Breaches of Traffic Regulations.—Each year breaches of traffic regulations constitute a greater proportion of the total convictions for non-indictable offences. In 1952 they amounted to 83·7 p.c., an increase of 23·1 p.c. over 1951, which alone would account for the increase in summary convictions; 98·7 p.c. of them were offences under provincial highway traffic Acts and municipal by-laws.

17.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations, by Province, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1943-50, and Dec. 31, 1951-52

Note.—See headnote to Table 15, p. 309.

Year	N'f'ld.	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.	No.
1943		209	2,772	1,722		152,557	16,074	2,961	4,745		21	274,573
1944	***	326		1,838		146,849	16,268	2,864	4,754			270,021
1945	***	157	1,359		100,708		14,886	2,838	3,774	10,985		286,825
1946	***	327	1,707		123,915		26,266	5,253	5,574	17,193		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
1949	100,000	519	4,084	3,729	188,003	417,016	60,127	7,274	11,112	69,545	58	
1950		366	4,265			508,010			13,772	92,038	138	938,549
1951	1,773	580	5,802	15,641	215, 222	570,895	106, 262	13,325	22,923	112,738	265	1,065,426
1952	2,565	765	5,109	20,358	266,835	714,810	122,647	19,749	25,693	132, 123	368	1,311,022

For the year 1952, Ontario, with 40.9 p.c. of the registrations of motor-vehicles in Canada, had 54.5 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 18.2 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 20.4 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. These two provinces have large urban centres, but in provinces with lower degrees of urbanization, such as the Atlantic Provinces, 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 these convictions, 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 Province, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1943-50, and Dec. 31, 1951-52

Note. - See headnote to Table 15, p. 309.

Year	N'f'ld.	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.	No.
1943	  	332 395 612 1,478 1,187	2,380 2,068 3,064 4,754 4,907	4,292 4,158 7,754	8,843 10,336 7,167	17,482 17,258 19,573 29,698 31,218	1,451 2,040 2,685	864 1,010 1,847	1,462 1,539 1,515 2,596 2,632	4,744 4,342 5,974	51 54 85 85 184	15 13 10 38 37	42,292 41,521 46,745 64,076 70,868
1948 1949 1950 1951 1952	844 786		4,151 4,363 3,931 4,432 5,457	5,125 4,980 6,036	10,419 10,942 10,222	33,446 33,797 35,356 38,577 36,344	3,613 2,984 3,098	1,497 1,503 1,915	4,656 3,849 4,691	9,135 11,237 11,180 13,007 13,479	101 126 240 213 462	24 9 63 104 176	75,935 83,898