

Sly-grog Selling.—There were 114 prosecutions during the year for selling liquor without a licence, and also 11 prosecutions for other offences against the provisions of the Licensing Act in force in no-licence districts.

The fines imposed on the sly-grog sellers during the year 1946 amounted to £1,067.

Gaming Offences.—There were 521 prosecutions under the Gaming Act, against 1,001 prosecutions in 1945. There were 249 prosecutions in connection with bookmaking during the year ended 31st March, 1947, resulting in 244 convictions, the amount of fines imposed being £17,978.

Prosecutions under the Motor-vehicles Act.—There was a substantial increase in the number of prosecutions for causing death or bodily injury through reckless driving of motor-vehicles and for being intoxicated in charge of a motor-vehicle. In addition to warnings for minor breaches of the Act and regulations, there were 3,905 prosecutions for such breaches, being 320 less than in the previous year.

Growth of Department.—The following return shows the growth of the Department, the population, and the total number of offences (irrespective of by-law offences) reported, and in which arrests or summonses resulted, at each tenth year since 1877, prior to which date each province in the Dominion had its own Police Force. The figures for each year from 1939 to 1946 are also shown :—

Year.	Officers.		Non-commissioned Officers.	Detectives.	Constables.	Total.	Police to Population.	Cost per Inhabitant.	Population.	Offences reported.	Offences where Arrests or Summonses resulted.	Arrests for Drunkenness (included in "Offences reported").
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1878	25	90	14	329	458	1 to 944	*		432,352	14,157	13,959	6,668
1888	13	69	17	388	487	1 to 1,328	3 1 $\frac{3}{4}$		646,913	12,897	11,854	5,387
1898	7	56	16	457	536	1 to 1,435	2 8		768,910	16,378	14,730	5,532
1908	15	83	32	604	734	1 to 1,331	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$		977,215	23,510	22,484	10,343
1918	20	111	38	732†	901	1 to 1,274	4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,147,391	19,067	18,043	7,228
1928	23	127	54	913†	1,117	1 to 1,301	5 9		1,453,517	33,138	30,622	6,601
1938	26	145	93	1,164†	1,428	1 to 1,123	7 6		1,604,479	44,308	41,618	5,446
1939	27	148	91	1,173†	1,439	1 to 1,129	7 5 $\frac{3}{4}$		1,624,714	46,378	43,162	5,935
1940	27	149	90	1,191†	1,457	1 to 1,126	7 8 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,640,901	45,009	41,619	5,470
1941	28	155	97	1,229†	1,509	1 to 1,084	7 11 $\frac{1}{4}$		1,636,230	38,559	35,896	4,887
1942	29	159	105	1,306†	1,599	1 to 1,022	8 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,634,338	34,608	30,790	3,001
1943	29	175	112	1,324†	1,640	1 to 998	8 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,636,700	33,192	28,722	2,304
1944	31	173	116	1,314†	1,634	1 to 1,006	9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,643,909	31,960	27,229	2,132
1945	37	168	110	1,250†	1,565	1 to 1,064	9 1 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,664,585	33,744	27,965	1,854
1946	34	174	103	1,164†	1,475	1 to 1,159	9 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		1,709,048	34,016	28,818	2,069
1947	38	208	97	1,154†	1,497	1 to 1,184	10 6 $\frac{1}{4}$		1,772,787	..	..	..

* Not obtainable.

† Includes temporary constables.

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