

Analyses of Convictions for Non-Indictable Offences.—Breaches of traffic regulations account for the largest number of non-indictable convictions. In 1945, they comprised 62.9 p.c. of the total number of such crimes (see p. 244 for further statement). Offences against revenue laws showed the highest percentage increase in 1945 over 1944 amounting to 56.5 p.c.; the 1945 figure was, however, below those for 1942 and 1943. Other high percentage increases were shown in offences against the liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts (30 p.c.), loose, idle, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace (29.4 p.c.) and non-support of family and neglecting children (28.9 p.c.).

12.—Convictions for Non-Indictable Offences, by Type, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-45

Offence	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	Increase or Decrease 1944-45
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Assault.....	2,790	3,004	3,148	3,248	3,887	+639
Fishery and game Acts, offences against.....	3,403	2,412	2,219	2,485	2,297	-188
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	30,486	21,129	19,996	16,283	16,626	+343
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	15,369	16,898	15,099	17,093	22,237	+5,144
Non-payment of wages.....	1,380	364	186	175	126	-49
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	369,234	399,957	274,573	270,021	286,825	+16,804
Breaches of by-laws.....	36,102	34,541	37,601	27,114	26,209	-905
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	2,546	2,403	2,099	2,442	3,148	+706
Contributing to delinquency of children.....	1,360	1,158	902	1,006	1,095	+89
Revenue laws, offences against.....	1,012	2,052	1,749	1,058	1,656	+598
Vagrancy.....	8,856	7,212	9,289	9,200	7,679	-1,521
Drunkenness.....	40,002	44,801	42,292	41,521	46,745	+5,224
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	1,208	1,192	852	634	802	+168
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct, and dis- turbing the peace.....	9,291	9,684	5,536	7,082	9,161	+2,079
Radios without licences.....	12,447	21,706	34,434	7,194	7,534	+340
Various other offences.....	12,070	12,851	15,340	24,171	19,891	-4,280
Totals.....	547,556	581,364	465,315	430,727	455,918	+25,191

Convictions for Drunkenness.—The number of convictions declined slightly in 1943 and 1944 but increased by over 5,000 in 1945. This may be due, to some extent, to stricter enforcement and the return of men from overseas. New Brunswick, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, all showed decreases in such convictions. The highest percentage increase was in Yukon followed by Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

13.—Convictions for Drunkenness, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1936-45

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-10 are given at p. 1021 of the 1933 Year Book, for 1911-30 at p. 914 of the 1942 edition and for 1931-35 at p. 1114 of the 1946 edition.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Man.	Sask.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936.....	558	2,221	2,187	5,332	13,049	1,125	418	785	2,734	21	3	28,433
1937.....	559	2,577	2,809	7,544	15,960	1,050	425	929	2,720	14	19	34,606
1938.....	595	2,628	2,730	7,220	17,585	1,286	848	922	3,053	17	10	36,894
1939.....	546	2,463	2,179	6,427	18,120	985	895	1,130	3,226	23	13	36,007
1940.....	467	3,607	2,515	6,986	17,823	1,527	580	1,271	3,004	21	25	37,826
1941.....	539	3,654	3,332	8,292	17,831	1,472	591	1,353	2,871	23	44	40,002
1942.....	606	4,387	4,217	10,400	17,622	1,580	570	1,393	3,964	43	19	44,801
1943.....	332	2,380	3,489	10,363	17,482	1,885	778	1,462	4,055	51	15	42,292
1944.....	395	2,068	4,292	8,843	17,258	1,451	864	1,539	4,744	54	13	41,521
1945.....	612	3,064	4,158	10,336	19,573	2,040	1,010	1,515	4,342	85	10	46,745