

10.—Sentences for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, 1947

Sentence	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Option of fine.....	65	698	492	2,508	6,502	856	870	1,408	1,619	59	15,077
Gaol—											
Under one year....	85	586	529	2,628	5,048	753	718	1,424	1,162	71	13,004
One year or over..	—	41	9	583	434	295	200	326	259	10	2,157
Reformatory.....	1	5	15	76	3,017	62	8	1	162	2	3,349
Penitentiary—											
Two years and under five.....	8	204	143	622	910	156	198	250	266	6	2,763
Five years or over	3	5	10	171	96	25	9	20	78	—	417
Life.....	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	5
Death.....	—	—	1	4	5	3	—	1	4	—	18
Suspended sentence or other disposition	15	304	269	685	4,164	658	169	420	574	8	7,266
Totals.....	177	1,843	1,468	7,279	20,178	2,808	2,172	3,850	4,125	156	44,056

Subsection 2.—Non-Indictable Offences

The following statistics relate to non-indictable offences of adults disposed of by Police Magistrates or other Justices of the Peace, under authority of the Summary Convictions Act. Such convictions showed an increase of 14.1 p.c. in 1947 as compared with 1946, an all-time peak. Increases were general in all provinces except Nova Scotia.

11.—Convictions of Adults for Non-Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-47

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-12 are given at p. 1020 of the 1933 Year Book, for 1913-30 at p. 913 of the 1942 edition and for 1931-37 at p. 1113 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.
1938..	1,497	6,552	5,299	89,443	238,224	32,748	7,113	10,973	22,695	60	60	414,664
1939..	1,293	7,503	5,095	91,607	247,609	31,467	8,147	13,816	21,881	89	101	428,608
1940..	1,237	9,138	6,213	93,965	267,166	31,018	9,276	14,702	23,190	98	106	456,109
1941..	1,664	10,254	7,703	152,330	288,874	32,481	10,499	15,434	28,096	80	141	547,556
1942..	1,521	10,386	8,170	195,672	285,240	32,209	8,541	14,543	24,905	86	91	581,364
1943..	1,033	8,857	7,619	181,425	204,227	21,986	7,810	11,598	20,510	145	105	465,315
1944..	1,287	8,760	9,533	146,593	199,938	22,602	7,788	11,950	21,866	336	74	430,727
1945..	1,394	9,786	9,818	158,580	209,713	22,820	8,996	11,576	22,887	312	36	455,918
1946..	2,715	12,915	13,925	176,996	354,154	36,014	13,985	16,289	32,203	234	242	659,672
1947..	2,806	12,019	14,097	188,835	407,334	47,170	15,263	18,696	45,585	328	325	752,458

Analyses of Convictions for Non-Indictable Offences.—It should be remembered that, while the Criminal Code undergoes little change over a period of time, the figures for summary convictions are greatly influenced by the customs of the people and show a tendency to fluctuate as municipal regulations are strictly enforced or allowed to lapse.

Table 12 shows an appreciable decrease in certain non-indictable offences, for example: gambling decreased by 36.8 p.c., frequenting bawdy houses by 36.9 p.c., vagrancy, including loose, idle and disorderly conduct, by 27.6 p.c.