

16.—Convictions for Non-indictable Offences by Type 1949-53

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 15, p. 326.

Type of Offence	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	Increase or Decrease 1952-53
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Assault (common).....	4,607	3,906	4,046	4,546	4,645	+ 2.2
Disturbing the peace.....	11,018	10,568	12,210	12,760	13,203	+ 3.5
Drunkenness.....	75,931	75,935	83,898	85,682	91,182	+ 6.4
Vagrancy.....	8,576	8,967	6,893	6,956	8,377	+20.4
Damage to property.....	1,675	1,720	1,678	2,143	2,406	+12.3
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	6,900	4,818	3,613	2,656	2,759	+ 3.9
Bawdy houses (frequented).....	586	480	273	434	390	-10.4
Non-support and neglecting children.....	4,217	4,459	4,609	5,178	5,764	+11.3
Contributing to delinquency.....	1,087	1,126	932	1,349	1,720	+27.5
Traffic regulations.....	761,467	938,549	1,065,426	1,311,022	1,505,931	+14.9
Provincial and Federal Acts—						
Game and Fishing Acts.....	5,854	6,144	5,996	5,839	6,397	+ 9.6
Indian Act.....	2,386	2,426	2,213	2,549	3,117	+22.7
Liquor Control and Temperance Acts.....	28,259	31,738	28,405	33,335	34,972	+ 4.9
Lord's Day Act.....	1,014	2,072	749	666	625	- 6.2
Radio without a licence.....	12,235	10,642	12,418	11,273	—	-100.0
Railway Acts.....	1,827	2,278	1,266	1,427	2,093	+46.7
Revenue Laws <sup>1</sup> .....	2,704	3,175	5,292	6,259	6,629	+ 5.9
Other provincial and federal Acts.....	13,240	20,399	18,980	17,989	24,082	+33.0
Municipal by-laws, breaches of.....	30,287	44,349	40,621	44,258	39,415	-11.0
Exercising various callings without licence.....	1,359	2,580	2,349	2,433	2,249	- 7.6
Other offences.....	5,700	7,660	6,599	6,953	7,666	+10.3
<b>Totals, Convictions.....</b>	<b>980,489</b>	<b>1,183,991</b>	<b>1,308,466</b>	<b>1,565,707</b>	<b>1,763,622</b>	<b>+12.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Excise and Income Tax Acts.

17.—Convictions for Breaches of Traffic Regulations by Province 1944-53

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 15, p. 326.

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.
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
1952.....	2,565	765	5,109	20,358	266,835	714,810	122,647	19,749	25,693	132,123	368	1,311,022
1953.....	2,719	760	6,014	21,296	309,064	857,117	122,370	21,957	30,846	133,295	493	1,505,931

For the year 1953 Ontario, with 44.8 p.c. of the registrations of motor vehicles in Canada, had 56.9 p.c. of the total convictions for breaches of traffic regulations; Quebec in the same year had 17.0 p.c. of the registered vehicles and 20.5 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 but 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.