

13.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-38 are given in the corresponding tables 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 and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939.....	191	1,725	725	51,858	193,815	24,732	3,055	5,397	11,403	3	292,904
1940.....	240	2,388	2,064	47,927	210,834	23,795	3,815	6,709	13,906	—	311,678
1941.....	530	2,444	2,314	73,367	231,823	26,092	5,625	8,253	18,784	2	369,234
1942.....	331	2,594	1,765	110,579	232,646	25,522	4,034	7,779	14,705	2	399,957
1943.....	209	2,772	1,722	82,884	152,557	16,074	2,961	4,745	10,628	21	274,573
1944.....	326	1,591	1,838	85,134	146,849	16,268	2,864	4,754	10,387	10	270,021
1945.....	157	1,359	2,211	100,708	149,903	14,886	2,838	3,774	10,985	4	286,825
1946.....	327	1,707	2,014	123,915	271,379	26,266	5,253	5,574	17,193	2	453,630
1947.....	556	2,370	2,667	138,321	315,412	36,526	6,141	7,476	28,043	7	537,519
1948.....	393	4,607	2,469	174,021	352,253	41,074	6,300	7,984	60,493	5	649,599

For the year 1948, Ontario, which had 43 p.c. of the registrations of motor-vehicles in Canada, had 54 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 17 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 27 p.c. of the convictions. In interpreting the figures in this way, however, it should be pointed out that traffic regulations are by no means uniform throughout Canada and no account is taken of the differences in the degrees of urbanization in the provinces. Thus, the above two provinces have large urban centres, while in provinces with lower degrees of urbanization such as the Maritimes, Saskatchewan and Alberta, convictions are low in proportion to the number of motor-vehicles registered.

Convictions for Drunkenness and Offences against the Liquor Acts.—

The 1947 and 1948 figures for such convictions are somewhat out of line with those for previous years, due to a change in method of compilation. The compilation, previously done by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was turned over in 1947 to the local court officials and now consists of the total number of convictions for each offence tabulated by the disposition of the case. 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.

14.—Convictions for Drunkenness, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

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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.	
1939.....	546	2,463	2,179	6,427	18,120	985	895	1,130	3,226	23	13	36,007
1940.....	467	3,607	2,515	6,986	17,823	1,527	580	1,271	3,004	21	25	37,826
1941.....	539	3,654	3,332	8,292	17,831	1,472	591	1,353	2,871	23	44	40,002
1942.....	606	4,387	4,217	10,400	17,622	1,580	570	1,393	3,964	43	19	44,801
1943.....	332	2,380	3,489	10,363	17,482	1,885	778	1,462	4,055	51	15	42,292
1944.....	395	2,068	4,292	8,843	17,258	1,451	864	1,539	4,744	54	13	41,521
1945.....	612	3,064	4,158	10,336	19,573	2,040	1,010	1,515	4,342	85	10	46,745
1946.....	1,478	4,754	7,754	7,167	29,698	2,685	1,847	2,596	5,974	85	38	64,076
1947.....	1,187	4,907	6,584	11,006	31,218	2,510	1,802	2,632	8,801	184	37	70,868
1948.....	969	4,151	4,900	11,015	33,446	2,829	1,392	2,580	9,135	101	24	70,542