

Convictions of Females.—The number of females convicted of indictable offences decreased 33 p.c. in 1944 as compared with 1943, mainly accounted for by the fact that convictions for females in Quebec were less than half as high as they were in 1943. Decreases were also shown in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

12.—Convictions of Females for Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-44

Province or Territory	Numbers of Convictions						Percentages of Females Convicted to Totals Convicted					
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Prince Edward Island...	16	17	19	23	15	20	6.0	6.7	9.2	11.2	8.6	7.6
Nova Scotia.....	73	95	80	108	100	94	4.5	6.0	4.8	6.6	5.8	5.3
New Brunswick.....	50	38	72	82	83	126	4.5	3.4	6.1	7.7	6.9	9.6
Quebec.....	2,589	3,732	3,573	3,313	3,422	1,574	23.9	30.7	31.0	32.3	29.4	15.2
Ontario.....	397	1,190	1,303	1,183	1,463	1,251	4.5	6.8	8.2	7.9	8.7	7.1
Manitoba.....	240	276	288	312	246	241	6.3	8.2	10.2	12.0	11.9	10.2
Saskatchewan.....	210	223	299	305	188	166	6.1	7.7	9.6	11.6	8.5	8.0
Alberta.....	317	310	251	267	253	258	7.7	7.0	7.7	8.4	9.1	8.2
British Columbia.....	427	358	332	298	361	372	11.5	10.6	11.1	10.7	11.7	10.9
Yukon and N.W.T.....	6	2	Nil	3	1	2	19.3	12.5	-	9.7	2.4	2.4
Canada.....	4,825	6,241	6,217	5,894	6,132	4,104	10.0	13.3	14.6	15.0	14.7	9.7

Recidivism.—The number of offenders who relapse into crime after a first conviction decreased each year from 1939 to 1942 but increased slightly in 1943 and 1944. However, the number of recidivists and the percentage of total convictions they represent have shown a general tendency to decline in recent years. The number of first offenders, which had also declined in 1941 and 1942, showed a slight increase in 1943 and 1944.

13.—First Offences, Second Offences, and Reiterated Offences of an Indictable Nature, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-44

Class of Offence	Numbers of Convictions						Percentages of First, Second, etc. Convictions to Totals					
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
First.....	29,875	30,341	27,826	26,212	27,716	29,016	62.10	64.94	65.25	66.68	66.38	68.25
Second.....	5,744	4,903	4,257	3,769	4,173	4,437	11.94	10.49	9.98	9.59	9.99	10.44
Reiterated.....	12,488	11,479	10,503	9,328	9,863	9,058	25.96	24.57	24.77	23.73	23.63	21.31
Totals.....	48,107	46,723	42,646	39,309	41,752	42,511	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Subsection 2.—Convictions of Adults for Non-Indictable Offences

The following statistics relate to non-indictable offences of adults (persons 16 years of age or over) and disposed of by police magistrates or other justices of the peace, under authority of the Summary Convictions Act. Such convictions during 1944 showed a decrease of 7.4 p.c. as compared with 1943; the numerical decrease in Quebec alone was greater than that for Canada as a whole.