

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.

17.—Convictions for Drunkenness, by Province, 1949-58

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 14, p. 357.

| Year | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | Yukon | N.W.T. | Canada |
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| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 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 | 3,840 | 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 |
| 1956..... | 622 | 1,181 | 8,953 | 6,307 | 4,843 | 41,237 | 4,726 | 4,441 | 8,833 | 19,485 | 690 | 494 | 101,812 |
| 1957..... | 1,706 | 1,493 | 7,263 | 6,941 | 5,499 | 43,181 | 5,342 | 5,116 | 9,770 | 21,717 | 1,021 | 1,113 | 110,162 |
| 1958..... | 1,156 | 1,231 | 6,254 | 7,255 | 7,932 | 41,550 | 5,531 | 4,441 | 9,634 | 20,511 | 692 | 803 | 106,990 |

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.

18.—Convictions for Offences against the Liquor Acts, by Province, 1949-58

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 14, p. 357.

| 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. |
| 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 | 33,335 |
| 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 |
| 1956..... | 431 | 472 | 2,027 | 1,032 | 2,783 | 22,430 | 2,886 | 4,539 | 6,867 | 2,628 | 116 | 79 | 46,290 |
| 1957..... | 546 | 467 | 1,893 | 1,661 | 1,670 | 22,527 | 4,513 | 4,286 | 8,961 | 2,622 | 62 | 72 | 49,280 |
| 1958..... | 583 | 522 | 2,049 | 2,322 | 3,206 | 24,052 | 4,097 | 3,210 | 9,281 | 2,576 | 122 | 137 | 52,157 |

Convictions of Females.—The number of convictions against females for summary conviction offences was greater in 1958 than in 1957 by 11.1 p.c. Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories recorded decreases of 30.6 p.c., 7.2 p.c. and 6.3 p.c., respectively. Traffic offences were the cause of 86.7 p.c. of all summary convictions against women in 1958; such convictions rose by 13.9 p.c. as compared with 1957.