

3.—Convictions for Indictable Offences, by Classes, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1947 and 1948

| Class and Offence | 1947 | | 1948 | | Increase or Decrease in Convictions p.c. |
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| | Charges | Convictions | Charges | Convictions | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | |
| Class I.—Offences against the Person— | | | | | |
| Abduction..... | 18 | 10 | 30 | 25 | +150.0 |
| Assault, common, aggravated and on police..... | 6,713 | 5,462 | 6,186 | 4,929 | — 9.8 |
| Offences against females ¹ | 1,356 | 966 | 1,247 | 875 | — 9.4 |
| Manslaughter and murder..... | 184 | 73 | 191 | 67 | — 8.2 |
| Attempted murder; shooting and wounding..... | 148 | 93 | 180 | 131 | + 40.9 |
| Non-support, desertion..... | 997 | 841 | 465 | 339 | — 59.7 |
| Other offences against the person..... | 602 | 480 | 553 | 448 | — 6.6 |
| Totals, Class I..... | 10,018 | 7,925 | 8,852 | 6,814 | — 14.0 |
| Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence— | | | | | |
| Burglary and robbery..... | 6,022 | 5,304 | 6,176 | 5,541 | + 4.5 |
| Totals, Class II..... | 6,022 | 5,304 | 6,176 | 5,541 | + 4.5 |
| Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence— | | | | | |
| Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences..... | 3,829 | 3,561 | 4,365 | 3,933 | + 10.4 |
| Receiving stolen goods..... | 1,858 | 1,378 | 1,923 | 1,463 | + 6.2 |
| Theft..... | 13,778 | 12,172 | 13,257 | 11,719 | — 3.7 |
| Totals, Class III..... | 19,465 | 17,111 | 19,545 | 17,115 | + -- |
| Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property— | | | | | |
| Arson..... | 68 | 45 | 124 | 105 | +133.3 |
| Malicious damage to property..... | 1,171 | 991 | 1,101 | 945 | — 4.6 |
| Totals, Class IV..... | 1,239 | 1,036 | 1,225 | 1,050 | + 1.4 |
| Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency— | | | | | |
| Offences against currency..... | 8 | 8 | 15 | 14 | + 75.0 |
| Forgery and uttering forged documents..... | 1,811 | 1,772 | 2,036 | 1,974 | + 11.4 |
| Totals, Class V..... | 1,819 | 1,780 | 2,051 | 1,988 | + 11.7 |
| Class VI.—Other Offences not Included in the Foregoing Classes— | | | | | |
| Dangerous or reckless driving..... | 2,436 | 2,066 | 2,143 | 1,842 | — 10.8 |
| Driving car while drunk..... | 2,091 | 1,825 | 1,746 | 1,481 | — 18.8 |
| Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.. | 400 | 341 | 363 | 316 | — 7.3 |
| Gambling and lotteries..... | 1,141 | 1,081 | 1,060 | 990 | — 8.4 |
| Keeping bawdy houses and inmates..... | 432 | 396 | 321 | 285 | — 28.0 |
| Various..... | 5,618 | 5,191 | 4,584 | 4,210 | — 18.9 |
| Totals, Class VI..... | 12,118 | 10,900 | 10,217 | 9,124 | — 16.3 |
| Grand Totals..... | 50,681 | 44,056 | 48,066 | 41,632 | — 5.5 |

¹ Offences against females include the following crimes: abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procuration, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.

Table 4 classifies indictable offences by occupation, sex, marital status, educational status, age, birthplace, religion and residence. In 1948 almost 78 p.c. of these convictions were against persons who had not gone beyond elementary school grades in their education; over 55 p.c. were against persons between 21 and 40 years of age and 19 p.c. against persons over 40; 81 p.c. were against dwellers in urban districts; and 88 p.c. were against Canadian-born persons.