

Recidivism.—The number of those offenders who relapse into crime after a first conviction has been steadily increasing. The number of first offenders convicted for indictable offences has decreased from 71.1 p.c. of the total convictions for this class of offence in 1935 to 62.1 p.c. in 1939.

12.—First Offences, Second Offences, and Reiterated Offences of an Indictable Nature, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1935-39

Class of Offence	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of First, Second, etc. Convictions to Totals				
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
First.....	23,844	24,109	24,291	28,536	29,875	71.11	66.86	65.39	65.45	62.10
Second.....	3,163	3,864	4,273	4,974	5,744	9.43	10.72	11.50	11.41	11.94
Reiterated.....	6,524	8,086	8,584	10,089	12,488	19.46	22.42	23.11	23.14	25.96
Totals.....	33,531	36,059	37,148	43,599	48,107	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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 428,608 during the year ended Sept. 30, 1939, an increase of 13,944, or 3.4 p.c., as compared with 1938. Decreases were shown in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia; each of the other provinces showed an increase.

13.—Summary Convictions of Adults, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1911-39

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		154,818
1914..	498	6,613	2,872	30,563	56,874	14,840	11,854	16,806	20,481	196		161,597
1915..	346	5,774	2,833	24,152	49,942	11,266	9,650	12,331	15,993	143		132,430
1916..	405	5,924	2,664	20,767	41,732	7,826	9,287	9,526	6,344	156		104,631
1917..	323	4,700	2,564	22,560	42,655	7,065	6,007	5,726	6,768	84		98,452
1918..	209	4,794	1,611	25,374	46,448	7,298	6,536	6,744	6,821	64		105,899
1919..	236	5,533	2,447	30,881	44,587	8,128	6,180	5,961	7,638	32		111,623
1920..	340	5,790	3,405	40,801	55,049	11,093	6,523	7,219	13,996	49		144,265
1921..	373	4,639	2,680	45,042	63,874	9,563	6,137	8,571	14,460	37		155,376
1922..	309	3,332	2,281	31,441	63,015	9,530	6,876	7,766	11,720	52		136,322
1923..	321	3,033	2,179	27,563	64,639	11,377	8,346	8,359	11,639	37		137,493
1924..	232	3,355	2,499	22,803	73,768	11,189	7,274	8,342	13,508	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	3,568	2,418	24,428	90,061	13,913	8,614	8,142	18,337	45	42	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..	838	5,324	4,533	99,381	153,451	22,625	10,691	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..	655	3,922	3,483	117,433	124,589	15,396	6,355	9,698	11,051	68	23	292,673
1934..	733	4,216	3,598	115,313	160,895	16,985	5,680	7,896	13,369	28	31	328,744
1935..	924	4,818	3,968	113,499	190,763	15,655	5,749	8,398	13,759	41	38	362,642
1936..	956	5,593	4,691	111,254	204,744	17,476	5,750	8,810	18,349	58	25	377,706
1937..	1,438	6,249	5,706	99,404	237,309	28,500	7,580	10,910	22,997	62	57	420,212
1938..	1,497	6,552	5,299	89,443	238,224	32,748	7,113	10,973	22,095	60	60	414,664
1939..	1,293	7,503	5,095	91,607	247,609	31,467	8,147	13,816	21,881	89	101	428,608

¹ 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.