

Section 4.—Municipal Police Statistics

Police statistics were collected in 1939 from the 160 cities and towns that had populations of 4,000 or over in 1931 (1936 for the three Prairie Provinces), aggregating a total of 4,435,472 persons. The total number of police was 5,665, which is an average of one policeman to each 783 persons in the population of those cities and towns.

The returns showed a total of 471,894 crimes known to have been committed; 116,940 arrests were made and 251,273 summonses issued. The prosecutions numbered 368,213 with 297,073 convictions.

Automobiles reported stolen numbered 7,494 during 1939, while stolen automobiles reported recovered numbered 7,448; 13,133 bicycles were stolen with 8,774 or 66.8 p.c. recovered. The value of other goods reported stolen was \$2,489,990 with \$1,142,741 or 46 p.c. recovered. There were 46,037 automobile accidents reported to the police; 421 deaths and 14,229 injuries resulted from such accidents. Other accidents reported resulted in the death of 516 persons and injuries to 7,234.

24.—Police Statistics of Canadian Cities and Towns, by Provinces, 1938 and 1939

Year and Province	Cities and Towns	Population	Police	Arrests	Summonses	Population per Policeman	Arrests per Policeman
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1938							
Prince Edward Island	1	12,361	10	579	283	1,236	58
Nova Scotia.....	13	176,444	152	5,765	1,468	1,161	38
New Brunswick.....	6	93,985	92	3,815	722	1,022	41
Quebec.....	43	1,435,170	2,208	33,809	57,960	650	15
Ontario.....	69	1,764,789	2,006	44,484	141,798	880	22
Manitoba.....	6	265,232	292	5,125	28,538	908	18
Saskatchewan.....	8	146,004	132	2,966	3,246	1,106	22
Alberta.....	4	192,296	211	4,526	5,307	911	21
British Columbia.....	10	349,191	493	10,553	13,149	708	21
Totals, 1938.....	160	4,435,472	5,596	111,622	252,471	793	20
1939							
Prince Edward Island..	1	12,361	11	551	284	1,124	50
Nova Scotia.....	13	176,444	148	4,826	2,054	1,193	33
New Brunswick.....	6	93,985	88	3,120	746	1,068	35
Quebec.....	43	1,435,170	2,192	39,825	51,384	655	18
Ontario.....	69	1,764,789	2,042	43,651	146,941	864	21
Manitoba.....	6	265,232	336	5,243	26,059	789	16
Saskatchewan.....	8	146,004	138	3,068	3,577	1,058	22
Alberta.....	4	192,296	214	7,543	6,107	899	35
British Columbia.....	10	349,191	496	9,113	14,121	704	18
Totals, 1939.....	160	4,435,472	5,665	116,940	251,273	783	21

Section 5.—Penitentiary Statistics

The Penitentiaries Branch of the Department of Justice is charged with the administration of the various penitentiaries of Canada. Seven institutions are included in the system, the two largest of which are at Portsmouth, Ont., and St. Vincent de Paul, Que., while the other five are at Dorchester, N.B.; Prince Albert, Sask.; Stony Mountain, Man.; New Westminster, B.C.; and Collins Bay, Ont. During the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1940, the average daily population of these institutions was 3,736 and the total net cash outlay for the year was \$2,788,540 or \$2.05 per convict per diem, compared with 3,618 average daily population and \$2,694,375 total net cash outlay or \$2.04 per convict per diem for the year 1939.