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for the year ended

SEPTEMBER 30, 1930

Indictable offences by provinces 1926-30

Indictable offences by classes 1926-30

Summary conviction by provinces 1926-30

Summary convictions by offences 1926-30

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Criminal Statistics for the year ended  
September 30th, 1930.

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The total number of indictable offences disposed of in the criminal courts of Canada for the year ended September 30, 1930, was 34,751. Of this number 6,246 were acquitted, and 48 detained for lunacy, leaving 28,457 convictions. The corresponding figures for the previous year were, 29,572, 5,432, 43 and 24,097. Thus there was an increase in prosecutions of 5,179 or 17.51% and an increase in convictions of 4,360 or 18.08%. The increase in convictions for 1929 over 1928, was 10.94% and for 1928 over 1927, 15.31%.

By sexes the convictions for indictable offences for 1930 were 25,797 males and 2,660 females, compared with 21,460 males and 2,637 females for 1929.

By provinces, Ontario shows the largest increase, which was 2,285 over the previous year. The provinces East of Ontario, collectively, increased 12.67%, Ontario increased 24.08% and the provinces West of Ontario increased 15.41%. The Territories fell off from 14 to 9 convictions.

The classes of crime which increased to the greatest extent were burglary, shop and house breaking, robbery, false pretences, fraud, receiving stolen goods, forgery and theft under the various headings. These offences, all coming under the category of greed, <sup>which</sup> constitute nearly seventy per cent of the total, increased, collectively, 26.33%. All other crimes increased but 3.51%. The foregoing deductions are based on convictions.

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The convictions for the years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 were as follows:-

Indictable Offences by Provinces

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	14	14	43	55	59
Nova Scotia.....	752	680	891	869	875
New Brunswick.....	222	287	365	358	354
Quebec.....	3,053	3,621	4,299	4,780	5,540
Ontario.....	7,248	7,962	9,052	9,489	11,774
Manitoba.....	1,383	1,457	1,672	1,988	2,272
Saskatchewan.....	2,052	1,492	1,761	1,918	2,355
Alberta.....	1,463	1,483	1,701	2,201	2,525
British Columbia.....	1,252	1,833	1,931	2,425	2,694
Yukon and N. W. Territories..	9	7	5	14	9
CANADA .....	17,448	18,836	21,720	24,097	28,457

Indictable Offences by Classes and Crimes

O f f e n s e s	N u m b e r o f C o n v i c t i o n s				
	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
CLASS I					
<u>Offences against the person</u>					
Murder.....	15	10	19	26	17
Murder, attempt to commit.....	7	16	18	12	12
Manslaughter.....	45	40	35	59	51
Abortion and concealing birth.....	19	21	21	16	29
Rape and other offences against decency.....	370	442	439	402	458
Procuration.....	20	42	30	34	38
Bigamy.....	31	66	42	40	50
Shooting, stabbing and wounding....	168	192	159	143	183
Assault of females and wife.....	111	145	158	182	232
Assault, aggravated.....	482	519	640	892	910
Assault, on police.....	435	471	433	557	537
Assault, on battery.....	1,261	951	1,283	1,310	1,338
Non-support of family.....	218	170	220	193	264
Wife desertion.....	23	12	15	19	7
Causing injury by fast driving.....	17	27	52	62	76
Other offences against the person..	106	84	74	68	116
TOTALS .....	3,368	3,208	3,678	4,015	4,314

CLASS II.

Offences against property with  
violence

Burglary, house, warehouse and shopbreaking.....	1,417	1,731	1,948	2,298	3,268
Robbing and demanding with menaces.....	208	168	219	255	428
TOTALS.....	1,625	1,899	2,167	2,553	3,696

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In addition, it is noted that the records should be kept in a secure and accessible format. Regular backups are recommended to prevent data loss in the event of a system failure or disaster.

The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling discrepancies. It states that any differences between the recorded amounts and the actual transactions should be investigated immediately. The cause of the discrepancy should be identified, and the records should be corrected accordingly.

Finally, the document stresses the need for ongoing monitoring and review. Regular audits should be conducted to ensure that the records remain accurate and up-to-date. This helps in identifying any potential issues or fraud before they become significant.

The following table provides a summary of the key points discussed in the document. It is intended to serve as a quick reference for anyone responsible for managing the records.

Topic	Key Points
Record Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use receipts and invoices for all transactions.</li> <li>Keep records in a secure and accessible format.</li> <li>Perform regular backups.</li> </ul>
Discrepancy Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate any differences immediately.</li> <li>Identify the cause of the discrepancy.</li> <li>Correct the records as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
Monitoring and Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct regular audits.</li> <li>Ensure records are accurate and up-to-date.</li> <li>Identify potential issues or fraud early.</li> </ul>

In conclusion, maintaining accurate and secure records is essential for the success of any business or organization. By following the guidelines outlined in this document, you can ensure that your records are reliable and easy to manage.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Indictable Offences - (Concluded)

Offences	Number of Convictions				
	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
CLASS III					
Offences against property without violence.					
Bringing stolen goods into Canada.....	2	-	4	3	2
Embezzlement.....	6	34	8	8	6
False pretences.....	882	1,190	1,294	1,513	2,065
Feloniously receiving stolen goods....	400	376	398	383	520
Fraud and conspiracy to defraud.....	593	697	737	592	688
Horse and cattle stealing.....	37	26	48	60	95
Theft.....	6,651	7,108	7,970	8,770	10,540
Theft of mail.....	21	32	19	28	28
Theft of automobile.....	366	465	638	774	822
TOTALS .....	8,958	9,928	11,016	12,138	14,766
CLASS IV.					
Malicious offences against property:					
Arson.....	38	33	33	34	51
Malicious injury to horses, cattle and other property.....	201	245	282	347	381
TOTALS .....	239	278	315	381	432
CLASS V.					
Forgery and other offences against currency.					
Offences against currency.....	2	3	5	4	8
Forgery and Uttering forged documents.....	383	474	549	720	1,001
TOTALS.....	385	477	554	724	1,009
CLASS VI.					
Various offences.					
Breach of Trade-marks Act.....	48	60	26	23	36
Carrying unlawful weapons.....	125	90	112	136	147
Conspiracy.....	53	34	49	52	65
Criminal Negligence.....	55	40	65	71	90
Breach of gambling and lottery Act..	550	908	1,403	1,387	1,403
Illicit stills.....	405	353	291	280	345
Keeping bawdy houses and inmate thereof.....	739	809	844	1,130	923
Perjury and subornation of perjury...	69	70	70	70	75
Offences against public morals.....	191	66	69	128	96
Offences against Opium and Narcotic Drug Act.....	(a)	(a)	302	220	217
Prison breach, and escape from custody .....	152	126	155	206	153
Breach of Inland Revenue Laws.....	193	201	240	213	186
Riot and affray.....	113	78	103	136	169
Attempt to commit suicide.....	71	78	74	97	153
Sodomy.....	55	49	69	71	101
Various and miscellaneous.....	63	84	118	66	81
TOTALS.....	2,873	3,045	3,990	4,286	4,240
Grand TOTALS.....	17,448	18,835	21,720	24,097	28,457

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Summary Convictions of Non-Indictable Offences

Although the convictions of non-indictable offences in 1930 show an increase over the figures for 1929, there has been a decided check during the last two years in the upward trend of these cases. The rates of increase during the three years 1928-29-30 was, 27.14%, 18.05% and 6.45%. As has been pointed out in previous reports, breaches of traffic regulations are mainly responsible for the growth in this category of offences as a whole. Elimination of breach of traffic regulations shows there was an actual decrease in the remaining convictions in 1930 as against 1929. Drunkenness shows a decline of 3,037 or 7.8%. Breaches of the gambling act fell off 1,679 or 20.4%. Breaches of liquor acts decreased 1,195 or 6.6%. The main increases in addition to traffic regulations, aforementioned, are to be found in Loose, idle, disorderly, Non-support of family, Breach of the railway act, by stealing rides on trains.

Convictions for Non-indictable Offences  
by Provinces 1926-30

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Prince Edward Island.....	345	392	662	783	906
Nova Scotia.....	3,568	4,362	4,499	6,231	6,299
New Brunswick.....	2,418	2,565	3,031	4,032	4,072
Quebec.....	24,428	28,732	29,302	51,099	60,098
Ontario.....	90,061	101,345	146,586	153,385	163,913
Manitoba.....	13,913	16,420	19,921	26,536	26,879
Saskatchewan.....	8,614	8,243	9,108	11,413	11,574
Alberta.....	8,142	8,801	10,927	13,939	12,904
British Columbia.....	18,337	22,292	21,598	22,499	21,989
Yukon and N. W. Territories...	87	88	51	126	125
CANADA.....	169,913	193,240	245,685	290,043	308,759

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Convictions of Non-Indictable Offences by Categories 1926-30.

Offences	Number of Convictions				
	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
Assaults.....	2,967	3,436	3,499	4,146	4,177
Disturbing the peace.....	155	152	193	159	154
Carrying firearms and unlawful weapons...	385	386	383	564	535
Contempt of court.....	29	32	28	21	26
Cruelty to animals.....	446	545	474	390	320
Disturbing religious and like..... meetings.....	22	25	28	38	43
Fishery and Game Acts, offences against..	1,195	1,245	1,599	1,858	2,540
Gambling Acts, offences against.....	6,347	5,858	5,923	8,244	6,565
Immigration Act, offences against.....	77	61	40	51	58
Inspection and Sales Acts, offences against.....	142	227	198	191	873
Adulteration of food - (Food and Drug Acts).....	231	240	221	198	172
Weights and Measures - Acts, offences against.....	106	82	87	162	176
Liquor, Prohibition and Temperance Acts, offences against.....	13,512	12,477	15,263	19,327	18,132
Malicious or wilful damage to property...	679	807	782	896	1,009
Masters' and Servants' Acts, offences against.....	140	210	244	321	235
Non-payment of wages.....	1,277	1,231	882	1,484	1,677
Breaches of traffic regulations.....	78,027	96,340	141,493	166,337	185,584
Breaches of other by-laws.....	12,874	13,437	14,564	14,171	14,625
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>90,901</b>	<b>109,777</b>	<b>156,057</b>	<b>180,608</b>	<b>200,209</b>
Non-support of family and neglecting children.....	932	1,192	1,486	1,708	2,098
Contributing to delinquency of children..	709	1,002	608	720	801
Opium and narcotic Drug Act, various offences against.....	743	491	(a)304	(a)396	(a)242
Profanation of the Lord's Day.....	784	824	1,115	635	944
Railway Acts, various offences against...	730	775	917	1,031	1,284
Trespass on railway.....	731	925	1,062	1,283	1,332
Stealing ride on railway.....	404	929	633	944	1,638
Revenues Laws, offence against.....	422	804	1,069	1,668	1,647
Trespass.....	829	593	604	858	989
Vagrancy.....	6,805	7,701	8,502	11,648	11,161
Drunkenness.....	28,317	31,171	33,224	38,826	35,789
Insulting, abusive and profane language.....	576	629	568	320	578
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	3,267	2,397	2,162	4,220	3,727
Loose, idle, disorderly.....	4,281	5,292	5,297	4,538	7,356
Various other offences.....	1,772	1,724	2,311	2,690	2,272
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>169,913</b>	<b>193,240</b>	<b>245,763</b>	<b>290,043</b>	<b>308,759</b>

(a) Not including selling and possessing drugs, which appear in the tables for indictable offences.

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