

The marked increase in the past twelve years has been due almost entirely to breaches of traffic regulations, which have risen from 96,340 in 1927 to 292,904\* in 1939, or from 50 p.c. to nearly 68·3 p.c. of the total summary convictions. Offences against fishery and game Acts, gambling Acts, Inspection and Sales Act, food and drugs Acts, liquor Acts, breaches of by-laws, and vagrancy all showed increases in convictions in 1939 over 1938. Drunkenness showed a decrease.

#### 14.—Summary Convictions, by Type of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1935-39

Offence	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	Increase or Decrease 1938-39
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Assault.....	3,690	3,433	3,508	3,236	3,112	-124
Carrying firearms and unlawful weapons..	258	388	323	418	342	-76
Contempt of court.....	66	116	37	34	30	-4
Cruelty to animals.....	263	259	266	206	198	-8
Disturbing religious and like meetings...	19	43	48	24	29	+5
Fishery and game Acts, offences against..	1,724	2,149	2,500	2,704	3,181	+477
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	25,889	40,670	14,360	10,537	11,106	+569
Immigration Act, offences against.....	24	28	19	23	13	-10
Inspection and Sales Act, offences against	399	340	272	488	552	+64
Adulteration of food (food and drugs Acts).....	244	201	321	100	209	+109
Weights and measures Acts, offences against.....	379	361	331	213	164	-49
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	8,826	10,073	11,142	12,442	13,513	+1,071
Malicious or wilful damage to property..	790	785	806	902	886	-16
Masters and servants Acts, offences against.....	224	292	353	845	588	-257
Non-payment of wages.....	1,540	1,385	1,489	1,718	1,436	-282
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	246,123	237,183	288,688	285,951 <sup>1</sup>	292,904 <sup>1</sup>	+6,953
Breaches of by-laws.....	17,646	20,456	25,414	21,914	25,852	+3,938
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	1,415	1,607	2,062	1,574	2,211	+637
Contributing to delinquency of children.	862	1,033	931	1,335	1,362	+27
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	29	32	11	9	4	-5
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	869	1,087	1,426	978	913	-55
Railway Acts, various offences against..	1,150	959	731	948	593	+45
Trespass on railway.....	713	588	565	522	637	+115
Stealing ride on railway.....	1,017	524	388	394	437	+43
Revenue laws, offences against.....	2,604	3,345	4,011	4,267	1,610 <sup>2</sup>	-2,657
Trespass.....	381	505	560	557	777	+220
Vagrancy.....	7,966	7,416	8,744	9,273	12,623	+3,350
Drunkenness.....	25,643	28,433	34,606	36,894	36,007	-887
Insulting, obscene, and profane language..	180	347	144	126	240	+114
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	2,674	2,725	3,598	3,518	2,580	-938
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct and dis- turbing the peace.....	5,777	7,515	8,623	8,458	5,585	-2,873
Radio without licence <sup>2</sup> .....	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	4,479	+4,479
Various other offences.....	3,258	3,428	3,935	4,056	4,435	+379
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>362,642</b>	<b>377,706</b>	<b>420,212</b>	<b>414,664</b>	<b>428,608</b>	<b>+13,944</b>

<sup>1</sup> See footnote (\*) to text above this table.

<sup>2</sup> Convictions for operating radio without licence were

formerly classed as offences against revenue laws.

**Convictions for Drunkenness.**—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada in 1939 decreased 2·4 p.c. from 1938. Maximum figures were attained in the years 1913 and 1914; during the War of 1914-18 there was an appreciable reduction and since then, while figures have fluctuated, they have not approximated the former high levels.

\* Exclusive of 1,786 convictions for driving car while drunk and 1,536 for dangerous and reckless driving which are now classed as indictable offences (see Table 8).