

**1.—Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences and Ratio per 10,000 Population, 16 Years of Age or Over, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1949 and 1950**

Province or Territory	1949		1950	
	Persons Convicted	Ratio to Population	Persons Convicted	Ratio to Population
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Island.....	119	19	124	20
Nova Scotia.....	1,522	35	1,464	33
New Brunswick.....	787	24	905	27
Quebec.....	6,923	27	6,417	25
Ontario.....	12,577	39	12,818	39
Manitoba.....	1,614	29	1,802	32
Saskatchewan.....	1,133	19	1,134	19
Alberta.....	2,305	39	2,401	40
British Columbia.....	3,839	46	4,178	50
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>30,819</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31,243</b>	<b>34</b>
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	103	1	142	1
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>30,922</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31,385</b>	<b>1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of population 16 years of age or over are not available for the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Indictable offences are divided into six classes as shown in Table 2. Class I covers crimes against the person. In the period under review the number of offenders in this class was not large, being practically the same in 1950 as in 1949. Over 70 p.c. of the offenders were convicted of such crimes as assaults of various kinds and obstructing police. Nineteen persons were convicted of murder in 1950, seven less than in 1949; 13 of attempted murder; and 75 of manslaughter as against 51 in the preceding year.

Classes II, III, IV and V cover offences against property. Thieves predominate among all other offenders in these classes though the number was slightly lower in 1950 than in 1949. Burglars and robbers whose serious crimes involve acts of violence were the next most numerous and in 1950 increased by 8 p.c. over 1949. The number of persons who maliciously damaged property decreased in 1950 except for those guilty of arson who, though not many, doubled in number.

Miscellaneous offences are listed in Class VI. Reckless and drunken drivers who endanger many lives increased in numbers during 1950, the latter by 17 p.c. There were 356 offenders under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, an increase of only three over 1949; 252 of these were males and 300 were convicted of possessing heroin. Of these offenders, 302 or 85 p.c. were born in Canada; British Columbia courts convicted 48 p.c. of the total and Ontario courts 24 p.c.