

For the year 1946, Ontario, which had 43·8 p.c. of the registrations of motor-vehicles in Canada, had 59·8 p.c. of the total convictions; Quebec in the same year had 15·7 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 27·3 p.c. of the convictions, and Manitoba 6·2 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 5·8 p.c. of the convictions. In interpreting the figures in this way, however, it should be pointed out that traffic regulations are by no means uniform throughout Canada and no account is taken of the differences in the degrees of urbanization in the provinces. Thus, the above three provinces have large urban centres, while in provinces with lower degrees of urbanization such as the Maritimes, Saskatchewan and Alberta, convictions were low in proportion to the number of motor-vehicles registered.

Convictions of Females.—In 1946 all the provinces showed increases over the previous year in number of convictions of females for non-indictable offences except Nova Scotia and Quebec. Convictions of females in Ontario increased by 83·7 p.c. and in Prince Edward Island by 51·2 p.c. The increases in the other provinces were below 45 p.c.

Breaches of street-traffic regulations were the most numerous single offences by women, accounting for 18,017 in 1946 as against 9,001 in 1945. Drunkenness came next with 4,256, an increase of 805 over 1945. Convictions recorded as infractions of liquor Acts numbered 2,038 as against 1,829 in the previous year. Of a total of 33,805 convictions in 1946, no less than 1,021 were for the relatively minor offence of operating a radio receiving set without a licence.

17.—Convictions of Females for Non-Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-46

Province or Territory	Number of Convictions						Percentages of Females Convicted to Totals Convicted					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Prince Edward Island...	96	75	75	69	82	124	5·8	4·9	7·3	5·7	5·9	4·6
Nova Scotia.....	530	554	466	562	645	635	5·2	5·3	5·3	6·8	6·6	4·9
New Brunswick.....	379	320	321	430	424	515	4·9	3·9	4·2	4·7	4·3	3·7
Quebec.....	6,907	8,893	9,139	5,299	7,066	6,974	4·5	4·5	5·0	3·7	4·5	3·9
Ontario.....	15,159	13,521	9,455	10,343	10,780	19,804	5·2	4·7	4·6	5·5	5·1	5·6
Manitoba.....	1,563	1,459	1,234	1,293	1,211	1,688	4·8	4·5	5·6	6·1	5·3	4·1
Saskatchewan.....	401	360	425	402	427	616	3·8	4·2	5·4	5·4	4·7	4·4
Alberta.....	460	678	711	634	754	909	3·0	4·7	6·1	5·6	6·5	5·6
British Columbia.....	1,810	1,453	1,227	1,391	1,907	2,509	6·4	5·8	6·0	6·8	8·3	7·8
Yukon and N.W.T.....	8	9	25	19	27	31	3·6	5·1	10·0	4·9	7·8	6·5
Canada.....	27,313	27,322	23,078	20,442	23,323	33,805	5·0	4·7	5·0	5·0	5·1	5·1

Section 2.—Appeals

In the calendar year 1946, 15·0 p.c. of the appeals in indictable cases resulted in the convictions being quashed. Appeals were dismissed in 60·2 p.c. of the cases, and new trials were directed in 4·1 p.c. In non-indictable cases, 55·1 p.c. of the appeals were dismissed.