

War-Time Trends.—An increase of 15·8 p.c. shown in convictions of juveniles for minor offences during the three years preceding the War compares with an increase of 86·4 p.c. for the first three years of war. Breaches of municipal by-laws accounted for a large part of this war-time increase, mainly of bicycle regulations which increased 543·1 p.c. since the start of the War as compared with a 37·8 p.c. increase during the three pre-war years, and this, in turn, is the result of the increased use of bicycles to ease the war-time traffic situation. But incorrigibility, truancy, vagrancy and “wandering away from home” also showed much higher percentages of increase during the war period. Reasons for these must be sought deeper, viz., in the general effects of war on the conduct of juveniles as a whole.

Section 4.—Municipal Police Statistics

Police statistics were collected from 159 cities and towns of 4,000 or over population in 1942. The aggregate population of this group of cities and towns is 4,934,039. Total number of policemen in those towns was 5,932 or one for every 832 of population.

A total of 490,431 offences were reported to the police. Arrests numbered 122,677 and 276,907 summonses were issued. There was 380,031 prosecutions and 328,462 convictions.

Automobiles stolen numbered 7,594 with 7,663 recovered. Bicycles stolen numbered 16,959 with 12,795 recovered. The value of other goods reported to the police as stolen was \$2,715,908. Value of stolen goods recovered totalled \$1,479,504.

Automobile accidents numbered 45,473 as the result of which 480 persons were killed and 15,276 injured. Other accidents caused 954 deaths and 7,423 injuries.

The number of doors found unlocked by the police was 39,344; 42,795 persons were given shelter in police stations and 8,817 stray children were returned to their homes.

24.—Police Statistics of Canadian Cities and Towns, by Provinces, 1941 and 1942

Year and Province	Cities and Towns	Population	Police	Arrests	Summonses	Population per Policeman	Arrests per Policeman
1941							
Prince Edward Island..	1	12,361	11	415	443	1,124	37
Nova Scotia.....	13	176,444	160	6,647	2,547	1,103	42
New Brunswick.....	6	93,985	110	4,256	2,154	854	38
Quebec.....	43	1,435,170	2,350	44,333	38,744	611	19
Ontario.....	69	1,764,789	2,102	44,614	182,002	840	21
Manitoba.....	7	269,379	337	5,165	31,199	799	15
Saskatchewan.....	8	146,004	144	2,583	4,690	1,014	18
Alberta.....	4	192,296	215	4,300	7,642	894	20
British Columbia.....	10	349,191	516	8,512	25,118	677	17
Totals, 1941.....	161	4,439,619	5,945	120,825	294,539	747	20
1942							
Prince Edward Island..	1	14,281	11	422	265	1,298	38
Nova Scotia.....	13	207,535	176	7,885	3,460	1,584	45
New Brunswick.....	6	102,492	110	5,237	1,588	932	48
Quebec.....	42	1,626,938	2,384	47,349	50,687	682	20
Ontario.....	68	1,968,470	2,023	42,187	156,779	973	21
Manitoba.....	7	279,759	349	5,012	28,962	801	14
Saskatchewan.....	8	156,628	142	2,048	3,382	1,103	14
Alberta.....	4	187,904	211	3,919	5,251	891	19
British Columbia.....	10	390,032	526	8,618	26,533	741	16
Totals, 1942.....	159	4,934,039	5,932	122,677	276,907	832	21