

Non-indictable offences include all offences that are not expressly made indictable. This includes all provincial offences, examples of which are violations of traffic laws and municipal by-laws. Non-indictable offences are triable by Magistrates and Justices of the Peace under Part XV of the Criminal Code or under the Provincial Summary Conviction Acts as the case may be.

## PART I.—ADULT OFFENDERS

### Section 1.—Total Offences

The total number of adult offences in 1947 was greater than in the previous year but it should be noted that the most serious charges before the courts have decreased. The summary convictions have over-balanced an apparent gain in the number of indictable offences and increased the total figure over that of 1946 by 12.7 p.c.

In 1947, 803,139 charges against offenders were dealt with by the courts as compared with 713,631 charges in 1946. Charges for indictable offences numbered 50,681 as against 53,959 of the previous year. Charges for non-indictable offences amounted to 752,458; in 1946 these numbered 659,672.

Convictions for indictable offences totalled 44,056 in 1947 a decrease from 1946 of 6.1 p.c.

Non-indictable convictions in 1947 rose to 752,458, an increase of 14.1 p.c. over those reported in 1946. This increase was spread over all the provinces except Nova Scotia.

Ontario led the provinces in total convictions per 100,000 estimated population during 1947 with a ratio of 10,205 against a ratio of 9,157 in 1946. The other provinces in order were as follows with the ratio for 1946 shown in parentheses:—Manitoba 6,726 (5,344); Quebec 5,283 (5,112); British Columbia 4,761 (3,601); Yukon and the Northwest Territories 3,371 (2,525); Prince Edward Island 3,173 (3,229); New Brunswick 3,170 (3,212); Alberta 2,743 (2,468); Nova Scotia 2,232 (2,480); Saskatchewan 2,071 (1,979). This last province has held the most favourable position since 1943.

#### 1.—Total Convictions of Adults, Classified by Indictable and Non-Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-47

Class of Offence	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS							
	1944		1945		1946		1947	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Indictable offences.....	38,407	4,104	38,690	3,275	43,771	3,168	41,003	3,053
Non-indictable offences....	410,285	20,442	432,595	23,323	625,867	33,805	717,950	34,508
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>448,692</b>	<b>24,546</b>	<b>471,285</b>	<b>26,598</b>	<b>669,638</b>	<b>36,973</b>	<b>758,953</b>	<b>37,561</b>
	CONVICTIONS PER 100,000 POPULATION 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER							
	1944		1945		1946		1947	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Indictable offences.....	885	100	886	78	992	75	915	71
Non-indictable offences....	9,450	497	9,904	557	14,991	797	16,014	798
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>10,790</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>15,983</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>16,929</b>	<b>869</b>