

Ontario led the provinces in total convictions per 100,000 estimated population during 1946, with a ratio of 9,157. Manitoba, with 5,344, changed places with Quebec for second place as compared with 1945; Quebec had 5,112. Figures for the other provinces were: British Columbia, 3,601; Prince Edward Island, 3,229; New Brunswick, 3,212; Yukon and the Northwest Territories, 2,525; Nova Scotia, 2,480; Alberta, 2,468; and Saskatchewan 1,979. Saskatchewan has held the most favourable position among the provinces since 1943.

### 1.—Total Convictions of Adults, Classified by Indictable and Non-Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1942-46

NOTE.—Classification of indictable crimes is given in Table 3, p. 277, and of non-indictable crimes in Table 13, p. 283.

Class of Offence	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS									
	1942		1943		1944		1945		1946	
Indictable offences.....	39,309		41,752		42,511		41,965		46,939	
Non-indictable offences.....	581,364		465,315		430,727		455,918		659,672	
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>620,673</b>		<b>507,067</b>		<b>473,238</b>		<b>497,883</b>		<b>706,611</b>	
Class of Offence	PERCENTAGE OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 POPULATION									
	1942		1943		1944		1945		1946	
	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.....	6.3	337	8.2	354	9.0	355	8.4	346	6.6	381
Non-indictable offences.....	93.7	4,989	91.8	3,939	91.0	3,597	91.6	3,762	93.4	5,360
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,741</b>

### Subsection 1.—Indictable Offences

People interested in crime are mainly concerned with the more serious offences. While such offences are by far the least numerous, nevertheless from the standpoint of protection of the person and of property, they are the most important. In the study of crime statistics it is desirable to have comparable figures over a period of years. Table 2, along with figures published in earlier editions of the Year Book, provides the necessary background.

In 1936 the total number of convictions for indictable crimes was 36,059; in 1946 it had increased to 46,939 or by 30.2 p.c. The increase in the population during the same period was 12.4 p.c.

### 2.—Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1937-46

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-20 are given at p. 1016 of the 1933 Year Book, for 1921-30 at p. 908 of the 1942 edition and for 1931-36 at p. 1108 of the 1946 edition.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1937....	98	1,081	759	7,781	14,569	2,839	3,083	3,589	3,331	8	10	37,148
1938....	225	1,269	912	10,277	17,248	3,041	2,555	3,619	4,443	7	3	43,599
1939....	268	1,635	1,107	10,804	19,804	3,220	3,450	4,087	3,701	7	24	48,107
1940....	251	1,573	1,131	12,152	17,558	3,353	2,886	4,411	3,392	3	13	46,723
1941....	207	1,675	1,185	11,514	15,861	2,811	3,106	3,263	2,996	6	22	42,646
1942....	205	1,646	1,063	10,269	15,070	2,419	2,621	3,193	2,792	5	26	39,309
1943....	174	1,725	1,211	11,669	16,779	2,060	2,213	2,787	3,092	22	20	41,752
1944....	262	1,782	1,310	10,386	17,613	2,420	2,074	3,164	3,418	71	11	42,511
1945....	231	2,116	1,248	9,592	17,287	2,517	2,204	3,201	3,480	84	5	41,965
1946....	320	2,261	1,492	8,578	21,379	2,834	2,503	3,526	3,916	81	49	46,939