

# CHAPTER VIII.—CRIME AND DELINQUENCY\*

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NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.

**Canadian Criminal Law and Procedure.**—A review of the development of the Criminal Code in Canada is given at pp. 1085-1087 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book; it includes a résumé of procedure and an account of the jurisdiction of the various classes of judges and magistrates. A description of the Federal and Provincial Courts is given at pp. 107-115 of this edition.

The statistics presented in this Chapter are summarized from the "Annual Report of Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences," and are collected directly from the criminal courts in the different judicial districts throughout Canada. There are 150 judicial districts, divided by provinces as follows: Prince Edward Island 3, Nova Scotia 7, New Brunswick 15, Quebec 28, Ontario 48, Manitoba 6, Saskatchewan 21, Alberta 12, British Columbia 8, Yukon 1, and the Northwest Territories 1.

Crime is divided into two definite classes, criminal or 'indictable' offences, which include all serious crimes covered by the Criminal Code (see pp. 296-302), and summary or 'non-indictable' offences, which comprise less serious crimes and breaches of municipal by-laws (see pp. 302-306).

Indictable offences are so designated in the statutes creating them and providing for their punishment. They include all offences that are not punishable by way of summary conviction. A limited few of such offences are triable by Magistrates without the consent of the accused, by virtue of Part XVI of the Criminal Code of Canada relating to the summary trial of indictable offences. The great majority, however, are triable only in the Superior Court of the province with a jury or, by consent of the accused, under Part XVIII of the Criminal Code relating to the speedy trial of indictable offences or by a Magistrate under Part XVI aforesaid.

\* Except as otherwise stated this Chapter has been revised in the Judicial Section, Health and Welfare Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The 72nd "Annual Report of Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences", for the year ended Sept. 30, 1947, is obtainable from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Price 50 cents.