

*Wartime Trends.*—An increase of 19.9 p.c. shown in the convictions of juveniles for minor offences during the four years preceding the War compares with an increase of 46.6 p.c. for the first four years of war. Breaches of various unclassified municipal by-laws account for the greater part of this accelerated increase, convictions under this heading have increased 270.1 p.c. during the four war years as compared with 43.9 p.c. during the four years preceding the War. Convictions for vagrancy and wandering away from home show greatly accelerated rates of increase in this comparison.

### Section 4.—Municipal Police Statistics

Police statistics were collected from 188 cities and towns of 4,000 or over population in 1943. The aggregate population of this group of cities and towns was 5,134,078 and the total number of policemen was 5,904 or one for every 870 of population.

A total of 428,143 offences were reported to the police. Arrests numbered 116,003 and 213,828 summonses were issued. There was 320,947 prosecutions and 275,268 convictions.

Automobiles stolen numbered 8,762 with 8,818 recovered. Bicycles stolen numbered 18,957 with 14,253 recovered. The value of other goods reported to the police as stolen was \$3,352,137. Value of stolen goods recovered totalled \$1,455,593.

Automobile accidents numbered 41,022 as the result of which 495 persons were killed and 13,022 injured. Other accidents caused 723 killed and 7,781 injuries.

The number of doors found unlocked by the police was 38,648; 33,547 persons were given shelter in police stations and 9,702 stray children were returned to their homes.

#### 25.—Police Statistics of Canadian Cities and Towns, by Provinces, 1943

Province	Cities and Towns	Population	Police	Arrests	Sum-moneses	Population per Policeman	Arrests per Policeman
Prince Edward Island.....	2	19,855	14	486	226	1,418	38
Nova Scotia.....	14	211,651	193	6,247	3,037	1,097	32
New Brunswick.....	7	107,000	111	4,808	2,235	964	43
Quebec.....	56	1,745,559	2,364	42,693	46,687	738	18
Ontario.....	78	2,026,470	2,002	43,143	119,104	1,012	22
Manitoba.....	7	279,759	331	4,574	18,806	845	14
Saskatchewan.....	9	160,639	143	2,032	3,144	1,233	14
Alberta.....	4	187,904	219	3,882	4,391	858	18
British Columbia.....	11	395,241	527	8,138	16,198	750	15
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>5,134,078</b>	<b>5,904</b>	<b>116,003</b>	<b>213,828</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>20</b>

### 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, 1944, the average daily population of

\*Revised in co-operation with the Superintendent of Penitentiaries, Department of Justice.