

**14.—Convictions of Adults for Non-Indictable Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1931-44**

NOTE.—Figures for 1900-12 are given at p. 1020 of the 1933 Year Book and for 1913-30 at p. 913 of the 1942 edition.

Year	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.
1931..	838	5,324	4,533	99,381	153,451	22,625	10,691	13,113	17,671	80	71	327,778
1932..	825	3,573	3,841	112,132	131,374	18,218	7,538	8,180	12,148	55	25	297,909
1933..	655	3,922	3,483	117,433	124,589	15,396	6,355	9,698	11,051	68	23	292,673
1934..	733	4,216	3,598	115,313	160,895	16,985	5,680	7,896	13,369	28	31	328,744
1935..	924	4,818	3,968	118,499	190,763	15,685	5,749	8,398	13,759	41	38	362,642
1936..	956	5,593	4,691	111,254	204,744	17,476	5,750	8,810	18,349	58	28	377,706
1937..	1,438	6,249	5,706	99,404	237,309	28,500	7,580	10,910	22,997	62	57	420,212
1938..	1,497	6,552	5,299	89,443	238,224	32,748	7,113	10,973	22,695	60	60	414,664
1939..	1,293	7,503	5,095	91,697	247,609	31,467	8,147	13,816	21,881	89	101	428,608
1940..	1,237	9,138	6,213	93,965	267,166	31,018	9,278	14,702	23,190	98	106	456,109
1941..	1,664	10,254	7,703	152,330	288,874	32,481	10,499	15,434	28,096	80	141	547,556
1942..	1,521	10,386	8,170	195,672	285,240	32,209	8,541	14,543	24,905	86	91	581,364
1943..	1,033	8,857	7,619	181,425	204,227	21,986	7,810	11,598	20,510	145	105	465,315
1944..	1,287	8,760	9,533	146,533	199,938	22,602	7,788	11,950	21,866	336	74	430,727

The increase in the past twenty years in non-indictable offences has been due mainly to increases in convictions for breaches of traffic regulations, which have risen from 63,778 in 1925 to 270,021 in 1944 or from 42 p.c. of the total in 1925 to 62.7 p.c. in 1944. The decline in the convictions from non-indictable offences from 1943 to 1944 is accounted for mainly by the 79.1 p.c. decrease in convictions for "radio without licence", only 7,194 convictions being shown for this offence in 1944 as compared with 34,434 in 1943.

**15.—Non-Indictable Convictions, by Type, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-44**

Offence	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	Increase or Decrease 1943-44
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Assault.....	3,112	2,865	2,790	3,004	3,148	3,248	+100
Fishery and game Acts, offences against.....	3,181	2,854	3,403	2,412	2,219	2,485	+266
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	11,106	16,318	30,486	21,129	19,996	16,283	-3,713
Liquor, prohibition and temperance Acts, offences against.....	13,513	12,946	15,369	16,898	15,099	17,093	+1,994
Non-payment of wages.....	1,436	1,272	1,380	364	186	175	-111
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	292,904	311,678	369,234	399,957	274,573	270,021	-4,552
Breaches of by-laws.....	25,852	30,030	36,102	34,541	37,601	27,114	-10,487
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	2,211	2,238	2,546	2,403	2,099	2,442	+343
Contributing to delinquency of children.....	1,362	1,326	1,360	1,158	902	1,000	+104
Revenue laws, offences against.....	1,610	1,947	1,012	2,052	1,749	1,058	-691
Vagrancy.....	12,623	9,758	8,856	7,212	9,289	9,200	-89
Drunkenness.....	36,007	37,826	40,002	44,801	42,292	41,521	-771
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	2,580	1,170	1,208	1,192	852	634	-218
Loose, idle, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.....	5,585	9,220	9,291	9,684	5,536	7,082	+1,546
Radios without licences.....	4,479	2,901	12,447	21,706	34,434	7,194	-27,240
Various other offences.....	11,047	11,760	12,070	12,851	15,340	24,171	+8,831
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>428,608</b>	<b>456,109</b>	<b>547,556</b>	<b>531,364</b>	<b>465,315</b>	<b>430,727</b>	<b>-34,588</b>

**Convictions for Drunkenness.**—The number of convictions for drunkenness which showed a fairly steady increase from 1933 to 1942 declined slightly by 5.6 p.c. in 1943 and another 1.8 p.c. in 1944.