

**Convictions of Females.**—The number of females convicted of indictable offences increased 4 p.c. in 1943 over 1942, accounted for by increases in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. In all provinces except Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, the percentages of women convicted to total convictions were lower in 1943 than in 1942.

**11.—Convictions of Females for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-43**

Province or Territory	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of Females Convicted to Totals Convicted				
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Prince Edward Island.....	16	17	19	23	15	6.0	6.7	9.2	11.2	8.6
Nova Scotia.....	73	95	80	108	100	4.5	6.0	4.8	6.6	5.8
New Brunswick.....	50	38	72	82	83	4.5	3.4	6.1	7.7	6.9
Quebec.....	2,589	3,732	3,573	3,313	3,422	23.9	30.7	31.0	32.3	29.4
Ontario.....	897	1,190	1,303	1,183	1,463	4.5	6.8	8.2	7.9	8.7
Manitoba.....	240	276	288	312	246	6.3	8.2	10.2	12.9	11.9
Saskatchewan.....	210	223	299	305	188	6.1	7.7	9.6	11.6	8.5
Alberta.....	317	310	251	267	253	7.7	7.0	7.7	8.4	9.1
British Columbia.....	427	358	332	298	361	11.5	10.6	11.1	10.7	11.7
Yukon and N.W.T.....	6	2	Nil	3	1	19.3	12.5	-	9.7	2.4
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>4,825</b>	<b>6,241</b>	<b>6,217</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>6,132</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>

**Recidivism.**—The number of offenders who relapse into crime after a first conviction decreased each year from 1939 to 1942 but increased slightly in 1943. However, the number of recidivists and the percentage of total convictions they represent have shown a general tendency to decline in recent years. The number of first offenders, which had also been declining since 1939, showed a slight increase in 1943.

**12.—First Offences, Second Offences, and Reiterated Offences of an Indictable Nature, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-43**

Class of Offence	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of First, Second, etc. Convictions to Totals				
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
First.....	29,875	30,341	27,826	26,212	27,716	62.10	64.94	65.25	66.68	66.38
Second.....	5,744	4,903	4,257	3,769	4,173	11.94	10.49	9.98	9.59	9.99
Reiterated.....	12,488	11,479	10,563	9,328	9,863	25.96	24.57	24.77	23.73	23.63
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>48,107</b>	<b>46,723</b>	<b>42,646</b>	<b>39,309</b>	<b>41,752</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**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 1943 showed a decrease of 20 p.c. as compared with 1942 shared by all the provinces. Yukon and the Northwest Territories showed increases but the number of cases involved was negligible.