

For the year 1950, Ontario with 42.5 p.c. of the registrations of motor-vehicles in Canada had 54.1 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 16.7 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 24.3 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. 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 lower when considered in proportion to the number of motor-vehicles registered.

Convictions for Drunkenness and Offences against the Liquor Acts.—In considering Table 18, it should be noted that the same person may and often does appear before the courts on such charges more than once within a year and that the number of convictions may thus be well above the number of persons convicted.

18.—Convictions for Drunkenness, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-50
(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-40 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 | N.W.T. | Canada |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 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 | 63,446 | 2,829 | 1,392 | 2,580 | 9,135 | 101 | 24 | 70,542 |
| 1949.... | 1,089 | 4,363 | 5,125 | 10,419 | 33,797 | 3,613 | 1,497 | 4,656 | 11,237 | 126 | 9 | 75,931 |
| 1950.... | 907 | 3,931 | 4,980 | 10,942 | 35,356 | 2,984 | 1,503 | 3,849 | 11,180 | 240 | 63 | 75,935 |

There is general interest in the relation of alcoholism to crime but when examining statistics to support the assumption that some crimes are associated with the consumption of liquor it should be observed that accurate interpretation would necessitate allowance for population variables such as age and sex distribution and other classifications according to social and economic status, etc.

19.—Convictions for Offences against the Liquor Acts, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1941-50
(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-40 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 | N.W.T. | Canada |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1941.... | 250 | 1,273 | 431 | 3,206 | 6,346 | 624 | 894 | 1,298 | 994 | 25 | 28 | 15,369 |
| 1942.... | 188 | 1,323 | 477 | 3,037 | 6,901 | 1,130 | 982 | 1,294 | 1,508 | 24 | 34 | 16,893 |
| 1943.... | 118 | 1,359 | 473 | 2,070 | 6,751 | 1,086 | 1,099 | 1,106 | 944 | 47 | 36 | 15,099 |
| 1944.... | 56 | 2,240 | 814 | 1,287 | 8,332 | 1,057 | 1,010 | 1,108 | 1,047 | 119 | 23 | 17,093 |
| 1945.... | 155 | 2,324 | 911 | 2,626 | 10,655 | 1,429 | 1,416 | 1,454 | 1,215 | 39 | 13 | 22,237 |
| 1946.... | 374 | 3,436 | 1,411 | 2,274 | 15,779 | 2,059 | 2,697 | 2,514 | 2,615 | 57 | 146 | 33,362 |
| 1947.... | 354 | 2,503 | 1,742 | 1,494 | 12,889 | 2,229 | 2,712 | 2,623 | 1,741 | 46 | 153 | 28,486 |
| 1948.... | 329 | 2,274 | 1,274 | 1,519 | 13,891 | 1,921 | 2,311 | 2,670 | 1,443 | 39 | 73 | 27,744 |
| 1949.... | 439 | 2,053 | 1,278 | 1,969 | 14,339 | 1,574 | 2,418 | 3,081 | 1,098 | — | 10 | 28,259 |
| 1950.... | 268 | 2,192 | 1,172 | 3,121 | 15,761 | 1,980 | 2,478 | 3,504 | 1,164 | 64 | 34 | 31,738 |