

Breaches of Traffic Regulations.—Each year breaches of traffic regulations constitute a greater proportion of the total convictions for non-indictable offences. In 1951 they amounted to 81.4 p.c., an increase of 13.5 p.c. over 1950, which alone would account for the increase in summary convictions; 98.9 p.c. of them were offences under provincial highway traffic Acts and municipal by-laws.

17.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations, 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 and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1942.....	...	331	2,594	1,765	110,579	232,646	25,522	4,034	7,779	14,705	2	399,957
1943.....	...	209	2,772	1,722	82,884	152,557	16,074	2,961	4,745	10,628	21	274,573
1944.....	...	326	1,591	1,838	85,134	146,849	16,268	2,864	4,754	10,387	10	270,021
1945.....	...	157	1,359	2,211	100,708	149,903	14,886	2,838	3,774	10,985	4	286,825
1946.....	...	327	1,707	2,014	123,915	271,379	26,266	5,253	5,574	17,193	2	453,630
1947.....	...	556	2,370	2,667	138,321	315,412	36,526	6,141	7,476	28,043	7	537,519
1948.....	...	393	4,607	2,469	174,021	352,253	41,074	6,300	7,984	60,493	5	649,599
1949.....	...	519	4,084	3,729	188,003	417,016	60,127	7,274	11,112	69,545	58	761,467
1950.....	...	366	4,265	11,909	227,857	508,010	67,832	12,362	13,772	92,038	138	938,549
1951.....	1,773	580	5,802	15,641	215,222	570,895	106,262	13,325	22,923	112,738	265	1,065,426

For the year 1951, Ontario, with 42.0 p.c. of the registrations of motor-vehicles in Canada, had 53.6 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 17.4 p.c. of the motor-vehicles and 20.2 p.c. of the convictions. In interpreting the figures in this way, however, it should be pointed out that traffic regulations are by no means uniform throughout Canada and no account is taken of the differences in the degrees of urbanization in the provinces. These two provinces have large urban centres, while in provinces with lower degrees of urbanization, such as the Atlantic Provinces, Saskatchewan and Alberta, convictions are lower when considered in proportion to the number of motor-vehicles registered.

Convictions for Drunkenness and Offences against the Liquor Acts.—In considering Table 18, it should be noted that the same person may and often does appear before the courts on such charges more than once within a year and that the number of convictions may thus be well above the number of persons convicted.

18.—Convictions for Drunkenness, 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.....	...	606	4,387	4,217	10,400	17,622	1,580	570	1,393	3,964	43	19	44,801
1943.....	...	332	2,380	3,489	10,363	17,482	1,885	778	1,462	4,055	51	15	42,292
1944.....	...	395	2,068	4,292	8,843	17,258	1,451	864	1,539	4,744	54	13	41,521
1945.....	...	612	3,064	4,158	10,336	19,573	2,040	1,010	1,515	4,342	85	10	46,745
1946.....	...	1,478	4,754	7,754	7,167	29,698	2,685	1,847	2,596	5,974	85	38	64,076
1947.....	...	1,187	4,907	6,584	11,006	31,218	2,510	1,802	2,632	8,801	184	37	70,868
1948.....	...	969	4,151	4,900	11,015	33,446	2,829	1,392	2,580	9,135	101	24	70,542
1949.....	...	1,089	4,363	5,125	10,419	33,787	3,613	1,497	4,656	11,237	126	9	75,931
1950.....	...	907	3,931	4,980	10,942	35,356	2,984	1,503	3,849	11,180	240	63	75,935
1951.....	844	759	4,432	6,036	10,222	38,577	3,098	1,915	4,691	13,007	213	104	83,898