

Decrease of Drunkenness.—The number of summary convictions for drunkenness in Canada was 24,217 in 1919, as compared with 21,026 in 1918, an increase of 3,191, or nearly 15.18 p.c. Table 36 shows the number of convictions by provinces for the five years 1915 to 1919, with increases and decreases for 1919 as compared with 1918, from which it will be seen that drunkenness, at least as measured by statistics of summary convictions, increased during the year 1919 in every province. Yukon Territory being an exception. From this table it will also be observed that the number of convictions for drunkenness throughout the whole of Canada fell from 41,161 in 1915 to 24,217 in 1919, being a decrease of 16,944 or 41.16 p.c. during the five years.

36.—Convictions for Drunkenness for the five years 1915-1919.

Provinces.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	Increase ⁺ (+) or Decrease (-) 1919 as compared with 1918.	
						Numerical.	Per cent.
Prince Edward Island.	No. 231	No. 219	No. 207	No. 96	No. 116	+ 20	+20.83
Nova Scotia.....	3,436	3,614	2,546	2,435	2,879	+444	+18.23
New Brunswick.....	1,694	1,696	1,516	704	1,350	+646	+91.76
Quebec.....	8,939	7,108	8,025	6,680	7,116	+436	+ 6.53
Ontario.....	12,553	11,728	10,945	7,932	8,498	+566	+ 7.13
Manitoba.....	4,154	3,114	1,085	1,123	1,570	+447	+39.80
Saskatchewan.....	1,332	1,062	770	434	618	+184	+42.40
Alberta.....	2,802	1,809	391	825	1,057	+232	+28.12
British Columbia.....	5,960	2,327	2,372	778	1,004	+226	+29.04
Yukon Territory.....	60	53	25	19	9	- 10	-52.63
Canada.....	41,161	32,730	27,882	21,026	24,217	+3,191	+15.18

37.—Population of Penal Institutions, 1918-1919.

Penal Institutions.	1918.				
	Number of Prisoners				
	In custody beginning of year.	Admitted during year.	Discharged during year.	In custody end of year.	
Penitentiaries.....	1,505	963	825	1,643	
Reformatories for boys.....	1,189	1,721	1,715	1,195	
Reformatories for girls.....	309	257	255	311	
Jails.....	2,004	29,485	29,437	2,052	
Totals.....	5,007	32,426	32,232	5,201	
Penal Institutions.	1919.				
	Penitentiaries.....	1,656	1,199	829	2,026
	Reformatories for boys.....	1,270	2,033	1,984	1,319
	Reformatories for girls.....	309	187	198	298
	Jails.....	2,052	32,534	32,450	2,136
Totals.....	5,287	35,953	35,461	5,779	