

In spite of these and other reductions, the total number of non-indictable offences in 1947 increased by 14.0 p.c. over those of 1946. Offences which showed a marked increase were:—offences against game and fishery Acts; breaches of traffic regulations; infractions of revenue laws; possessing a radio without a licence; and infractions of various municipal by-laws.

**12.—Convictions for Non-Indictable Offences, by Types, Years Ended  
Sept. 30, 1943-47**

Offence	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	Increase or Decrease 1946-47
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Assault.....	3,148	3,248	3,887	4,640	4,543	-97
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against	2,219	2,485	2,297	3,597	4,423	+826
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	19,996	16,283	16,626	8,254	5,215	-3,039
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	15,099	17,093	22,237	33,362	28,486	-4,876
Master and Servant Act, offences against	186	175	126	484	680	+196
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	274,573	270,021	286,825	453,630	537,519	+83,889
Breaches of by-laws.....	37,601	27,114	26,209	29,206	34,354	+5,148
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	2,099	2,442	3,148	3,359	2,923	-431
Contributing to delinquency of children..	902	1,006	1,095	1,085	1,212	+127
Revenue laws, offences against.....	1,749	1,058	1,656	2,179	2,430	+251
Vagrancy.....	9,289	9,200	7,679	15,212	11,694	-3,518
Drunkenness.....	42,292	41,521	46,745	64,076	70,868	+6,792
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	852	634	802	591	373	-218
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.....	5,536	7,082	9,161	9,136	8,648	-488
Radios without licences.....	34,434	7,194	7,534	10,867	12,477	+1,610
Various other offences.....	15,340	24,171	19,891	19,994	26,608	+6,614
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>465,315</b>	<b>430,727</b>	<b>455,918</b>	<b>659,672</b>	<b>752,458</b>	<b>+92,786</b>

*Convictions for Drunkenness.*—Convictions for drunkenness and for offences against the Liquor Control Act in 1947 are both out of line with the figures for these offences in previous years. The former showed an increase of 6,792 convictions and the latter a decrease of 4,876. This may be due to a change in the method of compilation instituted in 1947. Heretofore, the compilation of the non-indictable offences was done at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; now the compilation is done by local court officials and consists of the total number of convictions for each offence tabulated by the disposition of the case. This procedure gives a truer picture than has been attained before. Offences recorded against the Liquor Control Act include such infractions as the unlawful possession or the unlawful sale of liquor but exclude cases of drunkenness, a distinction that can be made more accurately by the local court officials.

To bear out this assumption it is noted that in New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories the figures for drunkenness were lower than in the previous year while in the same provinces the number of offences against the Liquor Control Act were higher.

Conversely in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Yukon, the figures for drunkenness increased, while convictions for offences against the Liquor Control Act decreased. Only in Prince Edward Island were both figures lower and only in Alberta were both higher.