

**Conviction of Females.**—The number of convictions against females for non-indictable offences has increased steadily each year since 1944; the increase in 1950 over 1949 amounted to 32.2 p.c. Only two provinces, Manitoba and Alberta, recorded decreases in 1950 from the previous year. Fewer traffic offences in these two provinces was partly the reason for the decrease, along with a decline in Alberta in cases of vagrancy and common assault, and a reduction in the number of cases of intoxication in Manitoba. British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec showed the largest percentage increases in convictions against females—38.2 p.c., 33.8 p.c., and 40.4 p.c., respectively.

Total traffic offences for which women were responsible increased in 1950 over 1949 by 37.2 p.c. and were the cause for 78.9 p.c. of the summary convictions against them.

**20.—Convictions of Females for Non-Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1946-50**

Province or Territory	Numbers of Convictions					Percentages of Convictions of Females to Total Convictions				
	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Newfoundland.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island.....	124	43	65	66	67	4.6	1.5	2.5	2.1	3.2
Nova Scotia.....	635	383	469	349	389	4.9	3.2	3.5	2.8	3.0
New Brunswick.....	515	480	348	373	446	3.7	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.1
Quebec.....	6,974	6,738	6,803	7,404	10,398	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.2	3.7
Ontario.....	19,804	20,581	33,360	42,022	56,225	5.6	5.1	8.1	8.2	9.1
Manitoba.....	1,688	1,715	1,812	2,135	1,684	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.1
Saskatchewan.....	616	526	513	476	595	4.4	3.5	3.1	2.9	2.6
Alberta.....	909	1,057	1,156	1,224	1,194	5.6	5.7	6.2	4.8	4.2
British Columbia.....	2,509	2,936	7,254	7,216	9,972	7.8	6.4	9.3	7.7	8.5
Yukon and N.W.T.....	31	49	76	16	42	6.5	7.5	13.9	5.5	5.8
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>33,805</b>	<b>34,508</b>	<b>51,856</b>	<b>61,281</b>	<b>81,012</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Subsection 4.—Appeals**

In the calendar year 1950, the Supreme Court of Canada and the Provincial Supreme Courts dealt with 895 appeals of criminal cases as compared with 721 in 1949. The Crown was the appellant in 58 of these cases and the accused in 837 cases. The original conviction or orders were affirmed in 538 cases (60.1 p.c.), sentence was varied or the verdict changed or substituted in 201 cases (22.5 p.c.), 104 convictions (11.6 p.c.) were quashed, and 52 new trials (5.8 p.c.) were ordered.

The returns from the County and District Courts showed that 747 appeals against summary convictions were disposed of in 1950, as against 605 in the previous year. Of that number the informant was the appellant in 75 cases and the accused in 672 cases. The appeals against convictions and orders were dismissed in 430 cases (57.6 p.c.), sentence was varied and the verdict changed or substituted in 116 cases (15.5 p.c.), and there were 201 acquittals (26.9 p.c.). More than a third (38.2 p.c.) of the appeals in all the courts were heard in Ontario, 18.9 p.c. in British Columbia, 15.6 p.c. in Alberta, 9.1 p.c. in Nova Scotia and 7.7 p.c. in Quebec.