

25.—Convictions for Criminal and Minor Offences by Classes of Offence, 1920-1924 (including Juveniles).

A.—NUMBERS.

Classes of Offences.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Offences against the person.....	8,281	8,197	7,291	7,550	7,595
Offences against property with violence.....	2,310	2,609	2,783	2,076	2,536
Offences against property without violence.....	11,634	12,059	11,607	11,482	12,790
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	2,059	2,081	2,610	3,075	2,635
Total for criminal offences.....	24,284	24,946	24,291	24,183	25,556
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	59,378	74,459	69,297	69,445	72,389
Breach of liquor laws.....	10,247	10,460	8,519	10,090	10,449
Drunkenness.....	39,769	34,362	25,051	25,565	27,345
Vagrancy.....	5,607	5,561	4,796	3,969	4,596
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	2,134	5,560	5,468	5,026	4,974
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	3,821	4,051	3,918	4,438	4,658
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	17,468	17,774	17,000	16,536	17,252
Total for minor offences.....	138,424	152,227	134,049	135,069	141,663
Grand Total.....	162,708	177,173	158,340	159,252	167,219

B.—RATIOS PER CENT OF TOTAL AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION.

Classes of Offences.	1920.		1921.		1922.		1923.		1924.	
	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.
Offences against the person.....	5.1	96	4.6	93	4.6	81	4.7	83	4.5	82
Offences against property with violence.....	1.4	27	1.5	30	1.7	31	1.3	23	1.5	27
Offences against property without violence.....	7.1	135	6.8	137	7.3	130	7.2	126	7.7	139
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	1.3	23	1.2	24	1.7	29	2.0	34	1.6	29
Total for criminal offences.....	14.9	281	14.1	284	15.3	271	15.2	266	15.3	277
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	36.5	688	42.1	847	43.8	775	43.6	765	43.3	785
Breach of liquor laws.....	6.3	119	5.9	119	5.4	95	6.3	111	6.3	113
Drunkenness.....	24.4	461	19.4	391	15.8	282	16.0	281	16.4	296
Vagrancy.....	3.4	65	3.1	63	3.0	53	2.5	44	2.7	50
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	1.3	25	3.1	63	3.5	61	3.1	55	2.9	54
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	2.3	44	2.3	46	2.5	44	2.8	49	2.8	50
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	10.9	202	10.0	202	10.7	190	10.4	182	10.3	187
Total for minor offences.....	85.1	1,604	85.9	1,731	84.7	1,500	84.7	1,487	84.7	1,535
Grand Total.....	100	1,885	100	2,015	100	1,771	100	1,753	100	1,812

The recent trend of total convictions, including those of juveniles, and of sentences imposed, is shown by provinces for the years 1918 to 1924 in Table 26. A satisfactory feature shown in this table is the decline of penitentiary sentences in Canada from 1,614 in 1921 to 1,389 in 1924, as indicating a decline in the number of serious crimes. Death sentences, which numbered 28 in 1919 and 26 in 1920, fell to 15 in 1923, but rose to 22 in 1924.