

### 1.—Total Convictions of Adults and Ratios per 1,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over, by Provinces, 1944-48

Province or Territory	1944		1945		1946		1947		1948	
	Convictions	Ratio to Population	Convictions	Ratio to Population	Convictions	Ratio to Population	Convictions	Ratio to Population	Convictions	Ratio to Population
	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
P.E. Island.....	1,549	24.9	1,625	25.8	3,035	47.2	2,983	46.9	2,823	45.6
Nova Scotia.....	10,542	25.0	11,902	27.9	15,176	36.2	13,862	32.7	15,249	35.6
New Brunswick.....	10,843	35.5	11,066	35.8	15,417	48.8	15,565	48.6	13,359	41.0
Quebec.....	156,979	67.4	168,172	70.9	185,574	77.1	196,114	79.9	236,678	94.7
Ontario.....	217,551	74.1	227,000	76.5	375,533	123.9	427,512	138.8	463,616	147.4
Manitoba.....	25,022	47.1	25,337	47.4	38,848	74.3	49,978	93.7	55,990	103.6
Saskatchewan.....	9,862	16.8	11,200	18.9	16,488	28.6	17,435	29.9	17,225	29.2
Alberta.....	15,114	26.4	14,777	25.5	19,815	35.5	22,546	39.7	23,210	40.0
British Columbia	25,284	35.7	26,367	36.8	36,119	47.7	49,710	63.6	89,375	109.9
<b>Totals<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>472,746</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>497,446</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>706,005</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>795,705</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>917,525</b>	<b>102.1</b>
Yukon and N.W.T.....	492	..	437	..	606	..	809	..	752	..
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>473,238</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>497,883</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>706,611</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>796,514</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>918,277</b>	<b>...</b>

<sup>1</sup> Nine provinces only; estimates of population 16 years of age or over are not available for Yukon and N.W.T.

### Section 2.—Indictable Offences

The main interest in criminal statistics is concerned with the more serious offences. While such offences are much less numerous than non-indictable offences, they are more important from the standpoint of protection of the person and of property.

The highest number of convictions for indictable offences recorded in any one year was 48,107 for 1939. The number for 1948 was 13 p.c. lower than that figure and was also the lowest for the intervening years with the exception of 1942, when many men were in the Armed Forces and out of the country. The only provinces to show increases in 1948 over 1947 were Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia.

### 2.—Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-38 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1933 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.
1939....	268	1,635	1,107	10,804	19,894	3,220	3,450	4,087	3,701	7	24	48,107
1940....	251	1,573	1,131	12,152	17,558	3,353	2,886	4,411	3,392	3	13	46,723
1941....	207	1,675	1,185	11,514	15,861	2,811	3,106	3,263	2,996	6	22	42,646
1942....	205	1,646	1,063	10,269	15,070	2,419	2,621	3,193	2,792	5	26	39,309
1943....	174	1,725	1,211	11,669	16,779	2,060	2,213	2,787	3,092	22	20	41,752
1944....	262	1,782	1,310	10,386	17,613	2,420	2,074	3,164	3,418	71	11	42,511
1945....	231	2,116	1,248	9,592	17,287	2,517	2,204	3,201	3,430	84	5	41,965
1946....	320	2,261	1,492	8,578	21,379	2,834	2,503	3,526	3,916	81	49	46,939
1947....	177	1,843	1,468	7,279	20,178	2,838	2,172	3,850	4,125	102	54	44,056
1948....	127	1,550	1,170	8,176	17,705	3,207	1,737	3,462	4,389	84	45	41,632

Indictable offences are divided into six classes as shown in Table 3. For Class I, which covers crimes against the person, the figures are not large but the offences are serious. Convictions in this class showed a decrease in 1948 as compared with