

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 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	N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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	33,446	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
1951.....	844	759	4,432	6,036	10,222	38,577	3,098	1,915	4,691	13,007	213	104	83,898
1952.....	786	1,049	5,457	6,550	10,702	36,344	3,272	2,264	5,141	13,479	462	176	85,682
1953.....	1,045	1,007	6,378	6,712	9,103	38,108	3,729	2,728	7,753	13,987	403	229	91,182
1954.....	866	966	5,941	6,957	10,663	38,461	3,892	2,670	7,039	16,637	637	194	94,923
1955.....	1,015	1,033	6,527	6,067	9,786	39,465	3,616	3,147	6,275	16,214		32	93,177

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 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	N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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
1951.....	371	266	2,273	818	1,467	14,104	1,961	2,005	3,757	1,251	88	44	28,405
1952.....	475	284	2,236	1,172	777	15,050	2,314	2,527	6,782	1,381	243	94	33,355
1953.....	441	280	2,124	1,221	1,304	17,137	2,013	3,146	5,445	1,508	285	68	34,972
1954.....	411	368	2,285	979	1,203	18,351	2,501	3,484	5,313	1,557	251	38	36,741
1955.....	571	464	2,056	1,014	1,322	18,256	2,102	3,480	5,579	1,545	..	2	36,391

Convictions of Females.—The number of convictions against females for summary conviction offences was higher in 1955 than in 1954 by 12.2 p.c., an increase more than accounted for by a 22.0 p.c. advance in Ontario. New Brunswick, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Alberta recorded percentage decreases of 25.1, 19.6, 6.6, 4.8 and 1.5 respectively. Traffic offences were the cause of 82.1 p.c. of all summary convictions against women, in 1955 such convictions increased by 14.6 p.c. as compared with 1954.