
Contempt of court.....	13	66	116	37	34	-3
Cruelty to animals.....	305	263	259	266	206	-60
Disturbing religious and like meetings.....	14	19	43	48	24	-24
Fishery and game Acts, offences against.....	1,442	1,724	2,149	2,500	2,704	+204
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	30,699	25,889	40,670	14,360	10,537	-3,823
Immigration Act, offences against.....	29	24	28	19	23	+4
Inspection and Sales Act, offences against.....	423	399	340	272	488	+216
Adulteration of food (food and drugs Acts).....	202	244	201	321	100	-221
Weights and measures Acts, offences against.....	181	379	361	331	213	-118
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	10,754	8,826	10,073	11,142	12,442	+1,300
Malicious or wilful damage to property.....	729	790	785	806	902	+96
Masters and servants Acts, offences against.....	205	224	292	353	845	+492
Non-payment of wages.....	1,246	1,540	1,385	1,489	1,718	+229
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	217,827	246,123	237,183	288,688	285,951 ¹	-2,737 ¹
Breaches of by-laws.....	15,098	17,646	20,456	25,414	21,914	-3,500
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	1,435	1,415	1,607	2,062	1,574	-488
Contributing to delinquency of children.....	939	862	1,033	931	1,335	+404
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	69	29	32	11	9	-2
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	994	869	1,087	1,426	978	-448
Railway Acts, various offences against.....	1,297	1,150	959	731	948	+217
Trespass on railway.....	565	713	588	565	522	-43
Stealing ride on railway.....	1,076	1,017	524	388	394	+6
Revenue laws, offences against.....	923	2,604	3,345	4,011	4,267	+256
Trespass.....	518	381	505	560	557	-3
Vagrancy.....	6,424	7,966	7,416	8,744	9,273	+529
Drunkenness.....	20,764	25,643	28,433	34,606	36,894	+2,288
Insulting, obscene, and profane language.....	163	180	347	144	126	-18
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	2,618	2,674	2,725	3,598	3,518	-80
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.....	4,928 ²	5,777	7,515	8,623 ²	8,458	-165
Various other offences.....	2,807 ²	3,258	3,428	3,935 ²	4,056	+121
Totals.....	328,744	362,642	377,706	426,212	414,664	-5,548

¹ See footnote* at end of text above this table.

² Revised since the publication of the 1939 Year Book.