

13.—Convictions of Adults for Non-Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1931-42

NOTE.—For figures for 1900-12, see p. 1020 of the 1933 Year Book and for 1913-30, p. 913 of the 1942 Year Book.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada
1931..	838	5,324	4,533	99,381	153,451	22,625	10,891	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	118,499	190,763	15,685	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	22,695	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
1940..	1,237	9,138	6,213	93,965	267,166	31,018	9,276	14,702	23,190	98	106	456,109
1941..	1,664	10,254	7,703	152,330	288,874	32,481	10,499	15,434	28,096	80	141	547,556
1942..	1,521	10,386	8,170	195,672	285,240	32,209	8,541	14,543	24,905	86	91	581,364

The marked increase in the past 16 years in non-indictable convictions has been due, almost entirely, to breaches of traffic regulations, which have risen from 96,340 in 1927 to 399,957 during 1942 or from 50 p.c. of the total in 1927 to 68.8 p.c. in 1942. Breaches of the radio licence laws have also increased rapidly during the past two years, due, perhaps, to stricter enforcement.

14.—Non-Indictable Convictions, by Type, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-42

Offence	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	Increase or Decrease 1941-42
Assault.....	3,236	3,112	2,865	2,790	3,004	+214
Fishery and game Acts, offences against.....	2,704	3,181	2,854	3,403	2,412	-991
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	10,537	11,106	16,318	30,486	21,129	-9,357
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	12,442	13,513	12,946	15,369	16,898	+1,529
Non-payment of wages.....	1,718	1,436	1,272	1,380	364	-1,016
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	285,951	292,904	311,678	369,234	399,957	+30,723
Breaches of by-laws.....	21,914	25,852	30,030	36,102	34,541	-1,561
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	1,574	2,211	2,238	2,546	2,403	-143
Contributing to delinquency of children.....	1,335	1,362	1,326	1,360	1,158	-202
Revenue laws, offences against.....	4,267	1,610	1,947	1,012	2,052	+1,040
Vagrancy.....	9,273	12,623	9,758	8,856	7,212	-1,644
Drunkenness.....	36,894	36,007	37,826	40,002	44,801	+4,799
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	3,518	2,580	1,170	1,208	1,192	-16
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.....	8,458	5,585	9,220	9,291	9,684	+393
Radios without licences.....	1	4,479	2,901	12,447	21,706	+9,259
Various other offences.....	10,843	11,047	11,760	12,070	12,851	+781
Totals.....	414,664	428,608	456,109	547,556	581,364	+33,806

¹ Convictions for operating radio without licence were formerly classed as offences against revenue laws.

Convictions for Drunkenness.—The number of convictions for drunkenness in Canada increased by 11.2 p.c. in 1942 as compared with 1941. 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.