

15.—Convictions for Non-indictable Offences, by Province, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1942-50 and Dec. 31, 1951

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 1, p. 280. Figures for 1900-41 are given in the corresponding tables of previous Year Books beginning with the 1933 edition.

| 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. |
| 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 | 146,593 | 199,938 | 22,602 | 7,788 | 11,950 | 21,866 | 336 | 74 | 430,727 |
| 1945..... | ... | 1,394 | 9,786 | 9,818 | 158,580 | 209,713 | 22,820 | 8,996 | 11,576 | 22,887 | 312 | 36 | 455,918 |
| 1946..... | ... | 2,715 | 12,915 | 13,925 | 176,996 | 354,154 | 36,014 | 13,985 | 16,289 | 32,203 | 234 | 242 | 659,672 |
| 1947..... | ... | 2,806 | 12,019 | 14,097 | 188,835 | 407,334 | 47,170 | 15,263 | 18,696 | 45,585 | 328 | 325 | 752,458 |
| 1948..... | ... | 2,696 | 13,699 | 12,189 | 228,502 | 445,911 | 52,783 | 15,488 | 19,748 | 85,006 | 385 | 238 | 876,645 |
| 1949..... | ... | 3,118 | 12,617 | 13,131 | 232,132 | 510,837 | 72,023 | 16,465 | 25,551 | 94,326 | 232 | 57 | 980,489 |
| 1950..... | ... | 2,095 | 13,137 | 21,732 | 280,868 | 617,565 | 79,079 | 22,717 | 28,344 | 117,729 | 553 | 172 | 1,183,991 |
| 1951..... | 5,022 | 2,195 | 14,850 | 25,660 | 267,648 | 671,893 | 118,217 | 22,467 | 39,956 | 139,304 | 950 | 304 | 1,308,466 |

It should be remembered that, while the Criminal Code undergoes little change over a period of time, the figures for summary convictions are greatly influenced by the customs of the people and by the application and degree of enforcement of municipal regulations. These differ from place to place and from year to year and affect non-indictable offences more than they do indictable crimes.

In 1951, marked decreases in certain types of offences, such as vagrancy, contributing to juvenile delinquency, offences under the Lord's Day Act, and gambling, were offset by decided increases in convictions for breaches of traffic regulations, which reached an all-time peak, assault and disturbing the peace, drunkenness and non-payment of radio licence fee. There were 1,290 convictions for leaving the scene of an accident against 424 the previous year.

16.—Convictions for Non-indictable Offences, by Type, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1947-50 and Dec. 31, 1951

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 1, p. 280.

| Type of Offence | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | Increase or Decrease 1950-51 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | p.c. |
| Assault (common)..... | 4,543 | 4,416 | 4,607 | 3,906 | 4,046 | + 3·6 |
| Disturbing the peace..... | 4,438 | 7,544 | 11,018 | 10,568 | 12,210 | + 15·5 |
| Drunkenness..... | 70,868 | 70,542 | 75,931 | 75,935 | 83,898 | + 10·5 |
| Vagrancy..... | 15,904 | 9,051 | 8,576 | 8,967 | 6,893 | - 23·1 |
| Damage to property..... | 1,544 | 1,537 | 1,675 | 1,720 | 1,678 | - 2·4 |
| Gambling Acts, offences against..... | 5,215 | 5,523 | 6,360 | 4,818 | 3,613 | - 25·0 |
| Bawdy houses (frequenting)..... | 373 | 1,111 | 586 | 480 | 273 | - 43·1 |
| Non-support and neglecting children..... | 2,928 | 4,524 | 4,217 | 4,459 | 4,609 | + 3·4 |
| Contributing to delinquency..... | 1,212 | 1,272 | 1,087 | 1,126 | 932 | - 17·2 |
| Traffic regulations..... | 537,519 | 649,599 | 761,467 | 938,549 | 1,065,426 | + 13·5 |
| Provincial and Federal Acts— | | | | | | |
| Game and Fishing Acts..... | 4,423 | 4,753 | 5,854 | 6,144 | 5,996 | - 2·4 |
| Indian Act..... | 1 | 1,570 | 2,386 | 2,426 | 2,213 | - 8·8 |
| Liquor Control and Temperance Acts..... | 28,486 | 27,744 | 28,259 | 31,738 | 28,405 | - 10·5 |
| Lord's Day Act..... | 1,235 | 1,428 | 1,014 | 2,072 | 749 | - 63·8 |
| Radio without a licence..... | 12,477 | 10,693 | 12,235 | 10,642 | 12,418 | + 16·7 |
| Railway Acts..... | 1,586 | 1,735 | 1,827 | 2,278 | 1,266 | - 44·4 |
| Revenue Laws..... | 2,430 | 2,690 | 2,704 | 3,175 | 565 | - 82·2 |
| Other provincial and federal Acts..... | 15,610 | 23,006 | 13,240 | 20,399 | 19,168 | - 6·0 |
| Municipal by-laws, breaches of..... | 34,354 | 40,552 | 30,387 | 44,349 | 40,621 | - 8·4 |
| Exercising various callings without licence..... | 2,096 | 1,178 | 1,359 | 2,580 | 2,349 | - 9·0 |
| Other offences..... | 5,217 | 6,177 | 5,700 | 7,660 | 11,138 | + 45·4 |
| Totals, Convictions..... | 752,458 | 876,645 | 980,489 | 1,183,991 | 1,308,466 | + 10·5 |

¹ Included with Liquor Control and Temperance Acts, and Drunkenness.