

for 1944 were 48,624 indictable and 430,727 for non-indictable crimes. The total convictions in 1945 numbered 497,883 an increase of 5.2 p.c. as compared with 1944.

ADULT CONVICTIONS PER 100,000 POPULATION

	<u>Post-War Period</u>	<u>Indictable</u>	<u>Non-indictable</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>First World War—</i>				
1917.....		193	1,221	1,414
1918.....		213	1,300	1,513
1919.....		222	1,343	1,565
1920.....		215	1,684	1,899
1921.....		221	1,795	2,016
<i>Second World War—</i>				
1944.....		355	3,597	3,952
1945.....		346	3,762	4,108

Ontario led the provinces in total convictions per 100,000 population during 1945, the ratio being 5,669. Quebec was second with 4,723, and Manitoba third with 3,443, the same order as that of the previous year. The figures for the other provinces follow: British Columbia, 2,778; Yukon and the Northwest Territories, 2,571; New Brunswick, 2,365; Nova Scotia, 1,917; Alberta, 1,789; Prince Edward Island, 1,766, and Saskatchewan, 1,325.

The most significant figures are those of convictions for the more serious crimes—offences against the person and offences against property with violence. These increased from 1944 to 1945 by 12 p.c. and 0.1 p.c., respectively, although the total number of indictable convictions showed a decrease of 1.3 p.c. in the same comparison.

In 1945 non-indictable crime increased for two-thirds of the classes shown in Table 12. In connection with these increases it should be remembered that, while the Criminal Code undergoes little change over a period of time, the figures for summary convictions are greatly influenced by the customs of the people and show a tendency to fluctuate as municipal regulations are more strictly enforced or allowed to lapse.

1.—Total Convictions of Adults, Classified by Indictable and Non-Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-45

NOTE.—Classification of indictable crimes is given in Table 3, p. 237, and of non-indictable crimes in Table 12, p. 243.

Class of Offence	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS									
	1941		1942		1943		1944		1945	
Indictable offences.....	42,646		39,309		41,752		42,511		41,965	
Non-indictable offences.....	547,556		581,364		465,315		430,727		455,918	
Totals.....	590,202		620,673		507,067		473,238		497,883	
Class of Offence	PERCENTAGE OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 POPULATION									
	1941		1942		1943		1944		1945	
	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.
Indictable offences.....	7.2	371	6.3	337	8.2	354	9.0	355	8.4	346
Non-indictable offences.....	92.8	4,758	93.7	4,989	91.8	3,939	91.0	3,597	91.6	3,762
Totals.....	100.0	5,129	100.0	5,326	100.0	4,293	100.0	3,952	100.0	4,108