

Convictions of Females.—Females convicted of indictable offences numbered 5,894 in 1942, a decrease from the total of 6,217 in 1941. They comprised 15.0 p.c. of all convictions of adults in 1942 as compared with 14.6 p.c. in 1941. In all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia, the percentages of women convicted to total convictions were higher in 1942 than in 1941. Increases, however, were not great in any province.

11.—Convictions of Females for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-42

Province	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of Females Convicted to Totals Convicted				
	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Prince Edward Island.....	15	16	17	19	23	6.7	6.0	6.7	9.2	11.2
Nova Scotia.....	71	73	95	80	108	5.6	4.5	6.0	4.8	6.6
New Brunswick.....	59	50	38	72	82	6.5	4.5	3.4	6.1	7.7
Quebec.....	1,880	2,589	3,732	3,573	3,313	18.3	23.9	30.7	31.0	32.3
Ontario.....	947	897	1,190	1,303	1,183	5.5	4.5	6.8	8.2	7.9
Manitoba.....	258	240	276	288	312	8.4	6.3	8.2	10.2	12.9
Saskatchewan.....	133	210	223	299	305	5.2	6.1	7.7	9.6	11.6
Alberta.....	246	317	310	251	267	6.8	7.7	7.0	7.7	8.4
British Columbia.....	567	427	358	332	298	12.8	11.5	10.6	11.1	10.7
Yukon and N.W.T.....	Nil	6	2	Nil	3	—	19.3	12.5	—	9.7
Canada.....	4,176	4,825	6,241	6,217	5,894	9.6	10.0	13.3	14.6	15.0

Recidivism.—The number of offenders who relapse into crime after a first conviction has decreased during 1941 and 1942. While the number of first offenders decreased during the first three war years, the percentage of total convictions represented by this class increased slowly. The number of recidivists and the percentage of total convictions they represent have both decreased, though by less than 1 p.c. per year.

12.—First Offences, Second Offences, and Reiterated Offences of an Indictable Nature, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-42

Class of Offence	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of First, Second, etc. Convictions to Totals				
	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
First.....	28,536	29,875	30,341	27,826	26,212	65.45	62.10	64.94	65.25	66.68
Second.....	4,974	5,744	4,903	4,257	3,769	11.41	11.94	10.49	9.98	9.59
Reiterated.....	10,089	12,488	11,479	10,563	9,328	23.14	25.96	24.57	24.77	23.73
Totals.....	43,599	48,107	46,723	42,646	39,309	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Subsection 2.—Non-Indictable Convictions of Adults

The following statistics relate to non-indictable offences of 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 during 1942 showed an increase of 6.2 p.c. as compared with 1941. The increase was almost totally accounted for in the Province of Quebec, although Nova Scotia and New Brunswick showed nominal increases. All other provinces showed fewer convictions for 1942 than 1941.