

16.—Convictions for Summary Conviction Offences by Type 1951-55

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 15, p. 320.

Type of Offence	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Increase or Decrease 1954-55
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
Assault (common).....	4,046	4,546	4,645	4,414	5,048	+14.4
Disturbing the peace.....	12,210	12,760	13,203	13,512	12,222	- 9.6
Drunkenness.....	83,898	85,682	91,182	94,923	93,177	- 1.8
Vagrancy.....	6,893	6,956	8,377	8,646	7,146	-17.4
Damage to property.....	1,678	2,143	2,406	2,467	2,674	-16.1
Gambling.....	3,613	2,656	2,759	2,552	2,398	- 6.0
Bawdy houses (frequenting).....	273	434	390	468	606	+29.5
Non-support and neglecting children.....	4,609	5,178	5,764	5,934	6,116	+ 3.1
Contributing to delinquency.....	932	1,349	1,720	1,341	1,525	+13.7
Traffic regulations.....	1,065,426	1,311,022	1,505,931	1,685,811	1,837,814	+ 9.0
Provincial and Federal Acts—						
Game and Fishing Acts.....	5,996	5,839	6,397	6,554	6,535	- 0.3
Indian Act.....	2,213	2,549	3,117	2,447	3,287	+34.3
Liquor Control and Temperance Acts.....	28,405	33,335	34,972	36,741	36,391	- 1.0
Lord's Day Act.....	749	666	625	567	641	+13.1
Radio without a licence.....	12,418	11,273	...	...	...	...
Railway Acts.....	1,266	1,427	2,093	2,145	1,451	-32.4
Revenue Laws <sup>1</sup> .....	5,292	6,259	6,629	9,030	9,005	- 0.3
Other provincial and federal Acts.....	18,980	17,989	24,082	24,756	25,673	+ 3.7
Municipal by-laws, breaches of.....	40,621	44,258	39,415	64,024	87,766	+37.1
Exercising various callings without licence.....	2,349	2,433	2,249	2,341	2,169	- 7.4
Other offences.....	6,599	6,953	7,666	8,894	6,132	-31.1
<b>Totals, Convictions.....</b>	<b>1,303,466</b>	<b>1,565,707</b>	<b>1,763,622</b>	<b>1,977,567</b>	<b>2,147,776</b>	<b>+ 8.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Excise and Income Tax Acts.

17.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations by Province 1946-55

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 15, p. 320.

Year	Nfld.	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.
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
1949.....	...	519	4,084	3,729	188,003	417,016	60,127	7,274	11,112	69,545	58	761,467
1950.....	...	366	4,265	11,909	227,857	508,010	67,832	12,362	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
1953.....	2,719	760	6,014	21,296	309,064	857,117	122,370	21,957	30,846	133,295	493	1,505,931
1954.....	3,048	1,214	7,040	21,804	390,701	954,749	125,346	32,666	28,690	120,281	272	1,685,811
1955.....	3,977	1,637	7,982	28,080	390,502	1,102,183	92,514	32,667	29,463	148,809	...	1,837,814

For the year 1955, Ontario, with 41.0 p.c. of the registrations of motor vehicles in Canada, had 60.0 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 18.8 p.c. of the registered vehicles and 21.2 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.