PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

REPORTS

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF PROVINCIAL POLICE

FOR THE YEAR

1943

AND

INSPECTOR OF GAOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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To His Honour W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to submit the reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the year ended December 31st, 1943, and the Inspector of Gaols for the year ended March 31st, 1944.

R. L. MAITLAND,
Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Department,
Victoria, B.C., 1944.

VICTORIA, B.C., November 1st, 1944.

The Honourable the Attorney-General,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith for your perusal my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1943, which includes a report on the Provincial Gaols for the year ended March 31st, 1944.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

T. W. S. PARSONS,
Commissioner of Provincial Police.

Report *of the* Commissioner of Provincial Police, 1943.

The Honourable R. L. Maitland, K.C.,
Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1943.

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

At midnight of December 31st, 1943, the strength of the Force stood as follows: Seventeen officers and 425 N.C.O.'s and men, exclusive of Special Constables, stenographers, and junior clerks. The following table shows its distribution at the end of the year:—

STATEMENT OF STRENGTH AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1943.

	Motor Branch.	Accounts Branch.	Headquarters, C.I.B., etc.	"A" Division.	"B" Division.	"C" Division.	"D" Division.	"E" Division.	Fort George Subdivision.	Peace River Subdivision.	Total.
Commissioner	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Assistant Commissioner	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
Inspectors	1	....	3	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	8
Sub-Inspectors	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	6
Paymaster	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Quartermaster	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Staff-Sergeants	....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	6
Chief Clerks	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Mechanical Supervisor	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Sergeants	....	....	3	3	2	6	2	6	1	1	24
Assistant Chief Clerks	1	....	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	5
Chief Radio Operator	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Second-class Skipper	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Assistant Mechanical Supervisors	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	2
Assistant Supervisor, F.P.B.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
First Engineer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Corporals	....	....	1	4	4	2	3	5	1	1	21
Senior Clerks	4	1	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	8
Senior Radio Operators	....	....	1	....	1	1	1	1	....	....	5
Third-class Skippers	....	....	....	3	....	....	2	1	....	....	6
Mechanics	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	3
Senior Finger-print Operators	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Second Engineer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Detectives	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	2
Photographer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Armourer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
First-class Constables	....	....	1	28	31	32	9	45	5	7	158
First-class Clerks	23	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	26
First Radio Operators	....	....	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	5
Third Engineers	....	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	3
Finger-print Operator	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Second-class Constables	....	....	1	6	6	7	4	5	1	3	33
Second-class Clerks	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Second Radio Operators	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	1	1	5
Third-class Constables	....	....	7	19	10	11	11	26	7	4	95
Third-class Clerks	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	3
Third Radio Operators	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	1	....	....	4
Special Constables	....	....	3	4	2	....	....	1	....	....	10
Stenographers	44	2	17	1	3	1	....	3	....	....	71
Junior Clerk	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Messenger	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Totals	81	9	50	75	65	67	40	103	16	18	524

MEMORIAM.

During the year the Force lost another link with the past in the passing of ex-Commissioner Lieut.-Col. J. H. McMullin. Colonel McMullin died at his home in Victoria on May 11th.

Charged with the reorganization of the Provincial Police in 1923, his sterling administrative qualities had much to do with the Force's present-day efficiency and his sudden passing was a source of deep regret to all who knew him.

COMMISSIONER.

Under date of June 2nd, 1943, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to appoint Thomas William Stanner Parsons an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Under date of July 23rd, 1943, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to sanction the admission of Thomas William Stanner Parsons as a Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

POLICING OF MUNICIPALITIES.

The Department now polices forty-two cities and municipalities and we feel the arrangement has proved its worth. Municipal administrators are relieved of a heavy burden and the Province derives all the advantages pertaining to a closely knit harmonious organization.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Sub-Inspector C. K. Mackenzie, Officer Commanding Police Training, reports as follows:—

"During the year three instructional classes were conducted, Nos. 8, 9, and 10. Class 8 was of six weeks' duration, but in view of the increasingly complex nature of police work in general it was felt that the time should be increased to at least three months for junior officers. Accordingly Class 9 was in session for that period and Class 10, on a similar basis, was scheduled to run into 1944. Names of men attending were:—

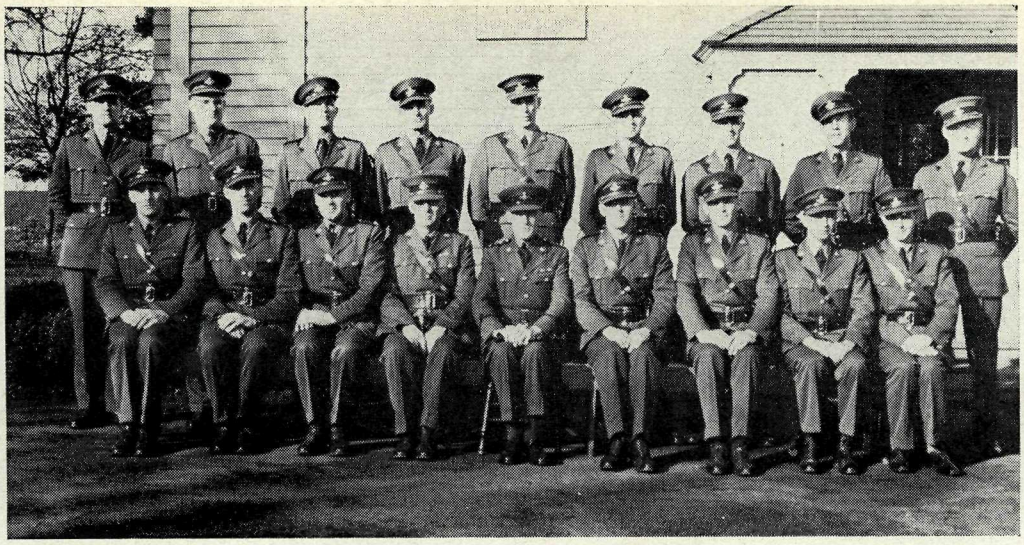
"Class No. 8. January 11th to March 3rd: First-class Constable N. E. Asel, Second-class Constable C. S. Dryden, Third-class Constables G. A. Perry, R. W. Sinclair, E. Bradley, G. D. Bell, W. L. Cowan, P. W. Howarth, N. W. Wells, D. H. Pye, J. E. D. Cox, F. D. Patton, F. J. Clunk, R. J. Brotherstone, M. Cramond, E. J. Hooker, W. H. Kemp, and G. Redhead.

"Class No. 9. July 12th to October 6th: Special Constables F. C. Abrahamson, R. Biswanger, C. A. Cawdell, W. A. Demmon, H. Duddy, J. M. Ehly, R. J. Ivens, D. C. McColl, G. W. M. Mutter, J. D. Tateson, and R. H. Turnbull.

"Class No. 10. November 1st to December 31st (continuing into 1944): Third-class Constables T. R. Maxwell, H. D. Johnstone, G. M. Brassard, N. D. Gibbon, R. I. Stringer, J. L. Campbell, T. D. Douglas, and R. J. Cofield; Special Constables D. R. Hodgins, D. A. Jobling, J. J. Ehly, and S. A. L. Hamblin.

"The course of instruction and study was much along the lines indicated in previous Annual Reports, the extension of time to three months permitting much more thorough work than heretofore. A pleasant feature on graduation is the presentation of certificates of competency by Attorney-General the Honourable R. L. Maitland, K.C., in person. These little ceremonies, appreciated by all concerned, afford the Minister an excellent opportunity to inspect the men and then meet them individually.

"Throughout each class conduct and discipline were well maintained."



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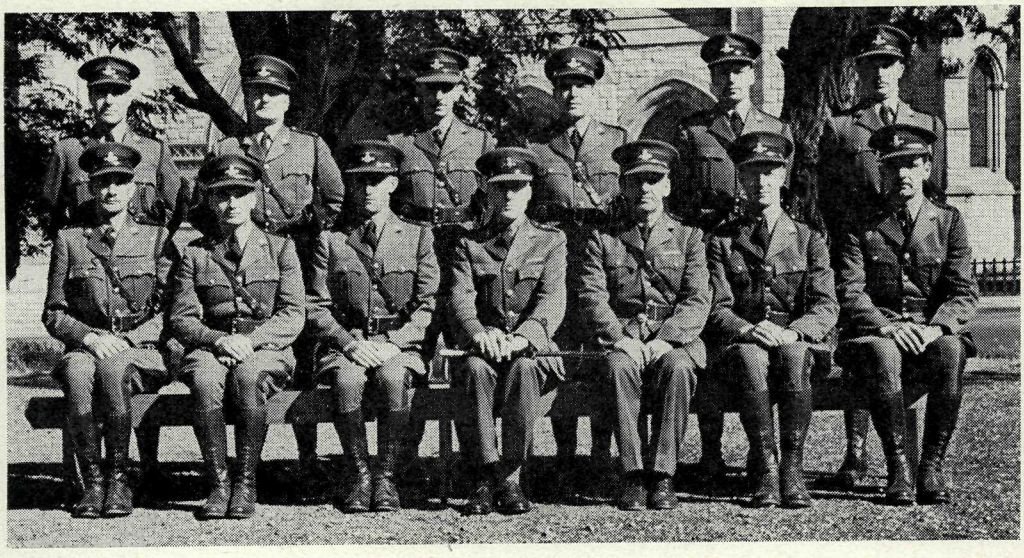

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CIVILIAN PROTECTION (A.R.P.) BRANCH.

Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, in charge of the Police section assigned to the Provincial Civilian Protection Committee, reports:—

" TRAINING.

" The framework of organization having been largely completed, emphasis has been placed upon training. Due to the very large number of volunteers involved and to the fact that new weapons of warfare necessitate continuous changes in training technique, it was considered advisable to hold schools for potential instructors from the various areas and especially so since the small number of instructors available at Headquarters would be unable to provide all the local courses required. During the year a total of over 500 such persons were trained, bringing the cumulative total of those receiving instructors' courses to approximately 1,000.

" Organization of the anti-gas services has been completed and a Provincial Gas Officer, Dr. C. S. Beals, appointed.

"A very great deal of assistance and co-operation was received from the Army and Air Force in the matter of instruction during the year. Of particular interest and value was a demonstration of bombing and high explosives arranged by Army, Air Force, and Civil Defence jointly and attended by selected personnel from the three.

" In addition to instruction provided for Civil Defence volunteers, motion pictures dealing with Civil Defence were displayed before many thousands of the public.

" PERSONNEL.

"As at December 31st, the total number of volunteers enrolled in the 155 active organizations was: Male, 46,140; female, 16,804; total, 62,944.

" GENERAL.

" Colonel R. J. Manion, M.C., M.D., Federal Director, whose death occurred during the year, was succeeded by Brigadier-General Alex. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O. General Ross visited the Province and made a thorough inspection of areas in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

"A reassessment of risk caused some changes in the regions in which Civil Defence was deemed necessary. The Civil Defence forces in the Province of Ontario were demobilized, but on the Pacific Coast the area of second degree risk was increased.

" During the year the official designation of the Federal organization was changed from ' Civil Air Raid Precautions ' to ' Civil Defence,' and this latter term is now in general use throughout the areas in the Province."

MARKSMANSHIP.

Inspector C. C. Clark, in charge of Personnel and Records Branch, reports:—

" For the first time since the outbreak of hostilities the Force as a whole was able to participate in annual revolver practice. The course shot is the standard Camp Perry or Police Course, thirty shots in three stages. Considering the lapse of time since the last practice results were most encouraging and showed that the groundwork of previous training had been well laid. Highest score turned in was from Constable Walter G. Bailey (' C ' Division), who had 296 x 300. In the subsequent open competition for the Fraser Trophy (competed for annually to distinguish the Force's high individual revolver shot), Sergeant J. A. Young took first place. The Tyro prize for the man

making the highest score when qualifying for the first time went to Clerk C. T. Pughe, of the Vancouver Motor Licence Office."

PAY AND QUARTERMASTER BRANCH.

Paymaster D. D. Moses reporting on police accounts and stores states that 16,403 expense vouchers totalling $1,283,370.96 were checked and passed through the Accounts Branch during the year, and individual records were kept for pay and allowances of 928 individuals. Collections for Police services from city and district municipalities and other branches of the Government amounted to $265,520.67.

ENLISTMENTS, DISCHARGES, ETC.

The gross strength of the Force was increased by eleven over the previous year's total, and in the permanent ranks the following is a tabulation of enlistments and discharges:—

Engagements		42
Discharges—		
By purchase	19	
By expiration of engagement	8	
By invaliding	1	
By dismissal	4	
To pension	4	
		— 36

DISTRIBUTION.

Reduction in strength included one at Headquarters, four in "B" Division, one in "C" Division, and one in "D" Division. On the other hand the strength of "E" Division was increased by nine, Fort George Subdivision by two, and seven in the Peace River Subdivision. Increase in "E" Division is accounted for by assignment of a Constable to the Game Department's launch "P.M.L. 3," patrolling the Howe Sound area; Squamish Detachment returned to two-man status; the policing of the Municipality of Langley added another two men to the strength; Pattullo Bridge patrol was increased by two men; and a stenographer was added to the plain clothes section in Vancouver. In addition, a relieving Sergeant was attached to "E" Division at the end of the year and is so shown.

Additional police responsibilities in the Fort George Subdivision called for two men extra at Prince George and postings at Pouce Coupe, Dawson Creek, and the opening of detachments at Liard River and Muskwa added another seven men to our strength in the Peace River area.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE.

Generally, although the standard of conduct was good, disciplinary action was necessary in a few instances. Four men were dismissed, eight reprimanded, and five fined. On the other hand many non-commissioned officers and men distinguished themselves by devotion to duty and outstanding work. In proof of this sixty-nine were commended in General Orders, one was awarded $25 and another received $10 from the Reward Fund.

POLICE RADIO.

Our network of short wave radio stations continues to provide us with Province-wide coverage and 23,278 messages were passed between police posts equipped with this means of communication. In 1943 these messages totalled 958,453 words.

During the year a new installation permitting ship-to-shore contact between the P.M.L. 7 and its base was added to the system at Ocean Falls.

By arrangement with the Provincial Game Commission equipment was also installed on the Game Commission's patrol launch " P.M.L. 3 " and a Police Operator-Constable assigned to the vessel.

In passing I should like to make special reference to the very conscientious manner in which the radio personnel have carried out their duties; in fact, over the years, our success in this field of communication has been mainly due to the whole-hearted interest and enthusiasm of those in the Communication Branch. The work of Chief Operator W. F. Conlan who supervises the system is particularly worthy of mention.

POLICE TRANSPORT.

Mechanical Supervisor J. F. McNaught submits the following report on the operation and maintenance of Police Transport, including launches:—

" MILEAGE.

Division.	Railway.	Cars.		Launches.		Horse.	Foot.	Otherwise.	Total.
		Police.	Other.	Police.	Other.				
Headquarters	24,441	60,276	29,173	618	.....	.....	3,263	12,095	129,866
" A " Division	3,936	349,641	3,527	22,387	2,391	408	108,058	40,523	530,871
" B " Division	75,880	378,436	.....	2,033	483	40	53,717	7,587	518,176
" C " Division	68,266	315,284	38,446	48	566	3,869	66,405	11,040	503,924
" D " Division	34,434	68,918	8,829	15,948	2,110	1,769	34,000	45,649	211,657
Fort George Subdivision	5,478	44,360	3,263	1,212	339	20	6,139	3,609	64,420
Peace River Subdivision	54,055	62,409	6,132	.....	90	108	15,894	5,867	144,555
" E " Division	15,476	661,149	622	7,920	871	.....	86,736	98,697	871,471
Police totals	281,966	1,940,473	89,992	50,166	6,850	6,214	374,212	225,067	2,974,940
Motor Branch	846	52,936	.....	.....	.....	.....	230	2,951	56,963
Grand totals	282,812	1,993,409	89,992	50,166	6,850	6,214	374,442	228,018	3,031,903

" Every effort has been made to reduce mileage and in the year under review it has been found possible to cut down travel by some 115,000 miles. However, although by careful rearrangement each Division has made a notable contribution to the total saving, increased work in the Fort George and Peace River Subdivisions and activity on the Alaska Highway has necessitated the employment of two additional Police cars with their concomitant overhead.

"All water-craft, and 281 Police cars and twenty-three vehicles belonging to the Game Branch were inspected during 1943.

" MARINE SECTION.

" Police motor launches and boats are based at the following stations: P.G.D. 2, Powell River; P.M.L. 6, Ganges; P.M.L. 7, Ocean Falls; P.M.L. 8, Port Alberni; P.M.L. 9, Campbell River; P.M.L. 10, Port Alice; P.M.L. 11, Kaslo; P.M.L. 15, Prince Rupert; R-3, rowboat and outboard, Sicamous; R-4, rowboat and outboard, Prince George; R-7, canoe, Squamish; R-10, rowboat and inboard, Ucluelet; R-12, rowboat and outboard, Squamish; R-13, rowboat and inboard, Shawnigan Lake; R-14, river-boat and outboards, Fort St. James. Outboard motors are on inventory at Fort St. John, Kamloops, Stewart, and Victoria; we also maintain a rowboat and outboard at Atlin and a river-boat at McDame Creek.

" During the year a new river-boat, R-14, was constructed by Game Warden Roumieu to replace canoe R-9, formerly stationed at Fort St. James. River-boat R-5 on charge to Fort St. John was also condemned and struck off records as a total loss.

" Extensive repairs were carried out on P.M.L. 8, 9, 10, and 15. In this connection attention is again drawn to the fact that with the exception of P.M.L. 15 all vessels operated by the Police are showing signs of age. Because of this and in order to keep them in a seaworthy condition heavy expenditures will continue until such time as it becomes possible to replace a major portion of the fleet."

ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

As is usual, we co-operated very fully with the Departments of National Defence; Wartime Prices and Trade Board; National War and Selective Service; Customs and Excise; Mines and Resources; Fisheries; Indian Affairs; Immigration; Transport; Radio Branch; Pension; National Health; and Soldiers Settlement.

From time to time there has been acknowledgment of the services rendered by Provincial Police men in aiding the search and recovery of missing aircraft. Nanaimo Office reported three planes crashed in their area with a loss of eleven lives and that three soldiers from the same district were killed while driving Army equipment. In each instance the fatality was duly investigated by the Force.

Hundreds of cases were handled for the Department of Labour—National Selective Service Mobilization and National Selective Service Civilian Regulations. In addition we received continued requests for information from the Chairman of the Mobilization Board.

Very considerable assistance was also afforded the Department of Mines and Resources (Explosives Branch) which frequently enlists our facilities in the supervision of powder-magazines and the issuance of permits.

ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

"A" Division (Inspector R. Owens).—"Assistance was rendered throughout the year to the following departments of the Provincial Government: B.C. Forest Service (Camp-fire Permits and complaints), Fire Marshal's Department, Superintendent of Child Welfare, Department of Education (prosecutions under the 'Public Schools Act'), Game Department, the Departments of Labour, Health, Public Works, Agriculture, and Welfare."

" B " Division (Inspector John Macdonald).—" Thirty-seven reports relating to fires affecting buildings and automobiles were prepared and forwarded to the Fire Marshal at Vancouver.

" Camp sanitation received a good deal of attention. We also assisted the Live Stock Commissioner in reporting upon a number of cases under the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'

" The Inspector of Municipalities requested investigations and reports and in some instances it was necessary for our Constables to arrange for the renting, sale, and care of properties of which he is the official custodian."

" C " Division (Inspector G. Barber).—" Considerable assistance was rendered to the Provincial Health Department, particularly in connection with the suppression of venereal disease."

" D " Division (Inspector E. Gammon).—"At Prince Rupert a good deal of assistance was given to the local Health Department in connection with its efforts to suppress venereal disease and throughout the Division we have done a considerable amount of work for the Department of Agriculture, Social Assistance Branch, and many others."

" E " Division (Assistant Commissioner John Shirras).—" All departments of our Provincial Government received assistance in some form, and in particular I would mention the Provincial Secretary's Collection Office, the Social Assistance Branch,

Child Welfare section, the Fire Marshal, Game Commission, Motor Carrier Branch, Liquor Control Board, etc."

Peace River Subdivision (Sub-Inspector H. H. Mansell).—"We have assisted the Game Department in many ways, also local representatives of the Health Department. Brand Inspections have been carried out for the Department of Agriculture and some assistance was given the Provincial Secretary's Department. Over a score of investigations were made for the Fire Marshal, one of which included the inspection of some 250 dwellings in Dawson Creek for possible chimney damage."

Fort George Subdivision (Sergeant G. K. Clark, M.C.).—"Many investigations have been made for the Provincial Secretary's Department, the Department of Health, Fire Marshal's Department, and the Provincial Game Department."

ASSISTANCE TO OTHER FORCES.

During the year we were able to render a great deal of assistance to other police organizations. It is also a pleasure to report continuation of the happy relationship existing between ourselves and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the city and municipal forces of Greater Victoria and Greater Vancouver, the Investigation Departments of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways, the Provincial Game Commission, and the Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police of the Puget Sound area in the neighbouring State of Washington. Reference also should be made to our close and extreme friendly contacts with the Navy, Army, and Air Forces of Canada and the United States.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

Inspector Roger Peachey, M.C., reports as follows:—

"An analysis of the criminal statistics set out in Appendix I. reveals certain new trends in crime. For instance, in 1942 some 10,151 charges resulted in 9,555 convictions whereas this year 9,256 charges resulted in 8,750. However, this decrease in 'general' crime is offset by an increase in serious offences relating to public order, morals, and theft, and to those lesser regulations and by-laws designed in the public interests by municipalities. To particularize, we find 570 offences against morality in 1942 increased to 922 in the next following twelve months and 894 cases involving property rights increased to 1,286. In crime 'reduction' the most noteworthy appears to have been in relation to Provincial Statutes—4,301 charges in 1942 dropped to 3,625 in 1943. Perhaps 'war conditions' explain the situation; in any event it is interesting to note that 1,763 charges under the 'Government Liquor Act' in 1942 decreased to 1,493—a drop of 16 per cent. Perhaps rationing may have played a part—certainly this suggestion would seem to find some support in our statistics under the 'Indian Act'—1,676 cases in 1942, 593 in 1943.

"Due, no doubt, to gasoline and tire rationing and general war-time restrictions, offences relating to motor-vehicles have also shown a marked decrease. Again, under the 'Motor Carrier Act,' there were 339 cases in 1942 and less than one-third of that number in 1943. A similar reduction is to be observed in connection with the 'Motor-vehicle Act'—1,441 cases, and in 1943, 1,258. In particular, charges of 'furious driving' under the Criminal Code decreased from 425 in 1942 to 317 in 1943.

"Offences connected with delinquency and the 'Infants Act' increased by 22—60 cases against 82.

"Under the Wartime Prices and Trade Board Regulations there has been a very definite increase from 443 cases in 1942 to 780 in 1943. Charges of theft increased from 373 in 1942 to 569 in 1943. Receiving stolen goods from 103 to 140. House and shop breaking from 107 to 262.

"There is no question that the increase in theft and juvenile delinquency can be attributed to a more or less transient population and unsettled conditions, and to improper home supervision on the part of parents who either work in war industry or reside elsewhere than in British Columbia.

"At this point I particularly wish to refer to one important phase in the moral field of law enforcement. Compelled by urgent war-time necessity the Governments of the United States and Canada undertook vast projects in the Northern parts of this Province. In the nature of things their camps, denied all ordinary forms of entertainment, offered an attractive objective to the underworld and something had to be done about it. With this in mind, the Attorney-General instructed that no effort should be spared in conducting a vigorous campaign against the various undesirable elements preying on construction-workers—an effort to be applied throughout the Province. Implementing these instructions, Detective D. Shand of the Criminal Investigation Branch was detailed to make a series of special investigations and obtain such evidence as might be necessary to prosecute the operators. In this he proved highly successful and a large number of convictions were secured in the Peace River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, and other districts. At the same time a sustained 'drive' against prostitution was followed by the elimination of bawdy-houses and dispersal of those frequenting them. In this connection our thanks are due to Mr. H. Alan Maclean, departmental solicitor, who rendered extremely valuable assistance in advising our officers on matters of evidence and in conducting the prosecutions.

"As in the past, close co-operation exists between the Criminal Investigation Branch of this Force and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Vancouver and Victoria City Police, the Investigation Departments of the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railways, and other law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Attention is also drawn to the fact that on a number of occasions the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Government sent its agents to Canada to conduct inquiries initiated in American territory. Our facilities were always at their disposal and I am glad to say that in many cases their missions were entirely successful.

"Since the various Northern development programmes came into being, a great many United States citizens have come to Canada and Canadians have had to go to the United States in connection with business and technical matters. Naturally this has given the Branch much additional work of an international nature. Missing persons, offences against United States citizens, and offences by United States citizens have all furnished their quota, and attention is particularly drawn to the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Washington State Patrol, and the Seattle Police Department have always given us prompt and unstinted co-operation whenever called upon. Assistance was also rendered the Defence Services in security investigations, tracing deserters, thefts of Government property, suspicious persons, and so forth.

"The Doukhobor situation during the year 1943 was not of the best. There seemed to be a general antipathy towards the National Registration Regulations and war-time measures and this resulted in a number of prosecutions for failing to co-operate with the authorities. We also had to deal with incendiary fires. The Crestova School was damaged and an incendiary bomb was found at the Slocan Park School. Another fire which broke out on December 13th, 1943, at Brilliant, destroyed a jam-factory, a general store, a service-station and garage, and a packing-shed, the collective property loss amounting to approximately $85,000. Finally, on December 28th, a packing-shed near Castlegar was destroyed.

" The *Modus Operandi* Section of the Branch has been very active and every section of the Force has done much towards building up the files of this Department. Briefly, in all cases where any crime appears to conform to a definite pattern of operation the *Modus Operandi* Section is given a detailed statement of the special methods employed. These, set out on a prescribed form, are classified, filed, and then indexed and cross-indexed under some 200 different headings. Thereafter, whenever a crime of any particular nature in reported, search is immediately made to compare its ' trademarks ' with those of a like nature already filed by the M.O. Section. Another duty is that of photostating all bogus and forged cheques uttered in any area policed by this Force. These cheques or other documents are then indexed and filed for ready reference against the time when other documents of like character are received for comparison.

" In accordance with custom two members of the Criminal Investigation Branch were on detached duty during the year. They are Senior Finger-print Operator J. W. Edwards, stationed at Oakalla Prison Farm, and Detective J. A. Macdonald, who is seconded to the Officer Commanding " E " Division, Vancouver, for investigational duties.

" I should also like to draw attention to the fact that our Criminal Investigation Branch contributes from one-quarter to one-third of the total instructional time given at the British Columbia Provincial Training School at Victoria. Subjects lectured upon by members of the C.I.B. are Crime Detection, Finger-print Identification, Statements and Confessions, *Modus Operandi,* Ballistics, Photography, Plan-drawing, Firearms Registration, Report Writing, and General Police Science.

" In conclusion may I say that in spite of the present shortage of scientific apparatus the Branch was able to secure a Zeiss comparison microscope. Since coming into our possession this piece of equipment has proved of great value in making identification in the physical field of scientific investigation. In one case of manslaughter certain fibres were found on an automobile radiator which the Crown alleged struck the deceased. A comparison was made between these fibres and some taken from clothing worn by the deceased at the time he sustained his fatal injuries. Evidence was adduced that the fibres compared favourably; however, the defence sought to introduce other fibres which they contended could have been similar to those left in the radiator grill. Again, with the aid of the comparison microscope, an examination definitely showed these fibres were dissimilar as to colour, etc.

" In January, 1943, this instrument was used for the first time in firearms identification work by our ballistics expert, Detective Sergeant J. A. Young. He was successful in eliminating a 7.65 mm. Ortgies pistol from suspicion in connection with the investigation of two murder cases then under inquiry. This saved a long, fruitless, and expensive search for the owner of the weapon. Since then many more identifications and eliminations have been made by Detective Young. Mr. G. C. B. Cave, the Chief Analyst and Assayer of the Department of Mines, has also found the instrument of great use in connection with examinations made on our behalf."

From the files of the Criminal Investigation Branch Records Office the following additional figures are quoted:—

Missing Persons.—Of 337 searches to locate missing persons 176 were successful.

Accidental Deaths.—Accidental deaths for the year 1943 totalled 381, a decrease of fifty-five from the 1942 figure and ten less than the total for 1941. There were 110 drowning accidents, while logging accounted for fifty-two and mining twenty-four. Automobile accidents added seventy-eight to the list. (The figures cited are for those accidents occurring in unorganized districts and cities or municipalities policed by this Force; they do not include accidental deaths taking place in cities and municipalities

employing their own police organizations.) Various other circumstances occasioned 117 fatal accidents. Aeroplane crashes accounted for thirteen. Nineteen persons, including one 2-year-old child, were killed in railway accidents. Fifteen persons, including five children or infants, died as a result of burns. Seven persons, three of whom were babies accidentally suffocated in bed, died from suffocation. Two persons died from carbon monoxide generated by an automobile and one from the same cause in a boat. Another person suffocated under a collapsed building. There were four deaths due to poisoning. In one instance a 19-month-old child swallowed strychnine and in another death by nicotine poisoning followed from a child of six eating some cigarettes. One adult was poisoned by taking cyanide in error for water and an infant died as a result of eating smoked salmon. There were nine fatal shooting accidents and a soldier was killed in battle exercises. Another military death was due to a guard at a camp shooting in error. One 3-year-old child was scalded to death, while an adult also died from scalds sustained when a crane overturned. " Slides " accounted for seven deaths; of these three were caused by rock-slides, three by snowslides, and one by a gravel-slide. Accidental deaths from other causes were as follows: A person struck by a flying buzz-saw wheel; one shipyard-worker crushed between a truck and a wall; a shipwright killed by a falling bulkhead. Two people died as a result of being struck by falling trees; one by falling timber at an airport; another by a falling trestle; and two others by falling rock. One 14-year-old girl was killed by a shock received from a high-tension wire when her younger brother tried to make a radio receiving set. Two persons were trampled by bulls; one child died as the result of falling on a nail; two people died when an auto was hit by a train. One person was killed when struck by a street-car, and another died of suffocation through some foreign object lodged in the throat.

Finger-print and Photographic Section.—Two thousand two hundred and thirty-eight sets of finger-prints were received for classification and filing from January 1st until December 31st, 1943. Of this total, 722 were identified as persons previously registered at our Bureau. Seven hundred and fifty-two were arrested and finger-printed by our own officers and 816 were finger-printed by Senior Finger-print Operator J. W. Edwards at Oakalla Prison Farm. In most cases of identification criminal records were mailed or transmitted by radio to the Division, District, or Detachment immediately concerned.

Two hundred and seventy-seven certified " complete " criminal records were sent out for Court use. The Warden at Oakalla Prison Farm was supplied with sixty-six " complete " records and a number were sent to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation. A " complete " record is one containing the known criminal life-history of the individual under review.

During the year 1943 a form known as the " Final Disposition Form " was adopted by the Finger-print Section. It has been of great value to the Bureau in keeping our records up to date and for their assistance 302 F.D.F.'s were sent to the R.C.M.P., Ottawa.

Non-criminal finger-prints were received, classified, and searched as follows:—

	Received.	Identified.
U.S. Army Intelligence, Prince Rupert, B.C.	500	36
Persons going to the United States	229	3
Applicants for the B.C. Police Force and Industrial Guards	120	4
Totals	849	43

One hundred and forty sets of single finger-prints were forwarded to the R.C.M.P. Finger-print Section for their files and 120 sets were added to our own single-print file.

At the close of the year 1943, the number of persons with criminal records registered at this Bureau totalled 28,498. We received 1,459 additional records from the R.C.M.P., Calgary and Vancouver City Police, Oakalla Prison Farm, and the F.B.I.; and supplied 2,877 " complete " records to the R.C.M.P., and Calgary, Vancouver, and New Westminster City Police.

Photographs.—Ten thousand and sixty-six photographs of prisoners were processed during the year. From this large collection we supplied photographs to those with whom we exchange finger-prints as well as to the British Columbia Gaols; the Ticket-of-leave Branch, Ottawa; the Immigration Department, Vancouver, B.C.; the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.; the R.C.M.P., Vancouver; the *Modus Operandi* Section and the municipalities surrounding Victoria.

Miscellaneous photographic prints supplied amounted to 597 and involved the processing of 271 negatives. This work was done and supplied to the office of the Attorney-General; the Commissioner; Supreme, County, and Magisterial Courts; the Victoria City Police; the Provincial Analyst; the B.C. Police Training School; the Department of Mines; the Provincial Museum; the Provincial Archivist; to H. McLean, examiner of questioned documents, Vancouver, B.C.; the Saanich Police; the Royal Canadian Air Force; the Royal Canadian Navy; the Department of National Defence; the B.C.P. Motor Branch; the Civilian Protection Branch and our own Criminal Investigation Branch.

Firearms Registration Section.—This section handles all registrations of firearms within the Province of British Columbia. Its files are referred to continuously in matters relating to the identification of revolvers, shotguns, and small arms, and in many instances these records have played an important part in clearing up crimes of a serious and difficult nature. The routine work, which calls for great care and accuracy upon the part of the staff, is carried out under the direction of Senior Clerk F. E. Grimshaw, whose long experience in the Force is of great value in all matters pertaining to his office.

During the year 1943 the section was concerned in the recommendation and issue of 19,211 permits of all classes. This entailed an immense amount of inquiry and frequent reference to the central bureau maintained at Ottawa by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Outstanding Cases.

Rex vs. Poole, Stephen (Murder).—On January 11th, 1943, word was received from Fort Ware, on the Upper Finlay River, that an Indian woman had died under circumstances pointing to murder. The only way of reaching Fort Ware at that time of year was by plane and as the weather was bad Sergeant G. H. Clark, of Prince George, was unable to reach Fort Ware until January 30th. On arrival he found that on January 8th Margaret Poole had visited the cabin of Chas. Van Somer, a trapper, married to an Indian woman. There was dancing and some drinking. Later in the afternoon Stephen Poole came to get his wife and stayed to supper.

About 9 p.m. they left to return to their own cabin some distance down the river. Tommy, a 10-year-old son of the Poole's, had followed his father and hung around outside until they came out. He followed them in the cover of the trees and saw his father attack and beat his mother about the head with a rifle. He tried to interfere but was also struck by his father. Poole removed most of his wife's clothing to make it appear she had frozen to death. He later returned and carried the body to his cabin where it was seen on Sunday, January 10th, by Del Miller, a trapper on his way to Fort Ware. Owing to weather conditions the plane had to leave immediately on the return trip and Special Constable Davidson was left to locate Poole who was away on his trap-line. However, when the plane finally landed for fuel at Finlay Forks bad

weather and a cracked cylinder forced the party to remain there until February 15th, when a new engine part was flown in from Edmonton.

On March 2nd a party consisting of Magistrate and Coroner W. Harris, Capt. J. C. C. Dawson, R.C.A.M.C., Sergeant Clark, Constable G. P. W. Russell, and Indian Agent R. Howe flew to Fort Ware. The body of Margaret Poole was exhumed. Captain Dawson performed an autopsy and Coroner Harris held an inquest. Subsequently charged with murder of his wife, Poole was committed for trial.

As it was impossible to get witnesses out in time for the spring assizes in May, the case was traversed to the fall assizes when the Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., Attorney-General, conducted the prosecution. Upon a verdict of manslaughter, Stephen Poole was sentenced to imprisonment for life by Mr. Justice Bird.

Rex vs. MacGregor, Donald John (Murder).—On Tuesday afternoon, March 30th, 1943, Donald John MacGregor, a parole patient from the Mental Hospital, then living with his parents at Appledale, about 36 miles north of Nelson, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Greta Margaret MacGregor.

Neighbours across the road from the MacGregor residence heard a shot and looking out saw Mrs. MacGregor emerging from her gate on to the road. Another shot was heard and Mrs. MacGregor, struck in the back and killed instantly, dropped to the ground.

Her son then opened the screen-door of the house, came out and walked over to her. Leaning the rifle against a post he knelt beside his mother, got up again, returned to the house, left the rifle inside, came out and walked up the road.

Shortly afterwards Constable R. A. Huber, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mr. Julius Hornstra, one of the neighbours, met Donald on the road and took him to the store at Appledale, there to await arrival of the Provincial Police. Inspector J. Macdonald with other members of the Force presently arrived from Nelson and took MacGregor into custody.

On April 2nd, 1943, he appeared before J. Cartmel, Stipendiary Magistrate at Nelson, and was committed for trial on a charge of murder.

On April 19th at the Nelson spring assize, before Mr. Justice Coady and a jury, the accused was arraigned, found mentally unfitted to stand trial, and committed to the Mental Hospital at Essondale.

Rex vs. Sellars, Michel Maurice, and Mrs. Sellars, Evelyn Maurice (Murder).—On April 19th, 1943, Constable J. Ritson, Wells Detachment, received a complaint that one Joseph Michaud, an employee of the Cariboo Gold Quartz Mine at Wells had been missing for about a week.

Constable Ritson accompanied by Game Warden E. Holmes proceeded to Michaud's home. Doors were locked so they entered with a pass-key. The house appeared to be in order, but upon closer examination blood was discovered on the walls and ceilings of the kitchen and bedroom. Sergeant T. R. Baker, Williams Lake, N.C.O. in charge of the District, and Constable D. D. McIndoe, Quesnel, were notified and Constable McIndoe, from information received, inquired into the movements of an Indian named Sellars and his wife, who had left Wells for Soda Creek on April 11th. Located at the Sugar Cane Reserve near Williams Lake they were taken to Quesnel where Mrs. Sellars admitted to the slaying of Michaud. She indicated that the body had been thrown into a lake near Wells and police commenced dragging operations but ceased when Sellars stated that the remains had been hidden in the bush near-by. Following this a search revealed parts of the body wrapped in canvas and tied with wire. When opened these proved to be the torso, arms and portions of legs below the knee. In another gunny-sack police found upper legs and the right arm. Michaud's National Registration Certificate was also recovered as were two knives thrown away by the Sellars.

From statements received it appears that Michaud called upon Mr. and Mrs. Sellars and invited them to his house for a drink. The three sat drinking and Michel Sellars, served with the larger share of liquor, collapsed. Deceased then attempted to drag the woman into the bedroom. Seizing a chair she tried to strike Michaud over the head; however, unsuccessful in this, she finally managed to pick up a hammer and beat him into insensibility.

That night she left the house to return next morning to find her husband still asleep. Michaud was dead. Cleaning up the blood they waited until after dark; then, loading the body on to a sleigh, they took it to their own house and commenced dismembering the remains with axe and knife. The head was put into the kitchen stove and a fire lighted. Next day an arm was thrown into the stove but, as the process of burning was slow, it was decided to dispose of the remainder in the woods. This done, they left for Williams Lake.

Later, upon the positive identification of the remains by the widow, Mrs. Joseph Michaud and expert opinion offered in relation to the exhibits by Dr. A. G. Naismith, of Kamloops, both were arrested and committed for trial on October 4th, 1943, before Mr. Justice Bird. The jury returned a verdict of " not guilty " and Sellars and his wife were discharged.

Commenting upon the case, Mr. Justice Bird commended Constables Ritson and E. A. Wales upon the manner in which they conducted the investigation and gave their evidence. The efforts of Constables McIndoe and Sharpe, Game Warden Holmes, and Detective Sergeant Young are also deserving of mention.

Rex vs. Hughes, James Wilson (Murder).—Nanaimo. On the morning of May 1st, 1943, a car was discovered on one of Nanaimo's back streets with a fence-post and fencing-wire attached to the rear axle. On examination, it was found to contain the naked and blood-stained corpse of a woman. Seated beside the body in the front seat was the accused, Hughes, who was immediately taken into custody. As the investigation proceeded it became apparent that Hughes, who had been separated from his wife for some time, had come from Cumberland to see her with regard to a settlement over jointly owned property. He picked her up when she left work at 5 p.m. and they drove to a quiet playground in Nanaimo where an argument followed. After spending some time at this point they drove to a more isolated spot in an open field near Departure Bay north from Nanaimo. Here further argument resolved in an assault which culminated in the woman's death. On leaving, Hughes drove his car over a Paige wire fence that had been down for several years and in doing so the wire became entangled with the rear axle. This resulted in several posts and much wire being dragged along behind the car. As the car neared Nanaimo some of the posts and wire dropped off along the highway, a fact which led the investigators to the scene of the fatal assault where tufts of hair, false teeth, and a land title were found. Evidently Hughes was quite unaware of what had happened for he drove to a friend's house in the middle of the night and very incoherently kept repeating " Daisy, speak to me." Charged with murder and tried at the Nanaimo fall assize he was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the B.C. Penitentiary.

Davies, Frank (Murder of).—On the morning of July 9th, 1943, Lum, Chinese employee of the Davies Greenhouses, Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., arrived at work about 7.05 a.m. He looked around for his employer, Frank Davies, and went into his bedroom which was situated on the premises but was unable to find him. The greenhouses cover considerable area and Lum proceeded to the centre greenhouse searching for his employer. There he found a pool of partly congealed blood and spatterings of blood on fragments of glass which had been broken at one end of the greenhouse.

The Chinaman notified Thomas Davies, brother of his employer, who immediately informed the Provincial Police. After search Davies was eventually located some 50 feet from the rear door. He was in a dazed condition, practically insensible and suffering from lacerations about the head. However, while blood on the surrounding long grass offered a possible clue to what may have transpired, further search revealed neither weapons nor instruments likely to support a theory of assault. Removed to hospital, Davies recovered sufficiently to be interviewed but, despite repeated questioning by Police and friends, he steadfastly maintained his inability to explain the matter or assist those charged with carrying out the inquiry.

All persons with whom he was known to have had business or personal contacts were interviewed but no apparent motive for the assault could be learned and there was no evidence of robbery. Actually, from information supplied by the victim, considerable sums of money were found in hiding-places which he himself had described. Davies was thought to be recovering, but on July 21st he was reported to be in a critical condition; in fact, when officers called at the hospital with a view to obtaining an ante-mortem statement he was too ill to see them.

Following the death of Davies a great number of people were interviewed and his whole past history was traced for a possible motive, however every "lead" was followed without success and up to this time the crime remains a mystery.

Rex vs. Lockwood, Harold William John (Arson).—In July of 1943 within a space of two days three fires all within two blocks of each other occurred in the City of Penticton. At the last fire, on July 18th, two distinct attempts were made to burn the barn of E. W. Unwin, of 801 King Street, by lighting dry grass under the flooring. On one side the fire had gone out and two burned matches were found. On the other side, the fire had burned through the floor and into the barn before it was put out by the Penticton Fire Department.

Constable W. F. Armson was detailed to assist Fire Chief Foreman to make a thorough investigation and as it was thought that the fires had been set by juveniles a map, listing all houses and the names of their occupants within a radius of six blocks of the fires, was prepared. On its completion every one in the area was interviewed. Work continued day after day for almost a month and some 200 juveniles as well as adults were interviewed. It was a slow and difficult inquiry as the case would seem to rely entirely on a confession: however, on August 11th one John Lockwood, age 19, was interviewed. His story as to his movements at the time of the fires was full of discrepancies and he finally admitted to being at the Unwin barn on the day of the fire. "He had been smoking and might have thrown a match in the grass." After being warned Lockwood made a full confession to the effect that he had set fire to the grass round the barn and the other two fires in order that he might "watch the fire engines put them out."

On September 8th, before His Honour Judge Colquhoun, Lockwood pleaded "guilty" to three charges of arson. Witnesses gave character evidence to the effect that the accused was of good morals and honest but subnormal and lacking in responsibility, and an aunt living elsewhere in Canada offered to provide a home for him. Accepting this offer, the Court agreed to a recognizance in the sum of $500 and suspended its sentence of eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Evans, W. (Attempted Rape).—Dawson Creek, B.C. At 1 a.m., February 3rd, 1943, Constables W. W. Rands and M. L. Begallie on patrol in the town of Dawson Creek were advised that a woman, later identified, had been violently assaulted and in such manner as to constitute the offence of attempted rape. The man allegedly responsible was said to be a United States coloured soldier. The matter was given immediate attention by United States Military Police and our officers, with the result that W. Evans, a member of the United States coloured troops in camp near Dawson

Creek, was apprehended by Military Police and held by the United States Army authorities. Identified as the culprit and following instructions from the Hon. the Attorney-General, a charge of "attempted rape" was laid against Evans and a warrant issued for his arrest. Advised of our action the United States authorities refused to hand the man over to us for trial. Instead, they chose to try him by United States Military Court Martial and on March 9th, 1943, Evans was brought before such Court for trial. United States Military Police personnel, civilians, and Constables Rands and Begallie all gave evidence on behalf of the prosecution. Found "guilty," the accused was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labour, dishonourably discharged from the United States Army and immediately returned to the United States to serve sentence. In the investigation of this serious matter the closest co-operation existed between the United States authorities and ourselves. It might also be noted that under the Canadian Criminal Code the maximum punishment for this offence is seven years' imprisonment and whipping.

Rex vs. Oneski, Fred, et al. (False Pretences).—In the latter part of 1942 the North Vancouver ship-building industry reported a series of pay-roll frauds which gradually increased in number during the early part of 1943. All these frauds were similar in nature and appeared to be the work of a small group who operated both in the North Vancouver Ship Repairs' and the Burrard Drydock Company's shipyards. Due to the large staffs employed at both of these yards, some 14,000 men, discovery of the culprits proved to be very difficult.

The *modus operandi* was quite simple. The operator would appear at a wicket on pay-day and represent himself as being one of the staff; then, by way of identification, he would display a forged brass identification tag or badge and also produce a forged National Registration Certificate. At the North Vancouver Ship Repairs he received a pay-cheque which he cashed as soon as possible in a local store or at the bank. In the case of Burrard Drydock Company the operator would receive the pay envelope and forge the employee's signature on the receipt-card.

These operators were very clever in selecting employees who were off shift at the time, a practice which prevented immediate discovery as the offence would not be known until, calling for his pay, the *bona-fide* employee would find some one else had collected it. Such methods indicated a close knowledge of conditions on the part of the operator and the investigation which lasted several months ultimately centred about shipyard-workers.

During the inquiry we discovered another type of fraud which, for want of a better name, might be called "criminal absenteeism." It was found that a large number of men were drawing pay without actually working at the yards. The method adopted here was again quite simple. The culprit would enter the yard with his own shift and punch the clock. Then, as there was a little overlapping in shift movements, he would leave the yard with the outgoing shift but fail to punch the clock. Later in the day, when his own shift was to go off duty, he would re-enter the yard with the men of the next shift and a few minutes later leave with his own shift and punch the clock. A time-slip would be placed in the yard-box claiming the number of hours worked. Sometimes, not even bothering to go down to the yard, the culprit would get a fellow employee to punch the clock for him. This practice was facilitated by the large number of men employed and the fact that the guards placed at the gates could not watch all the men, perhaps 2,000, as they punched in or out.

At first this "clock-punching" matter was considered to be a problem only to be dealt with by plant authorities. However, upon examination of the facts by the Police, it was decided to make a test case and charge one of the men with "attempting to obtain money by false pretences," the "false pretences" being the time-slip inserted in a yard collecting box. In collaboration with plant police, a number of

suspects were watched and upon securing definite proof that an employee who should have been on shift was actually out of the yard, his record-slips were examined for that period, then if he had put in a slip for the time he was absent prosecution followed. Within a short time, six men were prosecuted and convicted.

Later, as the investigations proceeded, it seemed that there was a connection between some of the criminal absentees and pay-cheque thieves. A detailed explanation of the work performed would be too lengthy for this report, but I am glad to say that before the end of 1943 the practice of pay-roll frauds was entirely eliminated. There were seventeen charges laid of which twelve were for obtaining or attempting to obtain money by false pretences; one charge of theft of pay-roll cheque; one charge of obtaining money by means of a forged document; and three charges under the National Registration Regulations. Sentences varied, the most severe being three years' imprisonment with hard labour in the British Columbia Penitentiary. Altogether twelve persons were involved.

During the investigations two officers, Constables J. A. Williams and D. A. McDonald, were assigned to this work and the successful suppression of these frauds was due largely to their efforts. As forgeries were involved, Mr. Henry B. MacLean, handwriting expert, assisted in the investigation. Valuable assistance was also rendered by C.I.B. personnel who carried out the chemical treatment of forged National Registration Certificates.

Rex vs. Bachynski, Anthony (Breaking, Entering, and Theft).—On May 10th Alex. Zuckerberg complained to the Constable at Castlegar that a small electric motor had been stolen from his shop within the past few days. Investigating the complaint our officer found entry had been made by prying a padlock off the rear door.

A number of juveniles were questioned and the premises of one of them searched without result. The investigation was continued and finally Bachynski came under suspicion. Working with Deputy Chief W. F. Fleming of the Tadanac Police, the residence of Bachynski at Castlegar was searched and numerous articles belonging to the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company were discovered on the property. In view of this it was considered expedient to immediately search the premises of his brother Joseph at Trail. This was done and a quantity of goods belonging to the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, together with the motor belonging to Zuckerberg, were found there.

Duly arrested Anthony Bachynski was found guilty of theft in the Magistrate's Court in Trail and before the County Court Judge at Nelson. Sentenced respectively to four and six months' imprisonment with hard labour the prisoner was then removed to Oakalla Prison Farm.

Constable J. L. DeVoin was commended in G.O. 295 for his good work on this case which continued over a period of four months and resulted not only in the successful conclusion of this case but the recovery of a large amount of stolen property at Trail.

Rex vs. Gatyshun, James, and Trottier, Leopold Alexander (Possession of Narcotics).—March 22nd, 1943, Gordon Wood, proprietor of Wood's Drug Store, Prince George, reported that the store had been broken into and his stock of narcotic drugs and a .45 Colt automatic pistol stolen. About the same time Dr. Carl Ewert discovered that his office had been entered and the supply of narcotics stolen.

An intensive investigation resulted in arrests under the "Government Liquor Act" of two men employed as kitchen help by Carter, Halls, Aldinger Construction Company, Limited, Prince George.

Released on payment of their fines these men were kept under observation until April 1st, when a special agent reported accompanying one of them on a trip to recover a parcel of drugs hidden beneath a sidewalk. Duly located and taken to a hotel the packet was opened, phials were broken and the contents placed in rubber finger-stalls which Gatyshun and Trottier concealed in each other's bodies. Arrested forthwith

and removed to hospital the finger-stalls were recovered. Charged with possession of narcotic drugs, Gatyshun admitted to his part in both robberies and took police to a latrine at the air port where the Colt pistol was found. He also showed them where some drugs had been concealed in a hollow stump beside the highway. Subsequently taken to Vancouver for analysis we were advised that in diluted form the drugs would sell for $10,000 on the underworld market.

The prisoners elected for speedy trial and pleaded "guilty." Both had long previous records. Trottier was sentenced to imprisonment for four years, a fine of $500 or a further six months in default of payment. In view of Gatyshun's assistance to the Police, His Honour Judge Woodburn was more lenient and sentenced him to three years' imprisonment with hard labour and a fine of $300 and in default of payment imprisonment for an additional four months.

Rex vs. Eldridge, George Alfred, and Bell, Frank (Breaking, Entering, and Theft, Section 460 C.C.), and Rex vs. Bell, Frank, and Lane, Patricia (Possession of Drugs, Section 4 (d), "Opium and Narcotic Drug Act").—On Monday, June 7th, 1943, a report was received at Kamloops Police Office that the drug-room at Tranquille Sanatorium had been entered over the week-end and a quantity of drugs stolen. On investigation it was found that entry to this room had been made by pushing back the Yale lock with a piece of celluloid which was found on the floor. On the day previous, Sunday, June 6th, Constable J. Campbell while visiting at the Sanatorium had seen two men driving a Buick sedan leave the grounds. Police were instructed to keep a watch for this car and the men, suspected of stealing drugs from hospitals and drug-stores, were later located at a Kamloops Hotel and taken into custody.

Subsequent finger-printing brought out the fact that both were old offenders. One, Lillian, wife of George A. Eldridge, and a Patricia Lane were also "picked up." Finger-print Operator A. G. Carmichael, C.I.B., was sent for and conducted an examination and tests at Kamloops and Tranquille, but nothing implicating Eldridge and Bell was brought to light. In view of this it appeared useless to proceed with a charge of breaking and entering and Eldridge was released. *Per contra,* having been found in the unlawful possession of drugs, Bell was detained and dealt with later. As they were not connected with the theft, Mrs. Eldridge and Miss Lane were also released.

These women then commenced to visit Eldridge and Bell at the Kamloops Gaol and as both were drug addicts and in desperate condition for lack of narcotics it was believed they might attempt to hand drugs to their male associates. In view of this the staff was especially vigilant. On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 8th, Miss Lane embraced Bell and attempted to pass a drug. A struggle ensued and the Lane woman and Bell were seized. In the woman's right hand was found a yellow finger-stall containing a drug. Bell and Miss Lane were charged with possession of drugs. Pleading "guilty" in City Police Court on June 16th, each was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Oakalla Prison Farm, a fine of $200 and additional imprisonment in default of payment.

Rex vs. Lynde, Elmer Merritt, Nendick, Daniel Armond, and Nendick, Neil (Attempted Theft of Gasoline).—In the early morning of Friday, July 2nd, 1943, Constable M. S. Parsons, of the Fernie City Detachment, surprised a car parked in the driveway of the Texaco Service Station in Fernie with its engine running and the occupants acting in a suspicious manner. On seeing the Constable, one man started to run and the driver, failing to heed the Constable's shouted warning to stop, drove down the street.

The Constable again shouted a warning to stop but as this was ignored he fired three shots from his revolver at the gas-tank and tires of the car. After proceeding about a block the car stopped and, coming up to it, the Constable found a third man with a woman and a little girl in the back seat.

The woman was moaning and complaining of pain. She had been hit by one of the shots which had pierced the body of the car through the trunk and lodged in the lower part of her back. She was rushed to the hospital, operated on, and subsequently recovered.

All three men were taken into custody, and later all three were found to possess criminal records.

The car was fitted up with an ingenious contrivance for siphoning gasoline into a large extra tank built into the trunk of the car. A quantity of stolen goods was also found.

On July 10th, before His Worship Mr. J. V. Rewers, Police Magistrate at Fernie, they were found guilty of attempted theft of gasoline and sentenced to two months' hard labour in the Nelson Gaol.

Lynde, the driver of the car was later convicted on two charges of retaining stolen property and sentenced to six months' and one year's hard labour consecutively in Oakalla Prison Farm.

Neil Nendrick paid a fine of $20 and costs for an offence under the " Government Liquor Act," and sentenced to six months in Oakalla Prison Farm under the National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations.

Rex vs. Farnell, Parker Howe, and Dubrueil, Wilfred Fritz (Breaking, Entering, and Theft).—On November 11th, 1943, James Stewart, who had recently purchased the McBride Trading Company Store at McBride, B.C., reported that his store had been entered the previous night and a large quantity of merchandise stolen. This consisted of clothing, boots, shirts, sweaters, and jewellery to the value of $400. Investigation disclosed that two strangers had been seen in the furnace-room of the C.N.R. shops at McBride. Later, a conductor on the way freight observed two men with large packs and suit-cases leave the train at a flag-stop.

At 3.30 a.m., November 14th, Constable E. T. Corey, on duty at Prince George, saw two suspicious characters at the C.N.R. station and arrested them. On search at the lockup it was noticed that all their clothing was new and corresponded with articles on the stolen property list, also as a key to the public lockers at the C.N.R. station was found on one of them, the Company's Special Agent was called to open the locker. It contained a suit-case full of stolen property. The other prisoner had an express shipping bill for a shipment to Edmonton and when this was returned it proved to be a large pack and suit-case containing further stolen property. The man had shipped it to himself.

Both Farnell and Dubrueil had previous records. Electing speedy trial, they entered a plea of " guilty " and were each sentenced by His Honour Judge Woodburn to two years in the B.C. Penitentiary.

Rex vs. Mallock, John (Breaking and Entering with Intent).—At 1.40 a.m., Monday, September 6th, 1943, Constables G. A. Perry and C. W. Price, on patrol in the City of Prince George, heard a noise in the Strand Theatre. They found the doors all securely fastened. While Constable Perry guarded the theatre Constable Price phoned the owner and the N.C.O. i/c. On entering the building it was discovered that the safe had been dragged from the office to the runway leading into the auditorium; the dial had been knocked off, one hinge was off and the other partly removed. On the floor was a large hammer, a pinch-bar, and chisel. Constables were called out and the building surrounded. On searching the premises a man was found in the basement attempting to dig himself out under the foundations. He was arrested and gave his name as John Mallock. A steel punch was found on his person. Entry of the building had been made through a trap-door on the roof where Police found a rope still dangling. Mallock was found to have a long criminal record in Winnipeg. On Septem-

ber 14th he appeared before His Honour Judge Woodburn and elected for speedy trial. Pleading " guilty " he was sentenced to five years in the B.C. Penitentiary.

Rex vs. Pitt, Joseph Kenneth Lester Alfonso (19 Years), and Three Juveniles (Theft; Theft of Horses; Retaining Stolen Property).—Thirteen charges in all; value of property stolen, $500; number of horses stolen, seven; one horse and two calves shot. The culprits in this case commenced their series of crimes on Saturday, July 10th, 1943, when they hired four horses from the Kamloops Livery Stable. On Sunday, July 11th, as the horses had not been returned the matter was reported to the Police at Kamloops. It was believed the youths were heading towards Merritt via Cherry Creek and Savona, and Constable T. C. Fraser at Merritt Detachment was advised. He immediately patrolled to the Mamette Lake District and made inquiries among the ranchers thereabouts but without success.

On Monday, July 12th, a report was received at Kamloops that two horses together with riding equipment had been stolen at about midnight, July 11th, from Heron Brothers, Cherry Creek. The same party of youths were suspected and further patrols and inquiries were made from Kamloops and Merritt, but still without results. Up to Sunday, July 18th, other thefts including a wagon, another horse, a set of harness, etc., and cattle shootings were reported. Finally two of the juveniles were apprehended by Constable Fraser and R.C.M.P. Constable R. Clayton from Merritt. Search then continued for Pitt and the remaining juvenile who was picked up near Merritt. On Sunday, July 25th, Pitt surrendered to the Police.

The youths stated that after hiring the horses in Kamloops they proceeded to Meadow Creek. *En route* they broke into the Heron ranch where they stole horses, saddles, and foodstuffs. Next day, after sleeping in the woods, they proceeded overland to the Fish Lake Road. Following this road down to what is known as Meadow Creek they eventually broke into a cabin and stole more foodstuff, rifles, and ammunition. Two of the lads then shot a calf for meat. After a couple of days these supplies ran out so another calf was killed. They also entered a vacant farm-house and took more foodstuff and a sawed-off 30.30 rifle which could be used as a small arm. Here also they stole a wagon and proceeded towards Mamette Lake where two of the party were arrested.

Constable T. C. Fraser conducted the search from Merritt and Constables G. D. Heatley and M. L. Thomson worked out of Kamloops. All three were commended in G.O. 294 for their excellent work.

Pitt was sentenced to imprisonment for one year at Oakalla Prison Farm. Two of the juveniles were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a third was committed to the Boys' Industrial School.

Fire and Explosion, Dawson Creek, February 13th, 1943.—During the early evening of February 13th, fire was observed in a structure in the business section of Dawson Creek. The building was occupied by Miller Construction Company and subcontractors Oman-Smith Company as a storage warehouse for supplies and material. Both United States firms and employed by the American Government they were engaged in erecting telephone-lines along the Alaska Highway.

Local fire departments—U.S. Army and Canadian civil—were soon on the scene and the fire appeared to be under control. However, it was found that sixty cases of 40 per cent. dynamite and sixteen cases of electric detonators were stored on the Oman-Smith portion of the building. The explosive material ignited and resulted in a terrific explosion which scattered burning debris over a large area and was followed by a serious conflagration. Hardly a pane of glass in the town was left intact and, with the exception of one building, a whole city block covered with business premises was wiped out. Damage of more than a quarter million dollars resulted. Scores of persons were injured and five men lost their lives.

Following a full departmental investigation a charge of criminal negligence was laid against the Oman-Smith Company. At a trial held at Pouce Coupe on October 1st before His Honour Judge Woodburn the accused company was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of $10,000. An appeal against sentence was taken to the Appeal Court of British Columbia who reversed the decision of the trial Judge and acquitted the defendants: however, it is of interest to note that civil claims amounting to several thousand dollars have since been paid by the Government of the United States.

MOTOR-VEHICLE BRANCH.

Inspector George A. Hood reports as follows:—

While there was a decrease of 1,662 in the number of passenger motor-vehicles licensed during the 1943 licence-year under the number so licensed during the previous corresponding year, there was an increase of 2,062 in the number of commercial motor-vehicles licensed, so that an increase of 400 was recorded in the total number of motor-vehicles licensed this licence-year as compared with last licence-year.

Of the total of 130,066 motor-vehicles licensed during the year, 98,920 were of the passenger type and 31,146 of the commercial type. Of the 98,920 passenger type motor-vehicles licensed, 2,526 were motor-vehicles which were being licensed in this Province for the first time, and of these 2,526 passenger motor-vehicles 259 were new and 2,267 were motor-vehicles which had been licensed elsewhere.

Of the 31,146 commercial motor-vehicles licensed, 2,198 were motor-vehicles which were being licensed in this Province for the first time, and of these 984 were new and the balance of 1,214 were motor-vehicles which had been licensed elsewhere.

The motor-vehicles which had been previously licensed elsewhere came into this Province from the following places:—

Place.	Passenger.	Commercial.
Alberta	1,040	758
Saskatchewan	542	274
Manitoba	229	64
Ontario	242	81
Quebec	27	1
New Brunswick	4	-----
Nova Scotia	8	1
Northwest Territory	1	-----
Total used car registrations (Canadian)	2,093	1,179
Alaska	1	3
California	53	6
Colorado	3	-----
Connecticut	1	-----
Columbia	1	-----
Idaho	5	-----
Illinois	4	-----
Kansas	2	-----
Louisiana	1	-----
Maryland	1	-----
Massachusetts	2	-----
Michigan	1	-----
Minnesota	7	-----
Missouri	3	-----
Montana	10	11
Nebraska	1	-----

Place.	Passenger.	Commercial.
Nevada	2	-----
New York	3	-----
North Dakota	-----	2
Oregon	13	2
Pennsylvania	1	-----
Rhode Island	1	-----
South Dakota	1	-----
Texas	3	-----
Utah	1	-----
Washington	46	10
Wisconsin	2	-----
Wyoming	2	1
Total used car registrations (U.S.A.)	171	35
China	1	-----
England	1	-----
Hawaii	1	-----
Total used car registrations (other countries)	3	-----
Total used car registrations, 1943 licence-year	2,267	1,214

The number of used passenger motor-vehicles previously licensed elsewhere and brought into this Province this year showed a decrease of 177 (7.2 per cent.) under the number brought in last year, but an increase of 367 (43.3 per cent.) was registered in the number of commercial motor-vehicles previously licensed elsewhere and brought into this Province during the 1943 licence-year.

Increases and decreases in certain types of licences, etc., have again reflected existing war-time conditions. This year, incidentally, the classes affected are similar to those noted in 1942. General increases over last year were registered in the following licences and permits:—

	Increase.	Per Cent.
Commercial, renewals	3,734	14.8
Permits for temporary operation	17	12.1
Motor-cycle licences	79	2.4
Trailer licences	872	20.9
Transfers	6,145	12.9
Total substitutions	187	16.8
Class " A " chauffeurs' licences	155	11.8
Class " A " chauffeurs' licences (substitutional)	3	27.3
Class " B " chauffeurs' licences	85	5.0
Class " C " chauffeurs' licences	1,889	10.8
Class " C " chauffeurs' licences (substitutional)	23	18.1
Chauffeurs' drivers' licences (original)	759	45.2
Chauffeurs' drivers' licences (renewal)	1,963	13.6
Permits to minors (duplicate)	175	66.4
Learners' permits	6	0.8
Duplicate motor-vehicle licences	413	14.2

Decreases were also registered under last year in the following licences, permits, and fees:—

	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Passenger—		
New registrations	711	22.0
Renewals	951	1.0
Commercial, new registrations	1,672	4.3
Non-resident touring motor-vehicle permits	715	29.1
Non-resident special motor-vehicle permits	76	30.4
Non-resident commercial motor-vehicle permits	631	65.6
Original motor-dealers' licences	39	17.1
Additional plates, motor-dealers' licences	47	18.8
Original motor-cycle dealers' licences	4	66.6
Salesmen's licences	139	43.6
Class " B " chauffeurs' licences (substitutional)	6	16.2
Drivers' licences (original)	256	2.2
Drivers' licences (renewal)	6,287	4.5
Salesmen's drivers' licences (renewals)	136	46.9
Permits to minors	605	11.2
Learners' licences	303	11.7
Search fees	6,348	15.6

For purposes of comparison the following table shows the issuance of licences, permits, etc., under the " Motor-vehicle Act " during the licence-years 1936 to 1943, inclusive, and a study of the same will reveal some interesting facts; such as, there are now twice as many trailers licensed in this Province as in 1936, and that there are more than twice as many chauffeurs licensed as in 1936, and that in both these cases more trailer licences and chauffeurs' licences were taken out this licence-year than during any previous licence-year:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF LICENCES, PERMITS, ETC., ISSUED DURING THE LICENCE-YEARS 1936 TO 1943, INCLUSIVE.

Licences issued.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Motor-vehicles—								
Passenger (new)	10,585	12,732	9,416	9,213	9,608	8,543	3,237	2,526
Passenger (renewal)	73,477	78,817	84,930	87,524	91,844	96,867	97,345	96,394
Total passenger	84,062	91,549	94,346	96,737	101,452	105,410	100,582	98,920
Commercial (new)	2,511	3,323	2,149	2,209	2,603	3,652	3,870	2,198
Commercial (renewal)	17,871	19,656	20,856	21,203	21,735	23,016	25,214	28,948
Total commercial	20,382	22,979	23,005	23,412	24,338	26,668	29,084	31,146
Total motor-vehicles	104,444	114,528	117,351	120,149	125,790	132,078	129,666	130,066
Non-resident touring motor-vehicle permits	6,885	8,522	8,180	7,546	6,015	7,159	2,456	1,741
Total non-resident special motor-vehicle permits	339	565	603	530	503	541	250	174
Permits for temporary operation	15	21	59	87	115	112	141	158
Total non-resident commercial motor-vehicle permits	266	290	309	425	292	280	961	330
Motor-cycles—								
New	200	258	188	197	478	337	981	237
Renewals	1,435	1,555	1,681	1,741	1,776	2,084	2,246	3,069
Total motor-cycles	1,635	1,813	1,869	1,938	2,254	2,421	3,227	3,306
Trailers	2,525	3,186	3,351	3,549	3,753	4,165	4,169	5,041
Motor-dealers—								
Original licences	286	323	327	322	321	294	228	189
Additional plates	434	488	483	450	437	412	250	203
Substitutions	23	47	21	19	23	19	6	5
Salesmen's licences	457	692	713	650	612	538	319	180
Salesmen's licences (duplicate)	1	2	3	3	3	.....	.....	1
Motor-cycle dealer (original)	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	11	6	2
Motor-cycle dealer (additional plates)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	1	1
Motor-vehicle (substitutions)	1,699	1,735	1,416	1,512	1,695	1,600	1,053	1,258
Motor-cycle (substitutions)	27	47	36	40	48	63	35	18
Trailer (substitutions)	9	22	21	10	27	24	19	19
Transfers	52,547	66,429	62,576	64,325	72,388	68,604	47,677	53,822
Chauffeurs—								
Original Class " A "	695	799	857	911	1,020	1,184	1,310	1,465
Substitutional " A "	5	5	6	6	8	9	11	13
Original Class " B "	1,273	1,318	1,304	1,307	1,333	1,507	1,685	1,770
Substitutional " B "	7	14	5	8	21	26	37	31
Original Class " C "	7,070	9,006	9,218	9,601	10,880	14,355	17,478	19,367
Substitutional " C "	36	42	56	38	66	91	127	150
Drivers—								
Original	14,764	18,248	15,605	11,764	14,282	14,364	11,691	11,435
Renewals	117,098	127,226	134,934	136,610	141,387	145,592	140,456	134,169
Duplicate	2,253	2,609	2,718	2,865	2,607	2,184	1,805	1,439
Chauffeurs' (original)	346	510	403	299	548	992	1,856	2,615
Chauffeurs' (renewal)	6,635	8,184	9,045	9,610	10,038	12,637	14,420	16,383
Salesmen's (original)	2	17	4	6	7	6	.....	.....
Salesmen's (renewal)	8	462	532	532	499	477	290	154
Permits to minors	3,818	5,082	5,009	5,351	7,025	7,266	5,413	4,808
Permits to minors (duplicate)	96	90	74	127	173	134	262	437
Learners' licences	1,450	2,093	2,537	4,530	6,163	5,203	2,585	2,282
Learners' permits to minors	497	721	907	1,389	1,754	1,543	778	784
Duplicate motor-vehicle licences	3,555	4,527	4,267	3,926	4,213	4,139	2,919	3,332
Search fees	54,936	107,478	148,298	80,930	163,335	75,320	40,782	34,434

In the distribution of motor-vehicles throughout the Province, 102,776 or 79 per cent. were licensed at coastal points, the balance of 27,290 or 21 per cent. being licensed at Interior points, which is approximately the same percentage as last year. With the exception of the issuance shown at Victoria and Fernie, the distribution of motor-vehicles throughout the Province can be fairly well gauged from the following table:—

1943 MOTOR-VEHICLE LICENCES ISSUED ACCORDING TO ISSUING OFFICES.

Issuing Office.	Passenger Motor-vehicles.				Commercial Motor-vehicles.				Grand Total.
	Used.	New.	Re-newals.	Total.	Used.	New.	Re-newals.	Total.	
Vancouver	825	135	39,404	40,364	147	685	10,645	11,477	51,841
Victoria	223	90	17,345	17,658	16	128	4,022	4,166	21,824
New Westminster	327	18	14,354	14,699	31	28	3,631	3,690	18,389
Nanaimo	18	2	2,437	2,457	3	6	762	771	3,228
Vernon	42	.....	1,941	1,983	11	6	989	1,006	2,989
Nelson	40	.....	1,674	1,714	10	7	899	916	2,630
Rossland	29	1	1,981	2,011	13	10	525	548	2,559
Cumberland	7	2	1,843	1,852	.....	3	447	450	2,302
Duncan	8	.....	1,796	1,804	.....	4	430	434	2,238
Penticton	29	.....	1,593	1,622	7	6	568	581	2,203
Kelowna	32	1	1,349	1,382	3	7	741	751	2,133
Pouce Coupe	404	2	424	830	810	8	541	1,359	2,189
Cranbrook	25	2	1,464	1,491	8	18	427	453	1,944
Kamloops	12	2	1,262	1,276	5	13	638	656	1,932
Alberni	5	.....	1,129	1,134	1	.....	268	269	1,403
Fernie	118	1	564	683	82	12	188	282	965
Prince George	37	.....	542	579	20	4	286	310	889
Prince Rupert	11	2	436	449	19	6	324	349	798
Powell River	3	.....	574	577	.....	1	175	176	753
Salmon Arm	11	.....	435	446	2	8	200	210	656
Oliver	11	.....	365	376	4	1	266	271	647
Revelstoke	4	.....	415	419	.....	.....	212	212	631
Fort Fraser	7	.....	306	313	9	2	224	235	548
Princeton	2	.....	365	367	.....	3	167	170	537
Smithers	4	.....	274	278	1	2	167	170	448
Williams Lake	4	.....	232	236	3	2	197	202	438
Grand Forks	4	.....	244	248	1	3	129	133	381
Lillooet	.....	1	248	249	.....	.....	115	115	364
Quesnel	2	.....	186	188	2	1	119	122	310
Golden	8	.....	192	200	.....	.....	85	85	285
Windermere	7	.....	157	164	3	5	97	105	269
Merritt	1	.....	193	194	1	1	65	67	261
Greenwood	1	.....	143	144	1	.....	92	93	237
Ashcroft	.....	.....	134	134	.....	.....	84	84	218
Clinton	1	.....	91	92	.....	.....	58	58	150
Barkerville	1	.....	107	108	1	.....	33	34	142
New Denver	2	.....	85	87	.....	.....	49	49	136
Kaslo	2	.....	62	64	.....	.....	34	34	98
Stewart	.....	.....	25	25	.....	.....	23	23	48
Atlin	.....	.....	22	22	.....	.....	18	18	40
Telegraph Creek	.....	.....	1	1	.....	4	8	12	13
Totals	2,267	259	96,394	98,920	1,214	984	28,948	31,146	130,066

As the Victoria office issued 4,310 passenger motor-vehicle licences and 1,285 commercial motor-vehicle licences by mail during the year, the total of 17,658 passenger motor-vehicle licences and 4,166 commercial motor-vehicle licences shown as being issued at this office does not represent motor-vehicles operating in the immediate vicinity of Victoria, as 3,230 passenger motor-vehicle licences and 755 commercial motor-vehicle licences were issued by mail to various other points as follows:—

	Passenger.	Commercial.
Vancouver	1,435	205
New Westminster	127	16
Vancouver Island and Islands	577	201
Balance of Province	1,040	302
Out of Province	51	31
Totals	3,230	755

Issuance to residents of Victoria and vicinity was 14,428 passenger motor-vehicle licences and 3,411 commercial motor-vehicle licences.

The issuance at Fernie also included 83 passenger motor-vehicle licences and 43 commercial motor-vehicle licences which were issued to motor-vehicles entering this Province from the East and proceeding to other points in the Province, so that the number of passenger motor-vehicle licences and commercial motor-vehicle licences issued at the Fernie office for residents of that vicinity is 600 and 239 respectively instead of as shown in the foregoing table.

Makes of Motor-vehicles Licensed.

The passenger motor-vehicles licensed this year were made up of 97 different makes (a reduction of 7 makes) and the commercial motor-vehicles of 124 different makes (an increase of 6 makes) as compared with last year. The standing of the first 10 leading makes of both passenger and commercial motor-vehicles remained the same as last year. The following table shows the standing and the number of motor-vehicles of these makes which were licensed during the years 1941, 1942, and 1943:—

Passenger.

1941.			1942.			1943.		
Place.	Make.	Number.	Place.	Make.	Number.	Place.	Make.	Number.
1	Ford	23,950	1	Ford	23,300	1	Ford	23,019
2	Chevrolet	19,985	2	Chevrolet	18,992	2	Chevrolet	18,559
3	Plymouth	9,570	3	Plymouth	9,677	3	Plymouth	9,777
4	Dodge	8,185	4	Dodge	8,182	4	Dodge	8,221
5	Pontiac	5,165	5	Pontiac	4,849	5	Pontiac	4,746
6	Chrysler	4,166	6	Chrysler	3,784	6	Chrysler	3,593
7	Essex-Terraplane	4,121	7	Essex-Terraplane	3,706	7	Essex-Terraplane	3,551
8	McLaughlin-Buick	3,920	8	McLaughlin-Buick	3,561	8	McLaughlin-Buick	3,471
9	Oldsmobile	2,991	9	Oldsmobile	2,874	9	Oldsmobile	2,846
10	Nash	2,928	10	Nash	2,677	10	Nash	2,573

Commercial.

1	Ford	8,708	1	Ford	9,474	1	Ford	10,761
2	Chevrolet	5,906	2	Chevrolet	5,964	2	Chevrolet	6,201
3	International	3,384	3	International	3,583	3	International	3,873
4	Dodge	1,834	4	Dodge	1,973	4	Dodge	2,112
5	G.M.C.	943	5	G.M.C.	1,262	5	G.M.C.	1,372
6	Fargo	866	6	Fargo	1,000	6	Fargo	1,106
7	Maple Leaf	479	7	Maple Leaf	519	7	Maple Leaf	625
8	Federal	354	8	Willys	385	8	Willys	455
9	Reo	342	9	Federal	334	9	Federal	331
10	White	249	10	Reo	334	10	Reo	323

Revenue.

The gross revenue collected from licences, permits, and fees under the "Motor-vehicle Act" during the licence-year 1943, less fees received for drivers' examinations (which are credited against the cost of salaries and expenses in this connection), amounted to $3,175,392.39, which is an increase of $44,340.30 over the amount so collected during the previous licence-year. The bulk of these collections—namely, $2,196,734.13 (69.2 per cent.)—were made by the three main issuing offices of this Branch located at New Westminster, Vancouver, and Victoria, which collected $448,-503.72, $1,231,428.25, and $516,802.34 respectively, the balance of $978,658.08 being collected through the various Government Agencies throughout the Province and Police Detachments reporting through such agencies.

The amount of fees collected for drivers' examinations during the same period was $15,641, which is a decrease of $845 (5.1 per cent.) under the amount collected from this source during the previous year. Of this amount $6,054 was collected at the Vancouver motor licence office, $2,388 at the New Westminster motor licence office, and the balance of $7,199 was collected at the Victoria office and by travelling units operating throughout the Province and reporting to such office.

In addition to the above, $6,584.85 was collected during the calendar year 1943 at the Victoria office in connection with the registration of documents under the "Bills of Sale Act," "Conditional Sales Act," and "Mechanics' Lien Act," and searches, etc., made thereunder.

Refunds made totalled 2,160, amounting to $16,178.17, and although this was a decrease of 510 (19.1 per cent.) in the number of refunds made, the amount refunded only decreased $597.65 (3.5 per cent.). This is partly accounted for owing to the fact that although there was a decrease of 27 (12.6 per cent.) in the number of miscellaneous refunds made, there was an increase of $1,602.40 (87.5 per cent.) in the amount refunded, and in a similar manner, although there was a decrease of 115 (11 per cent.) in the number of refunds made upon relinquishment of motor-vehicle licences, there was an increase of $68.85 (or slightly over 1 per cent.) in the amount refunded in such cases.

Examination of Motor-vehicle Drivers.

Drivers' examinations were completed by 14,617 persons this year, of which 12,455 (85.2 per cent.) were male and 2,162 (14.8 per cent.) were female. This is a decrease of 383 (2.98 per cent.) in the number of examinations completed by males and 180 (7.68 per cent.) in the number completed by females, a total of 563 (3.71 per cent.) under last year. As a result of these examinations it was found necessary to place restrictions on the drivers' licences of 2,688 persons, of which 2,316 (86.16 per cent.) were male and 372 (13.84 per cent.) were female, and to prohibit 4 males and 1 female from driving. Particulars of the reasons for the restrictions imposed, as well as for the failures, segregated into age-groups, are given in the following table:—

Drivers' Examinations Summary.

Restrictions.

Reason.	Males.								Females.								Grand Total.
	15–21 Years.	22–30 Years.	31–40 Years.	41–50 Years.	51–60 Years.	61–64 Years.	65 Years and over.	Total Males.	15–21 Years.	22–30 Years.	31–40 Years.	41–50 Years.	51–60 Years.	61–64 Years.	65 Years and over.	Total Females.	
Hearing	3	5	17	16	13	.....	3	57	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	3	60
Vision, including glasses	13	42	37	26	18	4	4	144	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	5	149
Depth, including glasses	59	99	80	57	44	9	17	365	3	14	8	2	2	1	.....	30	395
Periphery, including glasses	6	38	33	20	17	5	1	120	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	126
Diplopia, including glasses	4	5	2	1	1	1	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Colour	22	27	32	16	22	.....	2	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121
Physical condition	9	23	17	24	10	2	5	90	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	3	93
Reaction time	5	7	5	14	7	7	14	59	1	1	4	1	.....	.....	1	8	67
Road tests	1	2	3	2	10	5	5	28	.....	.....	5	.....	1	.....	.....	6	34
To glasses	183	273	242	198	273	79	70	1,318	39	107	74	50	38	1	2	311	1,629
Totals	305	521	468	374	415	112	121	2,316	44	128	98	55	42	2	3	372	2,688

Failures.

Vision, including glasses	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Physical condition	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Totals	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	5

In accordance with existing arrangements with the Military, Naval, and Air Force authorities, drivers' examinations were conducted for their mechanical transport personnel at various places throughout the Province during the year.

The following summary shows the places at which such examinations were conducted, for the particular service, and the number of personnel given examinations:—

Place.	Military.	Navy.	Air Force.	Total.
Alberni	394	.....	.....	394
Chilliwack	181	.....	.....	181
Cumberland	20	1	.....	21
Duncan	48	.....	.....	48
Long Beach	35	.....	.....	35
Nanaimo	443	.....	.....	443
New Westminster	22	.....	.....	22
Prince George	183	.....	.....	183
Prince Rupert	94	.....	22	116
Terrace	57	.....	.....	57
Vancouver	368	26	186	580
Vernon	288	.....	.....	288
Victoria	677	309	3	989
Totals	2,810	336	211	3,357

As a new type of Standing Order containing mechanical transport drivers' certificates was issued to all mechanical transport personnel, it was necessary, before the old type could be disposed of, to have the new type marked in accordance with the examination stamps which had been placed on the type being substituted, and quite an amount of time was spent in stamping the mechanical transport drivers' certificates in these new Orders.

CONVICTIONS.

During 1943 there were 3,692 convictions reported under the provisions of the "Motor-vehicle Act" and regulations; 706 convictions reported under section 285 of the Criminal Code; 320 convictions reported under the provisions of Order in Council No. 2800 (40-miles-per-hour speed limit), and 49 convictions reported under the Lighting and Black-out Regulations, a total of 4,767 convictions, which is a decrease of 1,721 (26.5 per cent.) under the number of convictions reported last year.

Particulars of the types of convictions reported under the provisions of the "Motor-vehicle Act" and regulations and under section 285 of the Criminal Code during the years 1940 to 1943, inclusive, are given in the following table:—

Convictions under "Motor-vehicle Act" and Section 285, Criminal Code, 1940–43.

Offence.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Failing to stop after accident	37	71	59	32
Unlawfully taking a motor-vehicle	13	44	59	84
Driving a motor-vehicle while intoxicated	71	92	74	33
Failure to obtain motor-vehicle licence or permit, mount same, etc.	9	17	16	14
Failure of dealer to notify *re* sale, misuse of dealers' plates, etc.	10	15	17	2
Operating with "D" plates without salesman's licence or permit, etc.	10	10	12	3
Failure to register as a tourist	.....	1	.....	1
Employing unlicensed chauffeur	100	49	52	33
No driver's licence or failure to produce same, etc.	753	736	701	621
Failing to take necessary precaution *re* horse-drawn vehicles	.....	.....	.....	2
Failing to take necessary precaution *re* street-cars	52	65	62	42
Failing to stop on approach of fire and police patrol	10	8	31	13
Exceeding speed-limit passing schools and playgrounds	1,305	1,520	1,256	834
Exceeding speed-limit indicated by "speed" signs	624	723	708	471
Driving to common danger, exceeding speed-limit in cities, etc.	2,466	3,098	2,223	1,384
Failing to report accident, etc.	49	56	50	59

Convictions under "Motor-vehicle Act" and Section 285, Criminal Code, 1940–43—Continued.

Offence.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Minor operating motor-vehicle without permit	30	60	34	19
Operating motor-cycle with person in front of driver	.....	3	1	1
Letting motor-cycle for hire without keeping record, etc.	1	.....	.....	.....
Failing to transfer motor-vehicle, etc.	3	5	7	4
Operating motor-vehicle without motor-vehicle licence	39	64	82	102
Operating motor-vehicle without displaying plates as required	38	28	41	25
Operating motor-vehicle displaying wrong number-plates	11	20	13	21
Using licence belonging to another, refusing to show licence, etc.	43	48	39	43
Driving motor-vehicle as chauffeur without chauffeur's licence or permit	128	78	100	59
Making false statement, permitting another to use licence, etc.	12	21	17	16
Failing to report change in motor-vehicle	.....	.....	1	1
Operating as dealer without licence	.....	.....	1	.....
Transportation of animals unprotected	.....	2	.....	1
Failure to produce driver's licence to Magistrate, Police, etc.	221	149	164	169
Failing to display number-plates unobstructed, clean, etc.	6	5	2	2
Failing to notify *re* change of address	2	1	.....	1
Failing to stop upon request of Police	3	5	4	3
Liability of owner	2	2	2	1
Driving while driver's licence under suspension	27	32	34	28
Driving without head-lights or improper head-lights	43	63	58	31
Driving without tail-light, etc.	199	45	23	27
Driving overwidth motor-vehicle without clearance-lights	8	7	5	8
Driving motor-vehicle with defective brakes	20	46	23	25
Driving motor-vehicle with defective horn	1	1	8	4
Driving motor-vehicle without muffler	28	31	52	30
Failing to give required signals on turning or stopping	25	69	46	63
Driving with windshield obstructed	.....	2	.....	1
Driving motor-vehicle without windshield-wiper	.....	2	.....	.....
Driving motor-vehicle without rear-view mirror	2	5	6	.....
Driving motor-vehicle without flag or light at end of load	6	8	6	11
No speed-control governor on U-drive motor-vehicle	1	1	.....	.....
Operating without school-bus permit, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Driving motor-vehicle otherwise than as restricted on driver's licence	68	82	87	71
Altering number-plates and use of fictitious plates	1	.....	2	3
Operating defective motor-vehicle after ordered off road	4	2	.....	.....
Operating motor-vehicle with improperly mounted or unauthorized fog, spot, or auxiliary lights	7	4	.....	.....
Totals	6,488	7,396	6,178	4,398

Suspensions and Cancellations.

The number of drivers' licences it was found necessary to suspend this year or to refuse the right to obtain a driver's licence amounted to 618, which is a sharp decrease of 304 (32.9 per cent.) under the number it was found necessary to take similar action in connection with last year.

Drivers' licences held by minors were the largest group affected, amounting to 57.2 per cent. of the total. I am pleased to state that there was a very sharp decrease in the number of drivers' licences it was necessary to deal with by way of suspension for driving to the common danger, driving a motor-vehicle while intoxicated, and for exceeding the speed-limits, it being necessary this year to deal with 130 drivers' licences for driving to the common danger, 24 drivers' licences for driving while intoxicated, and 19 drivers' licences for exceeding speed-limits, as compared with 273 for driving to the common danger, 74 for driving while intoxicated, and 57 for exceeding speed-limits dealt with last year, a reduction of 143 (52.3 per cent.), 50 (67.5 per cent.), and 38 (66.6 per cent.) respectively. The following table gives the reason for the suspensions imposed as well as the length of time of such suspensions:—

Reason.	One Month and under.	Two Months and under.	Three Months and under.	Four Months and under.	Five Months and under.	Six Months and under.	Seven Months and under.	Eight Months and under.	Nine Months and under.	One Year and over.	Indefinite Suspension.	Total.
Driving to the common danger and reckless driving	36	7	35	2	.....	28	1	.....	1	20	.....	130
Driving a motor-vehicle while intoxicated	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	24
Manslaughter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Making a false statement	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6
No permit to minor, etc.	5	6	9	4	5	10	3	3	16	292	1	354
Accidents, failing to return to, report, etc.	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	6
Driving while licence suspended	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	6
Exceeding speed-limits	11	.....	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	19
Loaning licence	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Not in possession of a driver's licence	.....	1	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Defence of Canada Regulations (O.C. 2800)	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Unfit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	24
Failed to appear for examination	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	36
Totals	54	16	51	6	5	70	4	3	17	322	70	618

A decrease was also registered in the number of drivers' licences and motor-vehicle licences it was found necessary to suspend under the financial responsibility sections of the "Motor-vehicle Act," 730 drivers' licences being suspended this year as compared with 941 last year, a decrease of 211 (22.4 per cent.), and 434 motor-vehicle licences were suspended this year as compared with 579 last year, a decrease of 145 (25 per cent.).

During this year 499 drivers' licences were reinstated upon the necessary proof of financial responsibility being submitted, which is an increase of 22 (4.6 per cent.) over the number reinstated last year, and 507 motor-vehicle licences were reinstated upon *bona-fide* sale being made to another person or proof of financial responsibility being submitted, which is a decrease of 87 (14.6 per cent.) under the number reinstated last year. Suspensions and reinstatements of drivers' licences and motor-vehicle licences made under the financial responsibility sections of the "Motor-vehicle Act" during the year were as follows:—

Reason.	Drivers' Licences.		Motor-vehicle Licences.	
	Suspended.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Reinstated.
Driving to common danger or reckless driving	323	266	191	143
No further proof of financial responsibility given upon expiration of proof previously given	284	173	204	113
Failing to remain at or return to the scene of an accident	14	14	8	6
Manslaughter	1	2	1	2
Failure to pay judgment	1	2	1	2
Taking motor-vehicle without owner's consent	69	7	6	1
Driving or in charge of a motor-vehicle while intoxicated	25	30	19	16
Judgment and conviction outside Province	4	3	1	.....
Motor-vehicles transferred	.....	.....	.....	224
Driving while driver's licence under suspension	9	2	3	.....
Totals	730	499	434	507

Motor-vehicle Accidents.

Although there was an increase of slightly over one-half of 1 per cent. in the number of motor-vehicles licensed this year there was a decrease of 4.3 per cent. in the number of reportable motor-vehicle accidents, there being 5,213 of such accidents this

year as compared with 5,451 last year. As a result of these accidents 2,403 persons were injured as compared with 2,437 last year, a decrease of 34 (0.139 per cent.); 121 persons received fatal injuries as compared with 129 last year, a decrease of 4 (3.2 per cent.); and property damage amounted to $592,973.38 as compared with $620,440.31 last year, a decrease of $27,466.83 (4.4 per cent.).

There does not appear to be any doubt but that gasoline rationing has had a definite bearing on the decrease in the number of motor-vehicle accidents, as although the number of private passenger motor-vehicle licences decreased by 1.6 per cent., the number of reportable motor-vehicle accidents in which private passenger motor-vehicles were involved decreased by 9 per cent., and while the number of motor-cycles licensed decreased by 5.5 per cent., the number of reportable motor-vehicle accidents in which motor-cycles were involved decreased by 14.2 per cent. Both of these types of motor-vehicles have been strictly rationed. In the commercial truck and delivery motor-vehicles, however, it is significant that while there has been an increase of 8 per cent. in the number of such motor-vehicles licensed, there has been an increase of 14 per cent. in the number of reportable motor-vehicle accidents in which this type of vehicle has been involved.

While there was a decrease in the number of persons who received fatal injuries this year, there was an increase of 8 (7.5 per cent.) in the number of fatal motor-vehicle accidents, there being 114 of such accidents this year as compared with 106 last year. Last year 21 persons were fatally injured in 7 motor-vehicle accidents, while this year 11 persons were fatally injured in 5 such accidents. An increase was also recorded this year in the number of members of the National Defence Forces who received fatal injuries in motor-vehicle accidents, there being 16 of such members so injured as compared with 13 last year. Of the motor-vehicle accidents occurring during the year 3,736 (71.6 per cent.) occurred in city municipalities, resulting in 45 (37.1 per cent.) of the fatalities, 1,504 (62.5 per cent.) of the persons injured, and $364,605.69 (61.4 per cent.) of the property damage caused. This was a decrease of 39 (1.03 per cent.) in the number of accidents and a decrease of 63 (4.02 per cent.) in the number of persons injured, but an increase of 1 (2.2 per cent.) and an increase of $12,776 in the amount of property damage caused in city municipalities in comparison with last year.

Motor-vehicle accidents occurring in district municipalities totalled 729, which was 13.9 per cent. of the total motor-vehicle accidents in the Province. These accidents caused 28 (23.1 per cent.) of the fatalities, 460 (19.1 per cent.) of the injuries, and $105,666.24 (17.8 per cent.) of the property damage. This was a decrease of 6 (17.6 per cent.) in the number of fatalities, a decrease of 8 (1.08 per cent.) in the number of injuries, and a decrease of $2,509.87 (2.3 per cent.) in the amount of property damage, but an increase of 52 (12.7 per cent.) in the number of persons injured in district municipalities in comparison with last year.

In the unorganized portions of the Province the number of reportable motor-vehicle accidents which occurred this year was 748 or 14.3 per cent. of the total motor-vehicle accidents. In these accidents 48 persons received fatal injuries, which was 39.6 per cent. of the total fatalities; 439 persons were injured, which was 18.2 per cent. of the persons injured; and property damage amounted to $122,701.45, or 20.6 per cent. of the property damage caused. This was a decrease of 191 (23.4 per cent.) in the number of accidents, a decrease of 23 (4.9 per cent.) in the number of persons injured, a decrease of $37,733.15 (23.5 per cent.) in the amount of property damage caused, but an increase of 1 (2.1 per cent.) in the number of fatalities which occurred in unorganized territory as compared with last year.

For purposes of comparison a statement showing further details according to location of the motor-vehicle accidents occurring during this year and last year is given in Appendix No. V.

More accidents again took place on Saturday than on any other day, and the peak hour for accidents again was between 4 and 5 p.m. While the same number of accidents took place at railway crossings this year as last year, unfortunately they were twice as fatal. Of the drivers involved in motor-vehicle accidents 93 per cent. were male and 7 per cent. female, but of those drivers involved in fatal accidents 94.4 per cent. were male. Of the drivers involved 3,792 (45.3 per cent.) were between 25 and 40 years of age, while 7,012 (84.1 per cent.) had a driving experience of 5 years and over. A decrease of 20.8 per cent. was registered in the number of unlicensed drivers involved in motor-vehicle accidents, and the number of non-resident drivers so involved also showed a decrease of 28.5 per cent. when compared with last year. Drivers who did not have the right-of-way were again responsible for contributing to more accidents than any other group, although those who drove off the highway were involved in considerably more fatalities.

This year 48 pedestrians were fatally injured and 619 received non-fatal injuries. This is one more pedestrian fatality and 64 more pedestrians who received non-fatal injuries than last year. Pedestrian fatalities this year comprised 39.6 per cent. of the total fatalities, which is an increase of 2 per cent. over last year, and pedestrians who were non-fatally injured comprised 25.7 per cent. of the total who were not fatally injured, which is an increase of 3.3 per cent. over last year. In at least 191 or 28.7 per cent. of these accidents which resulted in 14 pedestrians being fatally injured and 177 receiving non-fatal injuries, such accidents were caused by carelessness on the part of the pedestrians who suffered as a result of the same. Last year there were 6 pedestrians under the age of 14 years and 29 pedestrians over the age of 50 years who were fatally injured, while this year 11 pedestrians under the age of 14 years and 30 pedestrians over the age of 50 years were fatally injured.

There were 7 bicyclists fatally injured and 225 bicyclists received non-fatal injuries this year in accidents involving motor-vehicles and bicycles. This is a reduction of 3 in the number of those fatally injured and 53 in the number of those receiving non-fatal injuries as compared with last year.

Again this year the accidents which occurred during the hours of darkness were twice as fatal as those occurring during the daylight hours; 1 accident in every 55 accidents taking place during daylight hours was fatal, while 1 accident in every 27 accidents taking place this year during hours of darkness was fatal.

For purposes of comparison a brief summary of motor-vehicle accidents reported during the years 1940 to 1943, inclusive, is given hereunder, from which it will be noted that the year 1943 shows a very favourable decrease in the number of accidents taking place, in the number of persons receiving non-fatal injuries, and in the amount of property damage caused, but that although the fatalities have decreased since 1941 we are still above the ratio of fatalities in 1940.

Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents, 1940–43.

	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Number of motor-vehicles licensed	126,648	133,231	132,435	133,150
Number of motor-vehicle accidents	6,246	6,799	5,451	5,213
Number of motor-vehicles per accident	20	19	24	25
Number of motor-vehicle accident deaths	108	129	125	121
Number of motor-vehicles per death	1,172	1,032	1,059	1,100
Number of persons injured in motor-vehicle accidents	2,937	3,227	2,437	2,403
Number of motor-vehicles per person injured	43	41	54	55
Amount of property damage caused by motor-vehicle accidents	$661,210.86	$796,321.87	$620,440.31	$592,973.38
Amount of property damage per motor-vehicle	$5.22	$5.97	$4.68	$4.45

Statistical summary of reportable motor-vehicle accidents which occurred during the year is given in Appendix No. IV.

Highway Patrol.

This year 179,774 check-ups were made by members of the Force whose principal duties are the enforcement of all legislation relating to the control of traffic, and in doing so they travelled 164,444 miles and investigated 345 motor-vehicle accidents. This was a decrease of 48,069 (21 per cent.) in the number of check-ups made, a decrease of 94,740 (36.5 per cent.) in the number of miles travelled, and a decrease of 146 (29.7 per cent.) in the number of motor-vehicle accidents investigated as compared with last year.

The type of check-ups made and the number of the same according to Division was as follows:—

	"A" Division.	"B" Division.	"C" Division.	"E" Division.	Total.
Motor-vehicle licences	11,264	5,557	7,321	6,815	30,957
Motor-vehicle salesmen's licences	205	153	173	13	544
Non-resident touring permits	483	298	71	192	1,044
Chauffeurs' licences	2,549	1,486	3,118	982	8,135
Drivers' licences	11,115	5,425	7,355	6,296	30,191
Operation of motor-vehicles	4,930	2,178	743	885	8,736
Motor-vehicle, motor-cycle, and trailer number-plates	11,202	5,504	7,346	6,833	30,885
Motor-vehicle head-lights, etc., tested	675	1,141	4,187	.....	6,003
Motor-vehicle brakes tested	127	272	1,225	2	1,626
Warning signals	5,301	1,035	1,538	2,162	10,036
Driving signals	2,372	842	1,444	366	5,024
Rear-view mirrors	11,202	5,559	1,364	5,610	23,735
Miscellaneous regulations	4,978	2,392	1,028	3,211	11,609
"Highway Act," regulations, licences, etc.	1,856	1,207	1,602	357	5,022
"Motor Carrier Act," licences, regulations, etc.	2,167	1,601	1,770	689	6,227
Totals	70,426	34,650	40,285	34,413	179,774

As a result of these check-ups 632 convictions were registered, resulting in $8,167.60 being collected in fines and costs and 4 cases of imprisonment. This was a sharp decrease in the number of convictions of 403 (38 per cent.) and a decrease in the amount of fines and costs of $3,908.15 (32.3 per cent.) under last year. Convictions obtained in this connection were as follows:—

	Convictions.	Fines and Costs.	Imprisonments.
"Motor-vehicle Act" and regulations	328	$3,332.50	....
"Highway Act" and regulations	65	782.00	....
"Motor Carrier Act" and regulations	53	778.00	....
Criminal Code	44	1,076.00	2
"Government Liquor Act"	13	232.75	1
Pattullo Bridge regulations	16	155.00	....
City by-laws	36	236.50	....
"Munitions and Supply Act," D.C.R.O.C.	69	1,525.00	....
Miscellaneous	8	48.85	1
Totals	632	$8,167.60	4

In addition to the sums collected for fines and costs, the sum of $3,011.64 was collected as a direct result of these check-ups; namely, $2,296.60 under the provisions of the "Motor-vehicle Act" and $715.04 under the provisions of the "Motor Carrier Act," a decrease of $3,553.92 (54.1 per cent.) under the amount so collected last year.

"Bills of Sale Act," "Conditional Sales Act," and "Mechanics' Lien Act."

While a decrease in the number of documents being filed under the "Bills of Sale Act," "Conditional Sales Act," and "Mechanics' Lien Act" was again registered this year, this decrease was not nearly so heavy as that registered last year; and although a decrease was registered last year in the number of searches made under the "Bills of Sale Act" and the "Conditional Sales Act" a sharp increase was registered this year in the number of such searches, there being more searches made this year than in any year since 1932, at which time the filing of documents under the "Bills of Sale Act" and "Conditional Sales Act" in connection with motor-vehicles was centralized for the Province in this office. The total revenue, however, received under these Acts for filing and searching documents, etc., showed a decrease.

The following table shows the number of registrations and releases filed as well as the number of searches made and the sources of revenue this year under these Acts as compared with last year:—

Item.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Registrations under "Conditional Sales Act"	9,866	7,320	.....	2,546	25.81
Registrations under "Bills of Sale Act"	1,758	1,672	.....	86	4.32
Registrations under "Mechanics' Lien Act"	75	41	.....	34	45.33
Releases filed under "Conditional Sales Act"	273	223	.....	50	18.31
Releases filed under "Bills of Sale Act"	118	150	32	.....	27.12
Searches made under "Conditional Sales Act"	1,045	1,554	509	.....	48.71
Searches made under "Bills of Sale Act"	1,052	1,547	495	.....	47.05
Value of law-stamps sold	$7,048.00	$6,005.00	.....	$1,043.00	14.80
Value of law-stamps attached to documents when received	6,762.50	4,679.50	.....	2,083.00	30.62
Value of search tickets sold under "Bills of Sale Act" and "Conditional Sales Act"	367.50	542.15	$174.65	.....	47.44
Value of miscellaneous searches and certificates made	44.60	37.70	.....	6.90	15.47
Revenue totals	$14,222.60	$11,264.35	$174.65	$2,958.25	20.80

Public Passenger Vehicles.

During the year 673 inspections of public passenger motor-vehicles were carried out by our Mechanical Inspectors, as a result of which 88 vehicles were found to have defective brakes and 188 defective steering. The necessary action was taken immediately to have these defects corrected before the vehicles concerned were allowed to continue to operate as public carriers.

An increase in the number of accidents in which these vehicles were involved was shown over last year, being as follows:—

	1942.	1943.
Total accidents	87	113
Resulting in—		
Passengers injured	58*	91
Cyclists injured	.....	6
Pedestrians injured	.....	13
	58	110
Passenger fatalities	*Nil*	3
Cyclist fatalities	*Nil*	2
Pedestrian fatalities	*Nil*	3
	Nil	8
Hospitalization required	30	68

* Not segregated in 1942.

School Buses.

This year 213 school-bus permits were issued for the operation of motor-vehicles used for the conveyance of children to and from school, and operated by, or under contract with, the Board of School Trustees or other authority in charge of the schools. This shows an increase of 16 permits over last year.

These vehicles were inspected from time to time as warranted, 142 such inspections being made. Brakes were found defective in 17 cases and steering-gear defective in 33 cases. The defects were of minor nature and immediately corrected. During the year no accidents were reported in which school buses were involved.

Gasoline Licence and Ration Coupon Books.

Again this year the Department gave its full co-operation to the Dominion Oil Controller in connection with the issuance of gasoline licence and ration coupon books by motor licence issuing offices throughout the Province. From experience gained in connection with the issuance of these books last year a different system was inaugurated by the Dominion Oil Controller, and instead of having applications for commercial and special categories returned from the office of the Regional Oil Controller to the applicant, who in turn had to again present himself at a motor licence issuing office to obtain a commercial or special category which had been approved for him, such commercial and special category ration coupon books were issued this year direct by the Regional Oil Controller to the applicant concerned. It was therefore only necessary for our motor licence issuing offices to handle the "AA" category gasoline ration coupon books for motor-vehicles of the private passenger type and for privately operated motor-cycles. The number of "AA" category gasoline licence and ration coupon books issued by our offices was 90,280, and 1,451 were issued for motor-cycles, the revenue collected for the Dominion Oil Controller in this connection being $91,731.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. W. S. PARSONS,
Commissioner of Provincial Police.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

DETAILS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES DEALT WITH DURING 1943.

Crime.	"A" Division.				"B" Division.				"C" Division.				"D" Division.				"E" Division.				Fort George Subdivision.				Peace River Subdivision.				Totals.			
	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.
Offences against Public Order.																																
Inciting soldiers to desert or mutiny					2	2			2	1	1																		4	3	1	
Unlawful assemblies and riots					5	5																							5	5		
Unlawful entry of land, trespassing																					1	1							1	1		
Having or carrying explosives, weapons, or pointing	5	5			8	8			1	1			2	2			4	2	2						3	3			23	21	2	
Possessing explosives	1	1															1	1											2	2		
Offences against Law and Justice.																																
Corruption of Police Officer, bribery	1	1																											1	1		
Obstructing Peace Officers	5	5			7	7			3	3			10	10			12	10	2		5	4	1		7	7			49	46	3	
Perjury, misleading justice, corruption	2	2							1	1							1		1										4	3	1	
Escapes and rescues	1	1											2	2			9	9											12	12		
Contempt of Court, disobeying summons	1	1											1	1							1	1							3	3		
Conspiracy to commit indictable offence, accessories													1		1		1		1										2		2	
Offences against Religion.																																
Lord's Day Act	1	1																											1	1		
Offences against Morals.																																
Incest									1	1							1	1											2	2		
Rape and attempts	1	1							1	1							3	1	2						1	1			6	4	2	

Seduction under promise of marriage, feigned marriage																																
Carnal knowledge (under 16)	2	1		1	1	1			1	1							1	1											5	4		1
Unnatural crime	11	7	2	2	1	1							1	1			3	2	1		1	1							17	12	3	2
Nuisances (criminal and non-criminal)													2	2															2	2		
Disorderly houses, gambling	22	22			47	46	1		66	65	1		65	64	1		2		2		43	43			111	111			356	351	5	
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act	5	5			8	7		1	3	3			1	1			20	13	5	2	2	2							39	31	5	3
Lotteries					3	3							2	2											1	1			6	6		
Procuring	2		1	1													3	3											5	3	1	1
Abortion, drugs for causing, etc.													1		1		1		1										2		2	
Sending obscene letters through mail	1	1																											1	1		
Indecent acts	1	1											8	7	1		3	3			1	1							13	12	1	
Vagrancy, etc.	42	42			112	112			51	50	1		122	114	8		54	53	1		25	25			61	56	5		467	452	15	
Indignity to dead body					1	1																							1	1		
Offences against Person and Reputation.																																
Preservation of life (necessaries)	2	1		1	4	3	1														1	1							7	5	1	1
Homicide (murder)	1		1		2	1		1	1		1						1		1										5	1	3	1
Homicide (manslaughter)	6	3	3		2		2		2	1		1	1		1		6	2	4		1	1							18	7	10	1
Suicide and attempts	1		1		1	1							1	1															3	2	1	
Shooting with intent	1	1																											1	1		
Wounding	2	2			1	1							1			1	3	2	1						1	1			8	6	1	1
Furious driving	44	41	3		76	73	3		36	31	5		13	10	3		125	116	9		7	7			16	16			317	294	23	
Assault (common)	34	28	5	1	42	36	6		28	21	7		25	22	3		45	35	10		8	7	1		17	17			199	166	32	1
Assault (indecent)	2	2			2	2							4	4			13	10	3		1		1						22	18	4	
Assault (bodily harm)	4	4			6	6			9	8	1		15	11	4		7	6	1		5	3	2		1		1		47	38	9	
Bigamy	2	2																											2	2		
Abduction and kidnapping					1	1																							1	1		
Defamatory libel																	4	3	1										4	3	1	
Acts and omissions causing danger to persons																									1	1			1	1		
Communicating venereal disease									1	1																			1	1		
Illegally performing marriages					1	1																							1	1		
Offences against Property and Rights.																																
Theft	107	100	7		83	73	8	2	120	114	3	3	56	54	2		161	139	19	3	22	19	2	1	20	18	2		569	517	43	9
Theft (by conversion)	2	2			2	1	1						2		2		4	4											10	7	3	
Theft (from the person)	1	1							1	1			5	4	1		6	2	4										13	8	5	

DETAILS OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES DEALT WITH DURING 1943—*Continued.*

Crime.	"A" Division.				"B" Division.				"C" Division.				"D" Division.				"E" Division.				Fort George Subdivision.				Peace River Subdivision.				Totals.			
	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.
Offences against Property and Rights—Continued.																																
Theft (from the mail)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6	.....	.....
Cattle-stealing and other animals, chickens, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	5	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	9	3	.....
Cattle-wounding and other animals, chickens, etc.	2	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	2	.....
Cattle-killing and other animals, chickens, etc.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Receiving stolen goods	30	27	3	.....	16	13	3	.....	16	16	.....	.....	18	13	5	.....	50	37	13	.....	2	2	.....	.....	8	5	2	1	140	113	26	1
Fraud (false pretences)	2	2	.....	.....	12	12	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	24	22	1	1	3	3	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	55	53	1	1
Fraud (beating board bill)	2	1	1	.....	7	7	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	3	2	1	.....	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	17	3	.....
Fraud (personification)	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....
Fraud (on creditors)	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Fraud (conspiracy)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	3	.....	3	.....
Robbery with violence	1	1	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	6	5	1	.....	22	19	3	.....	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	38	31	6	1
Robbery by threats, extortion	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
House and shop breaking	33	29	3	1	24	22	2	.....	52	46	6	.....	57	55	1	1	81	63	9	9	15	13	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	262	228	23	11
Forgery	4	4	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	10	.....	2
Uttering forged documents	2	2	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	10	3	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	14	7	.....
Intimidation	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Horse-stealing	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....
Cruelty to animals	3	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	10	3	.....
Offences resembling theft	14	13	1	.....	7	7	.....	.....	10	10	.....	.....	8	7	1	.....	35	34	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	9	7	2	.....	84	79	5	.....
Unlawful possession of uniform	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Offences against Property, Forbidden Acts.																																
Mischief	3	3	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	5	4	1	.....	3	3	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	19	2	.....
Arson	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8	.....	.....
Setting out fires	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....

Damage to fences	2	2																									2	2		
Damage to property	5	5			16	16			3	3			10	10			20	20							2	2			56	56		
Offences against Provincial Statutes.																														
Animals Act	6	4	2		11	10	1		1	1							1	1			1	1			2	2			22	19	3	
Auto Camp and Hotel Guest Registration Act	1	1																											1	1		
Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act	9	8	1		5	4	1		7	5	2		4	4			19	15	4		1	1			1	1			46	38	8	
Coal-mines Regulation Act					14	14																							14	14		
Fire Marshal Act	3	3											3	2	1		2	1	1		1	1			1	1			10	8	2	
Forest Act	2	2			8	8			2	2							1	1			5	5			3	2	1		21	20	1	
Game Act	3	3			30	30							7	6	1		4	4			3	3							47	46	1	
Grazing Act					6	3	3		1	1																			7	4	3	
Government Liquor Act	99	97	2		140	136	4		154	151	3		529	522	7		192	188	4		141	137	3	1	238	235	3		1,493	1,466	26	1
Health Act					8	8											1	1											9	9		
Highway Act	40	40			68	63	5		36	34	2		1	1			163	159	4		1	1			2	2			311	300	11	
Hours of Work Act																					3	1	2						3	1	2	
Infants Act and Juvenile Delinquents Act	11	11			7	7			18	16	2		13	12	1		30	29	1		2	1	1		1	1			82	77	5	
Industrial Schools Act and Children of Unmarried Parents Act	3	2	1		4	4			2	2			2	1	1		3	3											14	12	2	
Motor Carrier Act	12	11	1		19	19			22	21	1		6	6			44	44											103	101	2	
Motor-vehicle Act	171	167	4		110	109	1		101	99	2		44	44			793	783	10		8	8			31	31			1,258	1,241	17	
Natural Products Marketing Act					1	1											3	3											4	4		
Pattullo Bridge Regulations																	19	16	3										19	16	3	
Parents' Maintenance Act					1	1																							1	1		
Poll Tax Act					1	1																							1	1		
Pound Act					1		1																		1	1			2	1	1	
Provincial Fisheries Act	45	37	8		4	4							14	14			19	19											82	74	8	
Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act									1	1																			1	1		
Sanitary Regulations					2	2																							2	2		
Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act					5	5			12	12											2	1	1						19	18	1	
Sheep Protection Act	3	2	1		23	23			3	3							1	1											30	29	1	
Stock-brands Act					4	4			4	3	1		1	1															9	8	1	
Trade Licences Act					3	3																							3	3		
Trespass Act					3	3											1	1											4	4		
Vital Statistics Act					6	6																							6	6		
Women's and Girls' Protection Act													1	1															1	1		

Details of Criminal Offences dealt with during 1943—*Continued.*

Crime.	"A" Division.				"B" Division.				"C" Division.				"D" Division.				"E" Division.				Fort George Subdivision.				Peace River Subdivision.				Totals.			
	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.	Cases entered.	Convictions.	Dismissals and Withdrawals.	Awaiting Trial.
Offences against Dominion Statutes.																																
Customs Act	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	2	...
Animal's Contagious Disease Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Excise Act	4	4	...	...	4	4	...	...	8	8	...	...	13	13	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	40	40	...	...
Explosives Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1
Indian Act	98	90	8	...	56	53	3	...	149	143	4	2	208	192	16	...	69	68	1	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	593	559	32	2
Radio Act	30	30	...	...	59	58	1	...	178	176	2	...	28	28	...	...	29	27	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324	319	5	...
Railway Act	1	...	1	...	11	11	...	...	15	15	...	...	4	3	1	...	6	6	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	38	2	...
Tobacco Restraint Act	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...
Statistics Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Defence of Canada Regulations	14	12	2	...	18	17	1	...	3	2	1	...	6	4	2	...	10	10	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	3	...	...	55	49	6	...
Miscellaneous War-time Orders and Regulations	126	121	5	...	106	105	1	...	93	88	5	...	79	72	7	...	349	334	14	1	12	11	1	...	15	14	1	...	780	745	34	1
Offences against Municipal By-laws.																																
Municipal By-laws	61	59	2	...	59	57	2	...	68	66	1	1	45	43	2	...	495	483	12	...	9	9	...	...	2	2	...	...	739	719	19	1
Totals	1,161	1,084	70	7	1,333	1,275	54	4	1,322	1,259	55	8	1,481	1,400	79	2	3,028	2,844	167	17	361	340	18	3	570	548	20	2	9,256	8,750	463	43

APPENDIX II.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

DUTY ANALYSIS, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1943.

Investigations.	"A" Division.	"B" Division.	"C" Division.	"D" Division.	"E" Division.	Fort George Sub-division.	Peace River Sub-division.	Totals.
Camp inspections	42	94	21	15	12	26	24	234
Complaints investigated	9,747	3,629	3,832	2,931	8,781	497	1,023	30,440
Desertions (family)	29	2	15	1	10	.....	.....	57
Fire reports	114	57	62	26	75	12	26	372
Immigration	10	1	3	.....	9	.....	.....	23
Industrial School (Boys)	6	7	7	.....	23	.....	1	44
Industrial School (Girls)	2	.....	3	2	2	.....	.....	9
Mentally ill persons	27	20	20	26	25	9	8	135
Inquests	105	56	74	119	128	28	27	537
Missing persons	178	38	55	39	443	39	145	937
Mothers' pensions	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	4
Narcotic drugs	6	1	1	1	3	.....	.....	12
Patrols made	43,953	25,694	35,667	10,513	39,273	2,343	5,274	162,717
Provincial Home	2	.....	5	.....	1	.....	1	9
Sick and destitute	22	.....	9	3	8	5	2	49
Mental escorts	28	39	24	23	461	3	10	588
Prisoners' escorts	202	90	141	65	1,698	18	.....	2,214
Old-age pensions	18	30	49	13	5	7	.....	122
Dependents' allowance	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	8	12
Department of Welfare	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	3
Collections office	3	4	43	2	.....	.....	.....	52
National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations	.....	25	566	68	1	.....	.....	660
War veterans' allowance	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	15
Investigations for Departments of Federal Government	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	11	14
Provincial Secretary's Department	.....	.....	1	1	76	.....	.....	78
Total investigations	54,501	29,791	40,601	13,851	51,035	2,987	6,571	199,337

APPENDIX III.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POLICE.

NOMINAL ROLL AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1943.

HEADQUARTERS.

Commissioner—T. W. S. Parsons, Victoria.
Assistant Commissioner—J. Shirras, Vancouver.

Commissioner's Office—	Regt. No.
Inspector Clark, C., Victoria	.....
Asst. Chief Clerk Patterson, E., Victoria	134
Miss J. M. Whitehead (steno.), Victoria	.....
Radio Branch—	
Chief Radio Opr. Conlan, W. F., Victoria	493
Sr. Radio Opr. Weld, B. C., Victoria	495
1/Radio Opr. Hicks, J. M., Victoria	588

Criminal Investigation Branch—	Regt. No.
Inspector Peachey, R., Victoria	.....
Sergt. Young, J. A., Victoria	524
Det. Shand, D. J., Victoria	436
Sr. Clerk Ockenden, C. O., Victoria	273
Miss D. P. Neate (steno.), Victoria	.....
Miss P. S. Byrom (steno.), Victoria	.....
Miss M. R. Smith (steno.), Victoria	.....
Miss V. C. Burnett (steno.), Victoria	.....
Miss E. Kinghorn (steno.), Victoria	.....

HEADQUARTERS—*Continued.*

C.I.B.—Finger-print Bureau— Regt. No.
- Sr. F.P. Opr. Edwards, J. W., Vancouver 338
- Sr. F.P. Opr. Carmichael, A. G., Victoria 644
- F.P. Opr. Tinnion, R., Victoria 836
- Miss D. Lancaster (steno.), Victoria

C.I.B.—Firearms Registration Bureau—
- Sr. Clerk Grimshaw, F., Victoria 445
- Miss M. E. Brinn (steno.), Victoria
- Miss T. M. Vye (steno.), Victoria
- Miss J. R. Robson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss M. D. Rogerson (steno.), Victoria
- Mrs. F. J. Ritchie (steno.), Victoria

Advisory Council (P.C.P.C. and A.R.P.)—
- Inspr. Moodie, S. F. M., Vancouver
- Sergt. Cline, S., Vancouver 78
- Sergt. Hughes, H. P., Vancouver 225
- Corpl. Taylor, D. W., Vancouver 396
- 1/Cst. Deane, J. M., Vancouver 577
- 3/Cst. Gilbert, R., Vancouver 890
- 3/Cst. Tuttle, A. J., Vancouver 892
- 3/Cst. Duddy, H., Vancouver 956
- Miss N. Munkley (steno.), Vancouver
- Miss M. G. Haskell (steno.), Vancouver
- S/Sergt. Johnson, G. A., Victoria 202
- 3/Cst. Walters, J. A., Victoria 893
- 3/Cst. Johnstone, H. D., Victoria 924
- 3/Cst. Domay, E. C., Victoria 933
- 3/Cst. Cawdell, C. A., Victoria 958
- Spec. Cst. Thornton, J. F., Victoria
- Miss J. M. A. Smith (steno.), Victoria

Accounts Branch—
- Paymaster Moses, D. D., Victoria
- Sr. Clerk Embleton, C. V., Victoria 327
- 2/Clerk Campbell, C. C., Victoria 812
- 3/Clerk Excell, L. B., Victoria 876
- 3/Clerk Walkinshaw, J. B., Victoria 942
- Miss J. N. Smith (steno.), Victoria
- Miss A. H. Chaney (steno.), Victoria

Q.M. Stores—
- 1/Clerk Kirkpatrick, D. C., Victoria 710
- 2/Clerk Forbes, A. C., Victoria 943

Transport Branch—
- Mech. Supr. McNaught, J. F., Victoria 409
- Mrs. E. McIntosh (steno.), Victoria
- Mrs. M. Johnson (steno.), Victoria

Police Training School—
- S/Inspr. Mackenzie, C. K., Victoria
- 2/Cst. McVie, W., Victoria 815
- Spec. Cst. Ehly, J. J., Victoria

Police Training School—*Continued.* Regt. No.
- Spec. Cst. Hamblin, S. A. L., Victoria

Motor Branch—
- Inspr. Hood, G. A., Victoria
- S/Inspr. Hannah, J. P. M., Victoria
- Chief Clerk Paulding, J. E., Victoria 289
- Chief Clerk Cooke, A. O., Victoria 292
- Sr. Clerk Ellis, W. G., Victoria 451
- Sr. Clerk Brown, P. H., Victoria 463
- Mechanic Jaffray, W. A., Victoria 583
- 1/Clerk Sharpe, A., Victoria 676
- 1/Clerk Moore, H. G., Victoria 693
- 1/Clerk Hadfield, R. A., Victoria 694
- 1/Clerk James, G. H., Victoria 748
- 1/Clerk Wilkinson, E., Victoria 753
- 1/Clerk Merkley, L. W., Victoria 754
- 1/Clerk Colpman, W. H., Victoria 755
- 1/Clerk Copeland, C. E., Victoria 756
- 2/Clerk Cox, R. A., Victoria 811
- 2/Clerk Jewkes, F. R., Victoria 846
- Messenger Prezeau, D. S., Victoria
- Miss R. M. Steele (steno.), Victoria
- Miss N. E. Johnson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss V. Jacklin (steno.), Victoria
- Miss J. M. Thorburn (steno.), Victoria
- Miss M. Metro (steno.), Victoria
- Miss E. Bourne (steno.), Victoria
- Miss E. A. Kay (steno.), Victoria
- Miss I. R. Casilio (steno.), Victoria
- Miss R. Balcom (steno.), Victoria
- Miss E. J. M. Coates (steno.), Victoria
- Miss E. J. Thorne (steno.), Victoria
- Miss J. D. McGraw (steno.), Victoria
- Miss S. A. P. Sangster (steno.), Victoria
- Miss M. E. Dykes (steno.), Victoria
- Miss M. D. King (steno.), Victoria
- Miss M. L. Hood (steno.), Victoria
- Miss E. V. Watson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss J. M. Robinson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss D. E. Hemingsen (steno.), Victoria
- Miss A. D. Pattinson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss V. C. Ross (steno.), Victoria
- Miss D. Jeeves (steno.), Victoria
- Miss F. S. Porter (steno.), Victoria
- Miss L. M. Huzzey (steno.), Victoria
- Miss A. M. Wilkinson (steno.), Victoria
- Miss J. B. M. Speck (steno.), Victoria
- Miss P. D. Green (steno.), Victoria

HEADQUARTERS—*Continued.*

Motor Branch—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
Miss I. M. McIndoe (steno.), Victoria	
Miss V. Lea (steno.), Victoria	
Miss E. M. Noble (steno.), Victoria	
Miss F. M. Byatt (steno.), Victoria	
Mrs. A. D. Johnston (steno.), Victoria	
Miss J. W. Howell (steno.), Victoria	
Mrs. G. E. Phillion (steno.), Victoria	
Mrs. M. A. McKay (steno.), Victoria	
Mrs. E. R. Slegg (steno.), Victoria	
Mrs. C. W. Kaehn (steno.), Victoria	
Miss B. F. Barrick (steno.), Victoria	
S/Inspr. Lord, J. S., Vancouver	
Sr. Clerk Lord, F. N., Vancouver	498
Sr. Clerk Bestwick, A. M., Vancouver	416
1/Clerk Barclay, J., Vancouver	519
1/Clerk Ellis, J. N. L., Vancouver	531
1/Clerk McPherson, A. B., Vancouver	539
1/Clerk Pughe, C. T., Vancouver	743
1/Clerk Hamilton, S., Vancouver	745
1/Clerk Niven, J. J., Vancouver	747

Motor Branch—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
1/Clerk Archibald, W., Vancouver	760
Miss G. Beattie (steno.), Vancouver	
Mrs. V. Stone (steno.), Vancouver	
Miss C. A. Stevenson (steno.), Vancouver	
Mrs. M. Godwin (steno.), Vancouver	
Asst. Chief Clerk Lindsay, G., New Westminster	525
1/Clerk Fraser, P. R., New Westminster	623
1/Clerk Denyer, F., New Westminster	750
1/Clerk Gunn, J. A., New Westminster	751
Mrs. T. McMillan (steno.), New Westminster	
1/Clerk Gordon, W. K., Nanaimo	757
1/Clerk Pennock, C. S., Chilliwack	746
Miss E. C. Leary (steno.), Chilliwack	
1/Clerk Moore, M., Vernon	744
1/Clerk Fehner, H. H., Nelson	749
1/Clerk Jacklin, B. R., Dawson Creek	661

"A" DIVISION.

Officer Commanding—Inspector R. Owens, Victoria.
Divisional Clerk—Asst. Chief Clerk Kennelly, T., Victoria, Regt. No. 303.
Stenographer—Miss V. M. Page, Victoria.

Motor Traffic Detail—	Regt. No.
1/Cst. Lockie, J., Victoria	658
1/Cst. Ring, R., Nanaimo	961
Victoria District—	
Sergt. Jacklin, C. C., Victoria	265
Corpl. Backler, L., Victoria	470
1/Cst. Smyth, H., Victoria	578
1/Cst. Dryden, C. S., Victoria	779
2/Cst. Sinclair, R. W., Victoria	838
3/Cst. Coupland, W. B., Victoria	898
3/Cst. Hooker, E. J., Victoria	900
3/Cst. Douglas, D. T., Victoria	936
3/Cst. Tateson, J. D., Victoria	954
3/Cst. Mutter, G. W. M., Victoria	957
Spec. Cst. Hodgins, D. R., Victoria	
Spec. Cst. Jobling, D. A., Victoria	
Spec. Cst. Medley, H. E. J., Victoria	
3/Skpr. Lockwood, E. W., Ganges	492
1/Cst. Currie, W. J., Ganges	635
1/Cst. Gibault, J. G., Sidney	709
3/Cst. Weeks, G. D., Sidney	911
2/Cst. Quinn, A. W., Sooke	793
Duncan District—	
Corpl. Henry, J. A., Duncan	414
1/Cst. Parsley, H., Duncan	613
1/Cst. Deans, W. W., Duncan	732
2/Cst. McNamara, J. K., Duncan	806

Duncan District—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
1/Cst. Holm, E., Chemainus	573
3/Cst. Clunk, F. J., Chemainus	852
1/Cst. Grant, A., Cowichan Lake	251
1/Cst. Ross, R., Shawnigan Lake	515
Nanaimo District—	
S/Sergt. Russell, J., Nanaimo	44
Corpl. Howe, J., Nanaimo	365
1/Cst. Martin, M., Nanaimo	282
1/Cst. Tannock, A., Nanaimo	572
1/Cst. Vickers, A. E., Nanaimo	605
1/Cst. Wellens, A. S., Nanaimo	385
1/Cst. Stewart, T. A., Nanaimo	639
1/Cst. Healey, W. L., Nanaimo	609
1/Cst. Colquhoun, D., Nanaimo	637
3/Cst. Avis, F. D., Nanaimo	859
3/Cst. Brassard, G. M., Nanaimo	927
3/Cst. VanMeer, A. N., Nanaimo	870
1/Cst. Taylor, A. H., Ladysmith	530
3/Cst. Patton, F. D., Ladysmith	849
1/Cst. Clay, L. W., Qualicum	669
Courtenay District—	
Sergt. Hatcher, W. J., Courtenay	210
1/Cst. Matheson, M., Courtenay	616
1/Radio Opr. Halsey-Brandt, C. G., Courtenay	633

"A" DIVISION—*Continued.*

Courtenay District—*Continued.* Regt. No.
- 1/Cst. Figueiredo, C. T. J., Courtenay — 777
- 3/Cst. Corson, E., Courtenay — 858
- 3/Cst. Cawdell, F. L., Courtenay — 895
- 3/Cst. Ehly, J. M., Courtenay — 960
- 1/Cst. Shepherd, J., Cumberland — 699
- Corpl. Davidson, W. H., Alert Bay — 403
- 2/Cst. Cunningham, A. B., Alert Bay — 830
- Spec. Cst. Humphreys, P. J., Alert Bay —
- 1/Cst. MacAlpine, M. N., Campbell River — 533
- 3/Cst. Ennals, C. E., Campbell River — 885
- 3/Cst. Morrison, W. R., Campbell River — 894
- 3/Skpr. Bellhouse, C. A., Port Alice — 471
- 2/Radio Opr. Muskett, A. H., Port Alice — 807

West Coast District— Regt. No.
- Sergt. Service, S., Port Alberni — 126
- 1/Cst. Hutchison, P. R., Port Alberni — 528
- 1/Cst. Carlson, T., Port Alberni — 646
- 2/Cst. Mann, H., Port Alberni — 822
- 3/Cst. Cramond, M. G. W., Port Alberni — 850
- 3/Cst. Hornsby, M. A., Port Alberni — 888
- 3/Radio Opr. Mowatt, H. B., Port Alberni — 896
- 3/Skpr. Bond, V. J., P.M.L. 8, Port Alberni — 458
- 1/Cst. Good, R. C., P.M.L. 8, Port Alberni — 835
- 3/Engnr. Hardiman, I. R., P.M.L. 8, Port Alberni — 875
- 1/Cst. Sarsiat, E. G., Alberni — 697
- 2/Cst. Howell, D. H., Ucluelet — 826
- 3/Cst. Redhead, G., Ucluelet — 918

"B" DIVISION.

Officer Commanding—Inspector J. Macdonald, Nelson.
Divisional Clerk—Asst. Chief Clerk Smith, J. L., Nelson, Regt. No. 439.
Radio Operator—Sr. Radio Opr. Kidd, E. G., Nelson, Regt. No. 538.
Stenographer—Mrs. B. E. Romano, Nelson.

Motor Traffic Detail— Regt. No.
- Mechanic Lock, J. G. M., Nelson — 453
- 1/Cst. Slater, F., Nelson — 507
- 1/Cst. McCulloch, W., Penticton — 491
- 1/Cst. Elphick, N. H., Trail — 735

Boundary District—
- Sergt. Halcrow, D., Penticton — 440
- Corpl. Murray, W. C., Penticton — 424
- 1/Cst. Cartmell, H., Penticton — 419
- 1/Cst. Georgeson, D. C., Penticton — 632
- 1/Radio Opr. Fleet, W. G., Penticton — 660
- 3/Cst. Lafek, J., Penticton — 869
- Spec. Cst. Waddell, W. D., Penticton —
- 1/Cst. Stewart, W. B., Keremeos — 39
- 1/Cst. Winegarden, N. J., Oliver — 415
- 1/Cst. Hassard, R. H., Princeton — 313
- 1/Cst. Haynes, B. H., Princeton — 682
- 2/Cst. Atchison, C. H., Princeton — 819
- 1/Cst. Hemingway, W. W., Summerland — 522

Grand Forks District—
- Corpl. McKay, E. F., Grand Forks — 456
- 2/Cst. Drew, D. V., Grand Forks — 796
- 3/Cst. Pelton, G. A., Grand Forks — 862
- 3/Cst. Cox, J. E. D., Grand Forks — 871
- 1/Cst. Emsley, G. J., Greenwood — 509

Fernie Police District—
- Corpl. Pomeroy, A. J., Fernie — 372
- 1/Cst. Neff, D. G., Fernie — 666
- 1/Cst. Gaunt, A., Fernie — 670

Fernie Police District—*Continued.* Regt. No.
- 3/Cst. Ivens, R. J., Fernie — 952
- 3/Cst. Jamieson, H. O., Fernie — 962
- 1/Cst. Doree, L. A., Natal — 360
- 3/Cst. Spiers, D. A., Natal — 910

East Kootenay District—
- Sergt. McKay, W. J., Cranbrook — 337
- 1/Cst. Scott, J., Cranbrook — 468
- 1/Cst. Shiell, R., Cranbrook — 506
- 2/Cst. Roberts, J. A., Cranbrook — 831
- 3/Cst. Howarth, P. W., Cranbrook — 883
- 3/Cst. Wells, N. W., Cranbrook — 889
- Spec. Cst. Davis, T. E., Cranbrook —
- 1/Cst. Brabazon, A. G., Invermere — 434
- 1/Cst. Sweeney, J. P., Kimberley — 618
- 3/Cst. Baker, T. F., Kimberley — 905
- Miss M. D. V. Howey (steno.), Kimberley —

West Kootenay District—
- S/Sergt. Wood, H. N., Nelson — 73
- Corpl. White, J., Nelson — 402
- 1/Cst. Blaney, G. S., Nelson — 552
- 1/Cst. Quigley, T. A., Nelson — 562
- 1/Clerk Amsden, P. H., Nelson — 591
- 1/Cst. Lindsay, H., Nelson — 711
- 2/Cst. Rogers, D. G., Nelson — 795
- 2/Cst. Martin, W., Lower Bonnington — 786
- 1/Cst. DeVoin, J. L., Castlegar — 648

"B" Division—*Continued.*

West Kootenay District—*Continued.*

	Regt. No.
2/Cst. Pye, D. H., Castlegar	829
1/Cst. Nelson, F. E., Creston	586
1/Cst. Lemm, W. I., Creston	555
1/Cst. Parsons, M. S., Fruitvale	713
1/Cst. Glaholm, T. W., Kaslo	566
1/Cst. Butler, H. J., Nakusp	571
1/Cst. Armson, W. F., New Denver	590
1/Cst. Jackson, J. S., Rossland City	627
3/Cst. Bacon, H. F., Rossland City	904
1/Cst. Payne, J. R., Salmo	776
1/Cst. Anderson, G. W., Trail	774
Mrs. M. G. Cook (steno.), Trail	

"C" Division.

Officer Commanding—Inspector C. G. Barber, Kamloops.
Divisional Clerk—Asst. Chief Clerk Wellings, J. E., Kamloops, Regt. No. 399.
Radio Operator—Sr. Radio Opr. Reith, S. V., Kamloops, Regt. No. 422.

	Regt. No.
Motor Traffic Detail—	
Asst. Mech. Supvr. Fiander, T. A., Kamloops	447
1/Cst. Gurr, C. J., Vernon	523
1/Cst. Whisker, C., Salmon Arm	703
Kamloops City—	
Corpl. Jennings, H. J., Kamloops	335
1/Cst. Quaite, T. C. S., Kamloops	680
1/Cst. Forrester, R., Kamloops	770
2/Cst. Thomson, M. L., Kamloops	828
3/Cst. Campbell, J. L., Kamloops	935
3/Cst. Roberts, W. P., Kamloops	938
3/Cst. MacColl, D. C., Kamloops	953
North-east Kootenay District—	
Sergt. Dunbar, A., Revelstoke	353
Sergt. Jarvis, E. A., Revelstoke	375
1/Cst. Macdonald, M., Revelstoke	692
1/Cst. Brandon, J. Q. W., Revelstoke	765
2/Radio Opr. Bulman-Fleming, S. E., Revelstoke	808
2/Cst. Godfrey, M. R., Revelstoke	841
1/Cst. King, J., Golden	476
Kamloops District—	
S/Sergt. Fairbairn, A., Kamloops	33
1/Clerk Brown, J. M., Kamloops	517
1/Cst. Heatley, G. D., Kamloops	559
2/Cst. Bruce, W. A., Kamloops	787
1/Cst. Teal, W. T., Kamloops	805
Mrs. M. J. Harris (steno.), Kamloops	
2/Cst. Ball, G. D., Blue River	837
1/Cst. Waddell, C. J., Chase	546
1/Cst. Fraser, T. C., Merritt	706
2/Cst. Wisenden, J. A., Red Pass	790
Cariboo District—	
Sergt. Baker, T. W., Williams Lake	135
1/Cst. Sharpe, W. H., Williams Lake	601
2/Cst. Kemp, W. H., Williams Lake	818
3/Radio Opr. Patrick, H. C., Williams Lake	880

	Regt. No.
Cariboo District—*Continued.*	
1/Cst. Wales, E. A., Quesnel	614
3/Cst. Ritson, J. C. W., Quesnel	940
1/Cst. Anderson, E. D., Barkerville	625
1/Cst. Bailey, W. G., Alexis Creek	547
Yale District—	
Sergt. Hooker, J. W., Ashcroft	388
1/Cst. Grahame, M. G., Ashcroft	526
3/Cst. Dykes, J. N., Ashcroft	907
2/Cst. Holley, J. R., Bralorne	827
1/Cst. Olson, L. I., Bridge River	946
1/Cst. Gray, J. D. L., Clinton	663
1/Cst. Welsman, R. S., Lillooet	484
1/Cst. Blakiston-Gray, J., Lytton	652
1/Cst. Gregory, J. F., Spences Bridge	772
Kelowna District—	
Sergt. Macdonald, A., Kelowna	298
1/Cst. Wyman, G. A., Kelowna	549
1/Cst. Murdoch, J. W., Kelowna	557
1/Cst. Olts, W. H., Kelowna	606
1/Cst. Nicklen, F. W., Kelowna	761
3/Cst. Callens, J. H., Kelowna	939
Vernon District—	
Sergt. Nelson, R. S., Vernon	262
Corpl. Hodgkin, W. L., Vernon	397
1/Cst. Duncan, A., Vernon	721
1/Cst. Craig, W. A., Vernon	782
3/Cst. Drysdale, P. Q., Vernon	865
3/Cst. Dale, H. M., Vernon	877
3/Cst. Hamilton, J. F., Vernon	945
3/Cst. Gibbon, A. E., Vernon	947
1/Cst. Hayward, R. H. P., Armstrong	412
1/Cst. Mackinlay, R., Enderby	802
1/Cst. Quesnel, J. A., Lumby	269
1/Cst. Moore, T., Salmon Arm	580
3/Cst. Calvert, A., Salmon Arm	861
1/Cst. Smith, A. G., Sicamous	656

"D" Division.

Officer Commanding—Inspector E. Gammon, Prince Rupert.
Divisional Clerk—Sr. Clerk Mead, G. D., Prince Rupert, Regt. No. 201.
Radio Operator—Sr. Radio Opr. Davis, W. T., Prince Rupert, Regt. No. 778.
Radio Operator—2/Radio Opr. Ward, J., Prince Rupert, Regt. No. 847.

Prince Rupert District—	Regt. No.
Sergt. Hall, O. L., Prince Rupert	278
1/Cst. Oland, C. F., Prince Rupert	41
3/Skpr. Brooksbank, F. H., P.M.L. 15, Prince Rupert	675
3/Engnr. Moorehouse, T., P.M.L. 15, Prince Rupert	848
3/Radio Opr. Shantz, D. O., P.M.L. 15, Prince Rupert	937
1/Cst. Knox, J. A., Stewart	500
2/Cst. Kelly, T. J., Atlin	794
1/Cst. Todd, J. W., Telegraph Creek	727
2/Cst. Meredith-Jones, J. H., Terrace	834
3/Cst. McKinnon, L. W., Terrace	903
3/Cst. Richmond, W. H., Terrace	919
1/Cst. Bell, E. W., Port Essington	798
Ocean Falls District—	
Corpl. Potterton, L. A. N., Ocean Falls	297
3/Skpr. Mason, W. J., P.M.L. 7, Ocean Falls	813
1/Radio Opr. Robson, A., P.M.L. 7, Ocean Falls	784
3/Engnr. Gorrie, C. D., P.M.L. 7, Ocean Falls	810
1/Cst. Trant, W. F. C., Bella Coola	622

Prince Rupert City Detachment—	Regt. No.
S/Sergt. Gallagher, F. W., Prince Rupert	68
Corpl. Lashmar, A. T., Prince Rupert	425
1/Cst. Moore, R. C., Prince Rupert	771
2/Cst. McLeod, M. H., Prince Rupert	844
3/Cst. Ferguson, S., Prince Rupert	856
3/Cst. Gardiner, W. C., Prince Rupert	866
3/Cst. Walker, F. J., Prince Rupert	867
3/Cst. Brotherstone, G. Y., Prince Rupert	906
3/Cst. Strouts, R. W., Prince Rupert	915
3/Cst. McAllister, J. R., Prince Rupert	941
3/Cst. Turtle, E. M. C., Prince Rupert	959
Hazelton District—	
Sergt. Boyt, F. W. B., Smithers	310
1/Cst. Ramsay, C. N., Smithers	718
2/Cst. West, W. A. A., Smithers	824
3/Cst. Taylor, J. R., Smithers	913
1/Cst. Clark, J. S., Burns Lake	684
1/Cst. Irving, W. B., Hazelton	769
Queen Charlotte District—	
Corpl. Brunton, T. D., Queen Charlotte City	449
3/Cst. Bradley, E., Masset	855

"E" Division.

Officer Commanding—Assistant Commissioner J. Shirras, Vancouver.
Sub-Inspr. R. Harvey, Vancouver.
Divisional Clerk—Sub-Inspr. F. Swanson, Vancouver.
Asst. Divisional Clerk—3/Clerk Ferguson, W. C., Vancouver, Regt. No. 901.
Radio Operator—Sr. Radio Opr. Putland, R., Vancouver, Regt. No. 438.
Stenographer—Miss A. Welch, Vancouver.
Stenographer—Miss M. C. Thibaudeau, Vancouver.

Motor Traffic Detail—	Regt. No.
Asst. Mech. Supvr. Macdonald, H. D., Vancouver	520
Mechanic Lees, R. A., Vancouver	433
1/Cst. Dillabough, A. J., Chilliwack	558
Vancouver District—	
S/Sergt. Duncan, G. J., Vancouver	75
Sergt. Ledoux, C., Vancouver	253
Sergt. Barwis, C. W. A., Vancouver	352
Corpl. Phipps, M. T., Vancouver	446
Det. Macdonald, J. A., Vancouver	489
1/Cst. Thomson, D. S. E., Vancouver	428
1/Cst. Orchard, W. C., Vancouver	502
1/Cst. Kelsberg, P., Vancouver	542

Vancouver District—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
1/Cst. Bradner, F. E., Vancouver	567
1/Cst. Cameron, J., Vancouver	653
1/Cst. Walker, R., Vancouver	704
1/Cst. Williamson, J. O., Vancouver	736
1/Cst. Johnston, W. A., Vancouver	797
3/Cst. Abrahamson, F. C., Vancouver	949
3/Cst. Cofield, R. J., Vancouver	963
Miss L. K. Reid (steno.), Vancouver	
1/Cst. Aylward, W. P., University	738
1/Cst. Fox, A. E. P., Squamish	602
3/Cst. Cottingham, W. L., Squamish	932
Corpl. Jeeves, F. L., Powell River	483

"E" DIVISION—*Continued.*

Vancouver District—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
3/Skpr. Allan, R. E., Powell River	887
2/Cst. Betts, J. F., Powell River	820
3/Radio Opr. Lane, L. R. C., Powell River	878
1/Cst. Horne, A. G., Sechelt	723
Chilliwack District—	
Sergt. Thomson, W. J., Chilliwack	293
1/Cst. McWhirter, D. R., Chilliwack	503
1/Radio Opr. Dobell, J. D., Chilliwack	599
1/Cst. Sutherland, A. J., Chilliwack	695
1/Cst. Ellis, R. N., Chilliwack	708
2/Cst. Fleming, B. B., Chilliwack	840
3/Cst. Turnbull, R. H., Chilliwack	955
Spec. Cst. Fielders, J. A., Chilliwack	
Corpl. MacAndrew, G. A., Abbotsford	421
3/Cst. Nelson, G. S., Abbotsford	851
1/Cst. Frazer, H. J., Alexandria Bridge	886
1/Cst. Davey, J. H., Agassiz	529
1/Cst. Norman, H. L., Hope	423
1/Cst. Bell, J., Sumas	737
Burnaby District—	
Sergt. Anderson, C., Burnaby	679
1/Cst. Asel, N. E., Burnaby	569
1/Cst. Pearson, G. S., Burnaby	579
1/Cst. Twist, H., Burnaby	607
1/Cst. Dowling, J. T. E., Burnaby	624
1/Cst. Marsh, T. B., Burnaby	698
1/Cst. Dilworth, G. R., Burnaby	700
1/Cst. Cave, E. E., Burnaby	702
1/Cst. Nelson, N. C. B., Burnaby	733
3/Cst. Brown, T. G., Burnaby	860
3/Cst. Abrahamson, A. A., Burnaby	874
3/Cst. Innis, R. J., Burnaby	891
3/Cst. Curle, W. G., Burnaby	897
3/Cst. Smith, L. G., Burnaby	909
3/Cst. Klick, H. E., Burnaby	923
3/Cst. Stringer, R. I., Burnaby	934
New Westminster District—	
Sergt. Woods-Johnson, F. B., New Westminster	430
1/Cst. Vise, R., New Westminster	556
1/Cst. Scales, T., New Westminster	600
1/Cst. Causton, I. R., New Westminster	677
3/Cst. Estlin, C. E., New Westminster	914
3/Cst. Bonner, H. G. G., New Westminster	864

New Westminster District—*Continued.*	Regt. No.
3/Cst. James, W., Pattullo Bridge	926
3/Cst. Davies, H. G., Pattullo Bridge	928
3/Cst. Gibbon, N. D., Pattullo Bridge	931
3/Cst. Biswanger, R., Pattullo Bridge	950
1/Cst. Saunders, F. G., Port Coquitlam	662
1/Cst. Dale-Johnson, V. L. E., Port Coquitlam	712
2/Cst. McGary, J. D., Coquitlam	825
Corpl. Kirkup, J., Essondale	387
3/Cst. Robertson, T. D., Haney	879
1/Cst. McGeachan, J., Haney	568
1/Cst. Johnston, J. A., Langley Municipality	541
2/Cst. Malins, E. M., Langley Municipality	839
1/Cst. Leighton, R. K., Mission	610
3/Cst. Cummins, J. N., Mission	853
3/Cst. Piers, C. E., Mission	912
North Vancouver District—	
Sergt. Herdman, T., North Vancouver	315
1/Cst. Williams, J. A., North Vancouver	59
1/Cst. Sharpe, G. C., North Vancouver	153
1/Cst. Kirkham, J. W., North Vancouver	442
1/Cst. MacBrayne, M. B., North Vancouver	486
1/Cst. Cummings, R., North Vancouver	570
1/Cst. McDonald, D. A., North Vancouver	683
1/Cst. Chamberlin, D. E., North Vancouver	696
3/Cst. Nott, S. T., North Vancouver	908
3/Cst. Felker, D. B., North Vancouver	916
3/Cst. Fletcher, J. M., North Vancouver	917
3/Cst. Stevens, M., North Vancouver	930
1/Cst. Murdoch, W., Deep Cove	766
1/Cst. Payne, D. A. B., Lynn Creek	640
Richmond District—	
Corpl. Watt, J. C., Brighouse	469
1/Cst. Spall, A. E., Brighouse	801
2/Cst. Mumford, C. W., Brighouse	800
3/Cst. Brue, T., Brighouse	873

Fort George Subdivision.

	Regt. No.
Sergt. Clark, G. H., Prince George	186
Corpl. De Witt, N. O., Prince George	368
1/Cst. McKenney, H. L., Prince George	205
1/Cst. Smith, W., Prince George	270
2/Cst. Russell, J. H., Prince George	817
2/Radio Opr. Lennox, S. J., Prince George	843
3/Cst. Cowan, W. L., Prince George	863
3/Cst. Perry, G. A., Prince George	920
3/Cst. Maxwell, T. R., Prince George	921
3/Cst. Jakeman, L. H., Prince George	922
3/Cst. Corey, E. T., Prince George	944
3/Cst. Demmon, W. A., Prince George	951
1/Cst. Munkley, B. E., Fort St. James	716
1/Cst. Blezard, J., McBride	441
3/Cst. Price, C. W., Pinchi Lake	899
1/Cst. McIndoe, D. D., Vanderhoof	481

Peace River Subdivision.

	Regt. No.
S/Inspr. Mansell, H. H., Pouce Coupe	
Sergt. Raybone, S. E., Pouce Coupe	369
1/Cst. Smith, P. B., Pouce Coupe	362
2/Radio Opr. Harrison, R. P., Pouce Coupe	809
3/Cst. Hughes, G. B., Pouce Coupe	925
Corpl. Sweeney, J. C., Dawson Creek	490
1/Cst. Begallie, M. L., Dawson Creek	722
1/Cst. Lewis, H. S., Dawson Creek	734
2/Cst. Drysdale, W., Dawson Creek	814
2/Cst. Faryon, L. E., Dawson Creek	823
3/Cst. Rosberg, E. L., Dawson Creek	902
3/Cst. Fletcher, W. D., Dawson Creek	948
3/Cst. Youngberg, G. E., Dawson Creek	964
1/Cst. Mew, E. W., Fort St. John	592
1/Cst. Lumsden, W. J. F., Fort St. John	731
1/Cst. Poole, J. G., Fort St. John	781
2/Cst. Blair, W. F., Liard River	842
1/Cst. Boulton, P., Muskwa	667

APPENDIX IV.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

SUMMARY REPORT FOR YEAR 1943.

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT.	Total Accidents reported.	PERSONS INJURED.													
		Total injured.	Male.	Female.	Sex not stated.	Age Groups.									Ages not stated.
						0–4.	5–14.	15–19.	20–29.	30–39.	40–49.	50–64.	65 and over.		
Collision with—															
1. Another motor-vehicle	3,087	868	475	389	4	15	34	57	192	165	121	129	35	120	
2. Motor-cycle	89	77†	72	5	-----	-----	5	19	33	11	-----	2	-----	7	
3. Pedestrian	622	619*	399	218	2	57	119	31	33	45	43	77	45	169	
4. Street-car	428	104	63	41	-----	-----	2	8	25	21	15	13	3	17	
5. Railroad train	25	7	5	2	-----	1	2	-----	1	-----	1	1	1	-----	
6. Horse-drawn vehicle	15	4	4	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	1	-----	-----	1	-----	1	
7. Bicycle	232	226‡	177	47	2	-----	79	44	17	7	13	15	7	44	
8. Animal	41	9	6	3	-----	-----	-----	2	3	3	-----	1	-----	-----	
9. Fixed object	313	157	100	57	-----	2	4	19	53	28	15	19	5	12	
10. Sleigh	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
11. Miscellaneous	22	21	17	4	-----	6	5	1	5	-----	-----	-----	1	3	
12. Non-collision accident	339	311	202	99	10	17	17	21	69	41	19	36	8	83	
13. Not stated	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Totals	5,213	2,403	1,520	865	18	98	267	203	432	321	227	294	105	456	

TYPE OF ACCIDENT.	PERSONS KILLED.												TOTALS FOR YEAR TO DATE.		
	Total killed.	Male.	Female.	Sex not stated.	Age Groups.							Ages not stated.	Acci-dents.	Injured.	Killed.
					0–4.	5–14.	15–19.	20–29.	30–39.	40–49.	50–64.	65 and over.				
Collision with—															
1. Another motor-vehicle	12	8	4	-----	-----	1	-----	1	4	1	2	1	2	3,087	868	12
2. Motor-cycle	3†	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	89	77	3
3. Pedestrian	47*	40	7	-----	4	7	-----	-----	1	2	11	19	3	622	619	47
4. Street-car	6	5	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	2	1	1	-----	428	104	6
5. Railroad train	5	5	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	2	-----	1	1	-----	25	7	5
6. Horse-drawn vehicle	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15	4	-----
7. Bicycle	7‡	5	2	-----	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	2	-----	232	226	7
8. Animal	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	41	9	-----
9. Fixed object	11	7	4	-----	1	-----	-----	6	1	3	-----	-----	-----	313	157	11
10. Sleigh	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
11. Miscellaneous	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	22	21	1
12. Non-collision accident	29	26	3	-----	-----	-----	1	10	5	6	4	2	1	339	311	29
13. Not stated	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Totals	121	100	21	-----	5	11	2	20	15	14	21	26	7	5,213	2,403	121

* Five pedestrians injured; one killed in other accidents; seven victims, not pedestrians, injured in pedestrian accidents. † Sixteen motor-cyclists injured; five killed in other accidents; three victims, not motor-cyclists, injured in motor-cycle accidents. ‡ One bicyclist injured in a miscellaneous accident; two victims, not bicyclists, injured in bicycle accidents.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

2. HOUR OF OCCURRENCE.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
12 to 1 a.m.	145	3	56	86
1 to 2 a.m.	94	1	36	57
2 to 3 a.m.	61	3	21	37
3 to 4 a.m.	49	2	19	28
4 to 5 a.m.	29	1	13	15
5 to 6 a.m.	17	.....	4	13
6 to 7 a.m.	58	4	21	33
7 to 8 a.m.	231	4	95	132
8 to 9 a.m.	206	6	55	145
9 to 10 a.m.	262	4	66	192
10 to 11 a.m.	311	7	70	234
11 to 12 m.	323	3	88	232
12 to 1 p.m.	236	7	82	147
1 to 2 p.m.	198	2	64	132
2 to 3 p.m.	253	2	81	170
3 to 4 p.m.	333	6	113	214
4 to 5 p.m.	466	6	152	308
5 to 6 p.m.	436	4	155	277
6 to 7 p.m.	325	12	123	190
7 to 8 p.m.	301	9	106	186
8 to 9 p.m.	224	6	84	134
9 to 10 p.m.	193	4	71	118
10 to 11 p.m.	201	5	77	119
11 to 12 p.m.	219	9	73	137
Not stated	42	4	20	18
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

3. DAY OF OCCURRENCE.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Sunday	509	19	190	300
2. Monday	712	12	235	465
3. Tuesday	733	18	237	478
4. Wednesday	651	7	229	415
5. Thursday	667	15	212	440
6. Friday	938	20	307	611
7. Saturday	1,001	23	334	644
8. Not stated	2	.....	1	1
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

4. TYPE OF VEHICLES INVOLVED.	NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Private passenger	5,605	53	1,594	3,958
2. Motor-cycle	145	7	112	26
3. Stage	12	5	2	5
4. Taxi	266	1	71	194
5. Bus	138	4	50	84
6. Delivery	560	10	154	396
7. "Drive Yourself"	39	.....	10	29
8. Truck	1,728	46	424	1,258
9. Not stated	2	2	.....	.....
Totals	8,495	128	2,417	5,950

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

5. RAILROAD CROSSINGS.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Gates not down	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. Guarded crossing—man on duty	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. Automatic signal	1	.....	.....	1
4. Unguarded crossing	17	2	2	13
5. Driver disregarded signal	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Signal not given	4	.....	1	3
7. Not stated	3	2	.....	1
Totals	25	4	3	18

6. DRIVERS INVOLVED, DESCRIPTION OF.	NUMBER OF DRIVERS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Male	7,858	119	2,233	5,506
2. Female	591	7	173	411
3. Not stated	46	2	11	33
Totals	8,495	128	2,417	5,950

AGE OF DRIVER.	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Under 18 years	220	2	86	132
2. 18 to 24 years	1,300	25	392	883
3. 25 to 40 years	3,792	59	1,097	2,636
4. 41 to 54 years	1,903	24	469	1,410
5. 55 to 64 years	867	7	271	589
6. 65 years and over	272	4	69	199
7. Not stated	141	7	33	101

DRIVING EXPERIENCE.	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Less than 3 months	48	1	20	27
2. 3 to 6 months	53	.....	22	31
3. 6 to 12 months	90	.....	30	60
4. 1 to 4 years	1,133	19	351	763
5. 5 years and over	7,012	97	1,945	4,970
6. Not stated	159	11	49	99

CONDITION OF DRIVER.	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Intoxicated	21	1	7	13
2. Physical defect	18	.....	10	8
3. Extreme fatigue	22	3	7	12
4. Normal	7,793	96	2,208	5,489
5. Other	7	.....	2	5
6. Not stated	634	28	183	423

LICENCE OF DRIVER.	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Licensed in B.C.	8,172	116	2,303	5,753
2. Unlicensed	183	6	66	111
3. Non-resident	135	4	48	83
4. Not stated	5	2	.....	3

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

7. ACTION OF DRIVER CONTRIBUTING TO ACCIDENT.	NUMBER OF DRIVERS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Reckless driving	364	9	152	203
2. Exceeding speed-limit	5	1	4	.....
3. On wrong side of road	327	4	78	245
4. Did not have right-of-way	1,077	1	257	819
5. Cutting-in	92	1	8	83
6. Passing standing street-car	3	.....	.....	3
7. Passing on curve or hill	297	3	54	240
8. Passing on wrong side	2	.....	.....	2
9. Failing to signal	269	.....	12	257
10. Cutting left corner	65	.....	15	50
11. Car ran away	114	6	25	83
12. Through street—did not stop	40	.....	13	27
13. Driving off roadway	462	18	162	282
14. Driving through safety-zone	.....	.....	.....	.....
15. Car standing in roadway	473	2	72	399
16. Hit and run	73	2	2	69
17. Passing at intersection	39	.....	4	35
18. Following too close	351	.....	52	299
19. Railroad—did not stop	13	2	3	8
20. Not stated	4,429	79	1,504	2,846
Totals	8,495	128	2,417	5,950

8. Amount of property damage for period covered by this report, $592,973.38.
Amount of property damage this year to date, $592,973.38.

9. PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED, ACTIONS OF.	NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS.		
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.
1. Getting on or off a street-car	19	.....	19
2. Getting on or off another vehicle	10	.....	10
3. Crossing at intersection with signal	20	.....	20
4. Crossing at intersection against signal	20	.....	20
5. Crossing at intersection—no signal	94	3	91
6. Standing on safety-isle	9	.....	9
7. In street—not at intersection	112	9	103
8. Working on car or roadway	6	1	5
9. Riding or hitching on vehicle	8	3	5
10. Not on roadway	7	2	5
11. Walking on or along highway	81	12	69
12. Playing in street	52	3	49
13. Crossing street diagonally	48	2	46
14. Coming from behind vehicle	87	6	81
15. Not known	92	7	85
Totals	665	48	617

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

Condition of Pedestrian.	Number of Pedestrians.		
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.
1. Intoxicated	23	1	22
2. Physical defect	8	------	8
3. Confused by traffic	26	------	26
4. View obstructed	29	3	26
5. Careless	191	14	177
6. Normal	236	15	221
7. Not stated	152	15	137
Totals	665	48	617

10. Classification of Victims.	Number of Victims.		
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.
1. Drivers	482	30	452
2. Passengers	1,025	28	997
3. Pedestrians	665*	48	617
4. Others (persons in horse-drawn vehicles, etc.)	22	------	22
5. Bicyclists	232‡	7	225
6. Motor-cycle drivers	83†	6	77
7. Motor-cycle passengers	15†	2	13
8. Not stated	------	------	------
Totals	2,524	121	2,403

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11. Nature of Injuries.	Number of Victims.		
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.
1. Fractured skull	71	57	14
2. Fractured spine	------	------	------
3. Other fractures	245	21	224
4. Concussion of brain	22	------	22
5. Severe general shock with bruises and cuts	86	10	76
6. Slight shock and shake-up	1,726	------	1,726
7. Internal injuries	29	13	16
8. Other injuries (sprains, dislocations, etc.)	229	9	220
9. Cuts by glass (only)	16	------	16
10. Drowned	4	4	------
11. Burned	------	------	------
12. Asphyxiated	------	------	------
13. Not stated	96	7	89
Totals	2,524	121	2,403

12. Light Conditions.	Number of Accidents.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Daylight	3,348	60	1,079	2,209
2. Dusk	370	5	125	240
3. Artificial light—good	374	12	123	239
4. Artificial light—poor	189	3	80	106
5. Darkness	912	33	330	549
6. Not stated	20	1	8	11
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

13. CONDITION OF VEHICLES INVOLVED.	NUMBER OF VEHICLES.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Brakes defective	80	3	22	55
2. Steering-gear defective	50	2	21	27
3. Other defects	21	.....	9	12
4. Glaring head-lights	7	.....	.....	7
5. Head-light out (1 light)	7	1	1	5
6. Head-lights out (both)	15	.....	4	11
7. Head-lights dim	53	.....	16	37
8. Tail-light out or obscured	18	.....	6	12
9. No chains (slippery road)	155	1	30	124
10. Puncture or blow-out	50	1	18	31
11. Apparently good	8,003	116	2,279	5,608
12. Not stated	36	4	11	21
Totals	8,495	128	2,417	5,950

14. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.	NUMBER OF VEHICLES.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Going straight	5,650	98	1,752	3,800
2. Turning right	587	5	175	407
3. Turning left	1,012	18	282	712
4. Backing	250	3	54	193
5. Parked or standing still	948	4	139	805
6. Slowing down or stopping	11	.....	2	9
7. Skidding	16	.....	8	8
8. Not stated	21	.....	5	16
Totals	8,495	128	2,417	5,950

15. ROAD SURFACE.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Dry surface	2,954	71	1,086	1,797
2. Wet surface	1,304	21	439	844
3. Muddy surface	32	.....	13	19
4. Snowy surface	198	3	46	149
5. Icy surface	598	9	115	474
6. Loose sand or gravel	108	7	39	62
7. Not stated	19	3	7	9
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

16. ROAD CONDITION.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Defect in roadway	60	3	23	34
2. Road under repair	19	3	7	9
3. Obstruction in road	21	1	6	14
4. Normal	4,535	70	1,517	2,948
5. Other	45	2	11	32
6. Not stated	533	35	181	317
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA—*Continued.*

17. TYPE OF ROAD.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Concrete	977	17	294	666
2. Asphalt	3,506	57	1,224	2,225
3. Gravel	544	30	169	345
4. Earth	73	4	30	39
5. Brick or cobble	70	2	17	51
6. Not stated	43	4	11	28
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

18. WEATHER CONDITIONS.	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.			
	Total.	Fatal.	Personal Injury.	Property Damage only.
1. Clear	3,149	82	1,114	1,953
2. Cloudy	490	11	187	292
3. Fog or mist	795	7	182	606
4. Rain	639	11	228	400
5. Snow	122	1	27	94
6. Smoke or dust	9	1	5	3
7. Not stated	9	1	2	6
Totals	5,213	114	1,745	3,354

APPENDIX V.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MOTOR-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, 1942–43, ACCORDING TO LOCATION.

City Municipalities.

Place.	Number of Accidents.				Number of Vehicles.				Number of Injured.				Number of Deaths.				Property Damage.			
	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Alberni	7	4	.....	42.8	14	7	.....	50.0	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$549.50	$500.00	.....	8.9
Armstrong	.....	2	100.0	.....	.....	3	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	100.0	.....
Chilliwack City	12	15	25.0	.....	19	28	32.1	.....	7	3	.....	57.1	.....	.....	.....	.....	803.50	1,330.50	65.6	.....
Courtenay	10	10	.....	.....	16	19	18.7	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,259	1,160.00	.....	7.8
Cranbrook	8	7	.....	12.5	15	10	.....	33.3	1	4	300.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,243.50	175.00	.....	85.9
Cumberland	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	2	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	100.0	.....
Duncan	19	26	36.8	.....	32	47	46.8	.....	4	8	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,031.70	1,942.25	.....	4.3
Enderby	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fernie	4	3	.....	25.0	5	4	.....	20.0	1	2	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	155.00	37.50	.....	76.1
Grand Forks	1	.....	.....	100.0	1	.....	.....	100.0	1	.....	.....	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kamloops	4	24	500.0	.....	7	39	457.1	.....	.....	10	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	2,807.52	835.6	.....
Kaslo	2	.....	.....	100.0	2	.....	.....	100.0	1	.....	.....	100.0	1	.....	.....	100.0	790.00	.....	.....	100.0
Kelowna	14	14	.....	.....	20	24	20.0	.....	12	3	.....	75.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,412.50	1,034.20	.....	57.1
Ladysmith	3	1	.....	66.6	6	2	.....	66.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	291.50	105.00	.....	63.9
Merritt	2	2	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205.00	116.60	.....	46.6
Nanaimo	47	31	.....	34.04	86	48	.....	44.1	7	10	42.8	.....	1	.....	.....	100.0	4,277.45	2,485.85	.....	41.9
Nelson	11	12	9.09	.....	17	19	11.7	.....	3	6	100.0	.....	2	.....	.....	100.0	1,445.14	2,265.52	56.7	.....
New Westminster	153	207	35.2	.....	263	356	35.3	.....	68	86	26.4	.....	3	6	100.0	.....	14,874.40	24,239.67	62.9	.....
North Vancouver City	16	25	56.2	.....	32	44	37.5	.....	8	24	200.0	.....	.....	1	100.0	.....	3,238.00	4,614.50	42.1	.....
Port Alberni	31	26	.....	16.1	50	41	.....	18.0	11	17	54.5	.....	2	1	.....	50.0	2,784.50	3,377.50	21.2	.....
Port Coquitlam	4	10	150.0	.....	7	15	114.2	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	810.00	1,267.50	56.4	.....
Port Moody	10	3	.....	70.0	13	4	.....	69.2	10	.....	.....	100.0	.....	1	100.0	.....	1,280.00	345.50	.....	73.04
Prince George	18	23	27.7	.....	33	41	24.2	.....	4	5	25.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,700.00	2,750.00	1.8	.....
Prince Rupert	30	54	80.0	.....	48	87	81.2	.....	15	24	60.0	.....	1	3	200.0	.....	2,653.35	5,646.66	112.8	.....
Revelstoke	2	2	.....	.....	4	3	.....	25.0	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250.00	150.00	.....	40.0
Rossland	6	11	83.3	.....	9	19	111.1	.....	4	2	.....	50.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	257.50	1,486.00	478.2	.....
Salmon Arm City	.....	2	100.0	.....	.....	4	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110.00	100.0	.....
Trail	21	14	.....	33.3	32	22	.....	31.25	10	7	.....	30.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,634.00	780.50	.....	52.2
Vancouver	2,865	2,811	.....	1.8	4,795	4,657	.....	2.8	1,187	1,111	.....	6.4	32	27	.....	15.6	263,473.59	268,883.17	2.05	.....
Vernon	25	26	4.0	.....	42	42	.....	.....	14	13	.....	7.1	.....	1	100.0	.....	3,061.85	2,043.85	.....	33.2
Victoria	450	369	.....	18.0	758	605	.....	20.1	192	159	.....	17.1	2	5	150.0	.....	39,048.62	34,650.90	.....	11.2
Totals	3,775	2,736	.....	1.03	6,329	6,196	.....	2.1	1,567	1,504	.....	4.02	44	45	2.2	.....	$351,829.60	$364,605.69	3.6	.....

District Municipalities.

Place.	Number of Accidents.				Number of Vehicles.				Number of Injured.				Number of Deaths.				Property Damage.			
	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Burnaby	126	173	37.3	.....	215	284	32.09	.....	67	78	16.4	.....	1	6	500.0	.....	$15,294.34	$21,066.85	37.7	.....
Chilliwhack	68	33	.....	51.3	96	48	.....	50.0	31	22	.....	29.03	4	2	.....	50.0	10,311.90	6,122.75	.....	40.7
Coldstream	1	6	500.0	.....	1	8	700.0	.....	.....	8	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.00	110.00	323.07	.....
Coquitlam	2	18	800.0	.....	4	30	650.0	.....	.....	5	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109.00	1,614.25	1,380.7	.....
Delta	15	10	.....	33.3	24	16	.....	33.3	11	6	.....	45.5	2	2	.....	.....	1,745.00	405.00	.....	76.7
Esquimalt	33	19	.....	42.3	48	30	.....	37.5	17	10	.....	41.1	.....	1	100.0	.....	4,649.00	2,461.08	.....	47.06
Kent	3	1	.....	66.6	3	1	.....	66.6	3	1	.....	66.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,542.00	35.00	.....	97.7
Langley	39	28	.....	28.2	63	40	36.5	.....	22	14	.....	36.3	6	2	.....	66.6	4,725.00	3,589.50	.....	24.04
Maple Ridge	22	6	.....	72.7	33	8	.....	75.7	14	5	.....	64.2	2	.....	.....	100.0	5,692.95	380.00	.....	93.3
Matsqui	25	30	20.0	.....	40	47	17.5	.....	27	32	18.5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	4,523.50	6,172.43	36.4	.....
Mission	10	14	40.0	.....	16	21	31.25	.....	13	6	.....	53.8	.....	1	100.0	.....	1,612.50	1,456.50	.....	9.6
North Cowichan	15	27	80.0	.....	25	38	52.0	.....	4	19	375.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,572.00	3,264.15	26.9	.....
North Vancouver	19	27	42.1	.....	30	49	63.3	.....	3	23	666.6	.....	2	1	.....	50.0	2,447.55	4,020.24	64.2	.....
Oak Bay	24	16	.....	33.3	34	23	.....	32.3	13	11	.....	15.8	1	.....	.....	100.0	2,995.25	6,647.57	121.9	.....
Peachland	.....	1	100.0	.....	.....	2	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84.00	100.0	.....
Penticton	18	12	.....	33.3	28	18	.....	35.7	8	6	.....	25.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,218.70	1,395.00	.....	56.6
Pitt Meadows	7	4	.....	42.8	12	7	.....	41.6	4	1	.....	75.0	2	.....	.....	100.0	2,287.00	660.75	.....	71.1
Richmond	40	59	47.5	.....	68	108	58.8	.....	19	33	73.6	.....	2	1	.....	50.0	4,695.90	9,505.44	102.4	.....
Saanich	85	63	.....	25.8	150	97	.....	35.3	39	37	.....	5.1	2	2	.....	.....	14,362.90	7,433.58	.....	48.2
Salmon Arm	6	2	.....	66.6	9	3	.....	66.6	8	1	.....	87.5	1	.....	.....	100.0	685.00	62.00	.....	90.9
Spallumcheen	6	4	.....	33.3	10	6	.....	40.0	.....	3	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	645.00	655.00	1.5	.....
Sumas	10	12	20.0	.....	15	19	26.6	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,050.00	4,181.90	103.9	.....
Summerland	15	5	.....	66.6	27	8	.....	70.3	9	3	.....	66.6	1	.....	.....	100.0	1,777.50	550.00	.....	70.7
Surrey	92	116	26.08	.....	144	191	32.6	.....	63	99	57.1	.....	6	9	50.0	.....	14,624.97	16,728.15	14.3	.....
Tadanac	7	9	28.5	.....	13	17	30.7	.....	2	6	200.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	792.00	1,323.00	67.04	.....
West Vancouver	49	34	.....	30.6	81	62	.....	23.4	23	23	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	100.0	4,791.15	5,752.10	20.05	.....
Totals	737	729	.....	1.08	1,533	1,181	.....	22.8	408	460	12.7	.....	34	28	.....	17.6	$108,176.11	$105,666.24	.....	2.3

Unorganized Territory.

Place.	Number of Accidents.				Number of Vehicles.				Number of Injured.				Number of Deaths.				Property Damage.			
	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.
"A" Division	314	247	.....	21.3	454	367	.....	19.1	139	127	.....	8.6	18	15	.....	16.6	$50,063.30	$45,161.65	.....	9.7
"B" Division	234	192	.....	17.9	320	279	.....	12.8	130	143	10.0	.....	15	10	.....	33.3	39,598.95	33,843.55	.....	14.5
"C" Division	195	138	.....	29.2	279	202	.....	27.6	126	85	.....	32.5	4	9	125.0	.....	36,238.45	20,596.70	.....	43.1
"D" Division	20	15	.....	25.0	26	22	.....	15.3	10	2	.....	80.0	3	4	33.3	.....	3,678.50	2,040.00	.....	44.5
"E" Division	118	97	.....	16.9	180	162	.....	10.0	40	58	45.0	.....	4	.....	.....	100.0	21,315.85	12,944.75	.....	39.2
Fort George Subdivision	22	24	9.09	.....	29	33	13.7	.....	7	7	.....	.....	1	6	500.0	.....	2,546.55	3,465.00	36.1	.....
Peace River Subdivision	36	35	.....	2.7	50	53	6.0	.....	10	17	70.0	.....	2	4	100.0	.....	6,993.00	4,649.80	.....	33.5
Totals	939	748	.....	23.4	1,338	1,118	.....	16.4	462	439	.....	4.9	47	48	2.1	.....	$160,434.60	$122,701.45	.....	23.5

Comparative Statement of Motor-vehicle Accidents, 1942–43.

City Municipalities, District Municipalities, and Unorganized Territory.	Number of Accidents.				Number of Vehicles.				Number of Injured.				Number of Deaths.				Property Damage.			
	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.	1942.	1943.	Increase.	Decrease.
			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.			Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Totals	5,451	5,213	.....	4.3	8,856	8,495	.....	4.07	2,437	2,403	.....	1.39	125	121	.....	3.2	$620,440.31	$592,973.38	.....	4.4

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INSPECTOR OF GAOLS.

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Report *of the* Inspector of Gaols, 1943-44.

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SIR,—I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 1944. This report covers the operation of our four Provincial Gaols, namely, the Oakalla Prison Farm; the Provincial Gaols at Nelson, Kamloops, and Prince George; and the "Star Class," a group of selected, young first offenders who—segregated from the older prisoners—are given special supervision and training at the Oakalla Prison Farm.

During the year under review the general health and conduct of the inmates of our Provincial penal institutions was, with very few exceptions, most satisfactory.

In his report on the Oakalla Prison Farm, Warden John Millman states:—

"Two more acres of land have been slashed and cleared, 150 cords of wood cut, twenty-five fence-posts made for hog and chicken pens, two more miles of land-draining ditches cut, and eight new culverts made. During the year 168 hogs were raised, of which 122 have been butchered for consumption within the institution. We have 175 hens laying approximately 100 eggs per day, and 194 pullets. Eighty birds were killed for the kitchen.

"We were more than self-supporting in so far as produce was concerned, having found it necessary to dispose of 9.35 tons of vegetables to other Provincial Institutions, giving us a revenue of $366.25. These figures have been increased somewhat since the close of the fiscal year.

"The Star Class has been progressing favourably under the supervision of First Assistant Chief Gaoler T. A. Camm, assisted by two other officers. The Class is still quartered on the two top tiers in the West Wing of the Main Building, but has study quarters and a large workshop located in the Old Gaol Building. The youths have been profitably employed during the past few months repairing and rebuilding worn out furniture from the Court-house at Vancouver and other Provincial Institutions under the direction of Guard P. E. Berkey. They are also given a certain amount of general farm-work, thus ensuring plenty of fresh air and exercise and varied employment.

"Our efforts to dispose of the Jersey cattle here and replace them with a smaller herd of Holsteins have to date been fruitless. The matter has not been lost sight of however, and possibly our efforts will meet with greater success next year. I would like to recommend the construction of a pig-brooder, similar to that presently being constructed at the Colony Farm, Essondale.

"Accomplishments of the female inmates under the supervision of the Matron in Charge, assisted by members of the Elizabeth Fry Society, to whom much credit is due, are very satisfactory. The Matron reports the making of the following:—

"For use in the institution: 65 uniform dresses, 40 nightgowns, 40 pairs drawers, 12 table-cloths, 12 crocheted rugs, and 112 tea-towels.

"To the New Westminster Superfluity Shop: 48 crocheted and hooked rugs, 13 garden ornaments, 4 Mexican plaques, 2 painted scenes, 2 pairs knitted woollen soakers, 5 knitted woollen sweaters, and 1 woollen patchwork quilt.

"To Vancouver Red Cross Society: 482 knitted washcloths, 44 knitted sleeveless sweaters, 18 pairs socks, 5 women's service scarves, 4 navy scarves, 6 pairs baby felt shoes, 1 woollen crocheted Afghan, 2 knitted woollen sweaters, 17 patchwork quilts, and 1 child's cotton dress.

"To New Westminster V Bundles: 70 seamen's jackets.

"To confined inmates: 5 layettes.

" Proceeds of the output to the Canadian Red Cross Society and the V Bundles netted $800. In addition, the Victory Garden maintained by the female inmates enabled them to can 362 half-gallon bottles of vegetables for winter use.

" Many improvements have been made in the library of the Women's Gaol. Under the organization of the British Columbia Library Commission, new shelves have been built in the general office, 114 books have been recatalogued, 8 magazines and 236 new volumes have been added, a dictionary table, filing cabinet, book-ends, and mending material supplied. A lending system has been established under the supervision of Mrs. Lucas of the Vancouver Public Library, who visits the gaol one afternoon each week, and the Matron reports that circulation has increased considerably and that the care taken of the books is highly commendable.

" The question of indefinite sentences being served by girls transferred from the Industrial School is, however, an ever-present source of discontent, affecting not only those directly concerned, but the efficiency and functioning of the entire institution. I sincerely trust the Department will before long arrive at some means of placing these girls on an equal footing with the other inmates and thus rectify this most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

" In conclusion, I may say that the general behaviour of the inmates, both male and female, as a whole has shown a marked improvement over the preceding year. This has not been achieved by disciplinary measures, except in one or two isolated cases, but is the result of fair treatment extended to all inmates, irrespective of race or creed. The placing of bench stools, previously mentioned, in each cell for their added comfort and convenience, the adding of eggs at least once a week and butter two or three times a week to the menu (luxuries never enjoyed before) are, I firmly believe, all contributory factors to the improved behaviour. Escapes, while fairly numerous last summer, were far below the previous year's total, and none have occurred to date in the present calendar year."

Warden C. G. Barber, of the Kamloops Provincial Gaol, reports:—

" Conditions respecting the operation and administration of affairs of the gaol during the past year have been very satisfactory.

" Gaol rules and regulations, supplemented by orders to govern local conditions, were strictly adhered to. It was not necessary to reprimand any prisoner during the year.

"All inmates, except those awaiting trial, have been kept regularly employed with janitor-work and other services required in the Police offices, quarters, gaol, gaol garden, and the grounds around the Provincial Buildings.

" All prison clothing kept clean and in repair.

" I would like to draw attention to the able manner in which Constable W. T. Teal is carrying out his duties as Gaoler.

" The gaol kitchen was thoroughly renovated during the year and another cook-stove, supplied by the Department of Public Works, installed. The old stove had worn out.

" Fewer prisoners served sentence during the past year than during the year ended March 31st, 1943. The cost of keep of prisoners is slightly less than last year."

Reporting on the Provincial Gaol at Nelson, Warden John Macdonald states:—

"*Administration.*—The Nelson Gaol while retaining its status as a common gaol since June 1st, 1942, has been used mainly as a lockup for prisoners sentenced up to three months. This has greatly reduced the gaol population and has made it extremely difficult to obtain suitable trusties to perform the necessary duties in the gaol. The latter pertains in particular to cooks for the kitchen.

" *Population.*—The population of the gaol at the beginning of the year was nine. During the year 188 new prisoners were received and 177 discharged, leaving twenty

inmates in gaol at the end of the fiscal year. The peak of the inmate population during the year was twenty and the lowest six, the daily average being 14.39 against 21.28 for the previous year, a decrease of 6.89 per cent.

"*Welfare and Recreation.*—The inmates not working are allowed the freedom of the cell block during the day and one hour in the exercise yard in the fresh air. They are also allowed one-half hour radio programme at noon, and one hour in the early evening. The radio is controlled by the Guards from the Gaol Office.

"*Religious Services.*—The Salvation Army hold services every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, while other denominations hold service in turn every Sunday afternoon.

"*Medical Care.*—During the early part of the year the general health of the inmates was very good, but during the latter part of the year considerable sickness developed and in some cases inmates were removed on instructions of the Gaol Surgeon to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital for treatment and care.

"*Farm-work.*—There was an increase in the amount of vegetables grown in the gaol garden; this was partly due to the organic fertilizer used and partly to better climatic conditions. Organic fertilizer is again being used and it is hoped to have even better results in the future.

"*Maintenance and Construction.*—Maintenance-work during the year included the replacing of the steel floors in the cells with cement; the scraping of old paint from the cells and repainting; the papering of the living quarters and the washing of the whole interior of the gaol, not including police offices.

"*Discipline.*—On a whole, the discipline was very good during the year. There were no escapes and in only five instances were breaches of prison discipline reported to me for attention."

Sergt. George H. Clark, Warden of the Provincial Gaol at Prince George, reports no untoward incident in connection with the gaol's management during the year, but recommends that an addition be built to provide a cell-room for female prisoners and a kitchen. At the present time to reach the kitchen prisoners have to go back and forth through the main office. The Warden reports that he has had to remove a cell from what was formerly the women's cell-room to make room for additional office space. This was necessitated by the increased activity in police-work in that area.

YOUNG OFFENDERS.

Mr. E. G. B. Stevens, previously titled the "Follow-up Officer," was appointed Provincial Social Service Officer on April 1st, and in his report for the ensuing twelve months gives the following account of his work:—

"The duties of the Provincial Social Service Officer consist of the supervision of rehabilitation of members of the Star Class, Oakalla Prison Farm, as well as any other inmates referred specifically by the Warden of that Institution; adult probation work with young offenders appearing before the Courts of Greater Vancouver and also the preparation of pre-sentence reports on any other cases especially requested by Magistrates and Judges.

"With the change in policy at Oakalla Prison Farm and consequent establishment of the Star Class on March 1st, 1943, under the supervision of Mr. T. A. Camm, a larger number of young offenders have been given, in some measure at least, the advantages of segregation and special attention. As outlined in the report of the Inspector of Gaols, 1942, the policy of housing young offenders in the Old Gaol Building was dropped owing to the fact that suitable material for transfer in accordance with previous standards became virtually non-existent. As a result it was decided to transfer the group to one cell block in the main building and increase the number taking the youth training programme.

"As this group has been built up I have been kept in touch with each member. In cases where a pre-sentence report had been prepared the information secured was made available to the Warden. Weekly visits are made and frequent consultations are held not only with the youths themselves but also with the officers under whom they work. A plan of rehabilitation is worked out with each inmate and assistance is also given them while in custody in solving numerous personal problems, the solution of which necessitates some one to act as an agent on the outside.

" Upon completion of sentence each member of the Star Class is discharged direct to the Social Service Officer and in most cases the first call is then made to the office of the National Selective Service. Here the youth now has the advantage of some one who can speak for him, explain his background, experience, and abilities, and thus secure in some measure employment which fits his particular qualifications. During the year fifty-six such new cases were handled by the Social Service Officer, forty-four of them being members of the Star Class, the balance being other inmates on whose behalf the Social Service Officer was called in by the Warden.

"A breakdown of this group to date shows that fourteen of these are now in the armed forces, thirty-two are established in industry, while ten have unfortunately become recidivists.

" Concerning the adult probation work it might be reported that as near as possible the trial of each young offender is attended. During the year I have been called upon to prepare 114 pre-sentence reports in such cases for Magistrates and Judges. In each instance every possible source of information is tapped and an attempt made in the short time available to prepare as comprehensive a digest as possible on background, family situation, work history, previous relations with Police and Social Agencies, and a brief estimate of personality. As a result sixty new cases were turned over by the Courts for supervision. The remaining fifty-four reports have aided Magistrates and Judges in making the sentences pronounced better fit the criminal.

" Each of these probation cases report weekly to my office and in most cases report back in Court monthly, at which time I attend and am usually asked by the Court to report my experience with the delinquent since the last appearance. If the delinquent is employed out of town his weekly reports are made by letter and I appear in Court on his behalf.

" Of these new probation cases fourteen are now in the armed forces, forty-one are established in industry, while five have appeared in Court a second time and have since been sentenced. Contact with this latter group is not lost, however, as they usually are placed in the Star Class and are taken over again upon completion of sentence.

"A statistical summary of cases handled during the fiscal year is as follows:—

Follow-up cases	56	
New probation cases	60	
Probation cases carried over from 1942–43	30	
Pre-sentence reports (other than probation)	54	
		— 200

" Of the follow-up and probation cases there are at present:—

In the armed forces	43	
In industry	86	
Become recidivists or since sentenced after a second appearance in Court	17	
		— 146

" By ages the new cases dealt with are divided as follows:—

Age.	Follow-up.	Probation.	Total.
16	....	4	4
17	5	14	19
18	19	15	34
19	18	7	25
20	5	7	12
21	....	9	9
22	1	2	3
23	....	2	2
27	1	....	1
28	2	....	2
Over 30	5	....	5

" From these figures it will be seen that of the 116 new cases dealt with, 103 were 21 years of age or under.

" I cannot conclude this report without making special mention of the unfailing co-operation I have received at all times from the Warden and officials of Oakalla Prison Farm, Vancouver City Police and Court officers, officers of the British Columbia Provincial Police, National Selective Service officials, army authorities, Social Service Exchange, John Howard Society staff, Salvation Army, and other Social Agencies."

In the attached statistics will be found the figures touching the number, sex, nationality, etc., of prisoners confined during the year in the various Provincial Gaols, and in conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the manner in which those connected with the Provincial Prison Service carried out their duties during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. W. S. PARSONS,

Inspector of Gaols.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT ON GAOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1944.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
1. Total number of County Gaols in B.C.	1	1	1	1	4
2. Total expenditure for gaol maintenance in B.C.—					
Year ended March 31st, 1944	$212,623.30	$11,130.82	$4,156.13	$3,011.25	$230,921.50
Year ended March 31st, 1943	202,193.68	12,468.54	3,809.76	2,212.70	220,684.68
3. Average total maintenance cost per day per prisoner—					
Year ended March 31st, 1944	$1.47	$2.11	$1.28	$1.63	$1.62
Year ended March 31st, 1943	1.53	1.74	1.08	.79	1.28
Average dietary cost per day per prisoner—					
Year ended March 31st, 1944	$0.23	$0.17	$0.27	$0.40	$0.26
Year ended March 31st, 1943	.29	.24	.25	.29	.26
4. Number of prisoners committed—					
Year ended March 31st, 1944	1,726	151	299	276	2,452

I. MOVEMENT OF POPULATION, YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST, 1944.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
On register, April 1st, 1943	340	9	6	2	357
Received—					
From gaols	1,775	127	.....	.....	1,902
By transfer	.....	6	.....	16	22
By recapture	8	.....	.....	.....	8
By revocation of licence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By forfeiture of ticket-of-leave	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
By internal movements	249	40	232	234	755
Insane	.....	15	.....	.....	15
Juveniles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deportation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	2,372	197	238	252	3,059
Discharged—					
By expiry of sentence	1,242	81	131	49	1,503
By ticket-of-leave	34	1	.....	.....	35
By deportation	53	1	.....	.....	54
By pardon	33	.....	.....	.....	33
By escape	10	.....	.....	.....	10
By death	3	.....	.....	.....	3
By payment of fines	55	14	35	117	221
By release on Court order (including "to bail")	120	9	20	43	192
By transfer	163	56	45	23	287
By internal movements	180	.....	.....	8	188
To asylum	.....	15	.....	.....	15
Totals	1,893	177	231	240	2,541
On register, March 31st, 1944	479	20	7	12	518

II. Commitments.

	1942–43.	1943–44.	Decrease.	Increase.
Murder	8	10	.....	2
Manslaughter	6	5	1	.....
Crimes—				
Against the person	130	133	.....	3
Against property	524	693	.....	169
Against public morals and decency	89	134	.....	45
Against public order and peace	1,513	1,176	337	.....
Other offences not enumerated above	168	140	28	.....
Insanity	25	23	2	.....
Number of prisoners sentenced	2,364	1,970	394	.....
Number of days' stay of prisoners	146,176	156,243	.....	10,067
Average number of prisoners per month	11,958	12,735	.....	777
Average number of prisoners per day	391	417	.....	26
Escapes	17	9	8	.....
Escapes and recaptured	17	6	11	.....
Deaths in gaols	1	3	.....	2

III. Sex.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
Male	1,583	134	210	243	2,170
Female	192	12	22	9	235
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

IV. Educational Status.

Illiterate	72	15	59	53	199
Elementary	1,197	101	124	146	1,568
High school	463	28	43	47	581
College or university	43	2	6	6	57
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

V. Nationality.
(Place of Birth.)

British—					
Canada (including Indians)	1,264	100	123	149	1,636
Great Britain and Ireland	285	11	57	26	379
Other British countries	13	.....	.....	18	31
Foreign—					
United States	63	4	9	10	86
Europeans	131	21	30	1	183
Orientals	17	9	2	7	35
Other foreign countries	2	1	11	41	55
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

VI. Habits as to Use of Intoxicants.

Abstainers	179	44	41	10	274
Temperate	876	93	55	35	1,059
Intemperate	720	9	136	207	1,072
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

VII. Habits as to Use of Drugs.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
Abstainers	1,558	141	229	250	2,178
Addicts	217	5	3	2	227
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

VIII. Occupations.

Agricultural	122	26	59	9	216
Commercial	351	37	12	2	402
Domestic	171	10	20	10	211
Labourers	332	48	68	183	631
Mechanics	768	21	43	32	864
Professional	23	2	4	2	31
No occupation	8	2	26	14	50
Student	------	------	------	------	------
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

IX. Racial.

White	1,589	134	173	223	2,119
Coloured	15	------	1	------	16
Indian	153	3	56	19	231
Mongolian	18	9	2	10	39
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

X. Civil State.

Single	1,134	82	140	184	1,540
Married	367	57	59	51	534
Widowed	64	3	7	14	88
Separated	210	4	26	3	243
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

XI. Ages.

Under 21 years	309	34	35	13	391
21 to 25	252	17	39	26	334
25 to 30	254	17	28	39	338
30 to 40	393	36	42	52	523
40 to 50	317	19	28	61	425
50 to 60	170	11	21	38	240
Over 60	80	12	39	23	154
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

XII. Creeds.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
Roman Catholic	643	28	105	112	888
Church of England	290	12	28	6	336
Presbyterian	220	5	12	53	290
Methodist	18	.....	4	4	26
United Church	117	9	13	4	143
Baptist	40	5	9	3	57
Lutheran	97	5	21	46	169
Greek Catholic	5	1	.....	3	9
Other Christian creeds	244	24	10	2	280
Doukhobor	14	46	.....	.....	60
Hebrew	5	1	.....	.....	6
Buddhist	9	9	2	.....	20
Others	73	1	28	19	121
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

XIII. Duration of Sentence.

Under one month	480	49	96	196	821
1 month and under 2 months	215	15	34	16	280
2 months and under 3 months	117	14	28	8	167
3 months and under 6 months	288	35	11	15	349
6 months and under 12 months	247	17	7	4	275
12 months and under 18 months	145	2	1	3	151
18 months and under 24 months	36	2	.....	1	39
Sentenced to penitentiary	163	1	.....	9	173
Acquitted	25	3	14	.....	42
Suspended sentence	4	.....	6	.....	10
Indefinite sentences	20	.....	.....	.....	20
Sentenced to insane asylum	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Released on payment of fine	.....	.....	35	.....	35
Released on bail	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Awaiting trial	26	8	.....	.....	34
Transferred	6	.....	.....	.....	6
To hang	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405

XIV. Previous Convictions.

None	875	107	78	164	1,224
*1	233	13	32	45	323
2	120	5	20	29	174
3	104	3	27	8	142
4	63	5	29	3	100
5	54	.....	15	1	70
6	43	1	8	1	53
7	31	3	6	.....	40
8	19	.....	7	.....	26
9	17	.....	.....	1	18
10	19	3	6	.....	28
11	18	1	3	.....	22
12	9	.....	.....	.....	9
13	5	2	1	.....	8
14	10	.....	.....	.....	10
15	11	1	.....	.....	12
16	14	.....	.....	.....	14
17	8	1	.....	.....	9
18 and 19	6	.....	.....	.....	6
20 to 29	87	1	.....	.....	88
30 to 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40 to 49	17	.....	.....	.....	17
50 to 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
60 to 69	12	.....	.....	.....	12
Totals	1,775	146	232	252	2,405
Per cent. of recidivists	50.70	26.07	62.00	34.90	.....

* Number to be shown according to actual gaol record.

XV. Offences for which Prisoners were committed and sentenced during the Year.

	Commitments.			Sentences.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
(*a.*) Crimes against the person—						
Oakalla	80	5	85	84	5	89
Nelson	12	1	13	9	1	10
Kamloops	9	.....	9	9	.....	9
Prince George	10	.....	10	9	.....	9
Totals	111	6	117	111	6	117
(*b.*) Crimes against property—						
Oakalla	566	25	591	901	41	942
Nelson	43	.....	43	54	.....	54
Kamloops	48	.....	48	48	.....	48
Prince George	33	.....	33	33	.....	33
Totals	690	25	715	1,036	41	1,077
(*c.*) Crimes against public morals and decency—						
Oakalla	99	33	132	116	40	156
Nelson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kamloops	1	2	3	1	2	3
Prince George	1	.....	1	1	.....	1
Totals	101	35	136	118	42	160
(*d.*) Crimes against public order and peace—						
Oakalla	812	125	937	951	146	1,097
Nelson	28	4	32	33	4	37
Kamloops	195	21	216	174	21	195
Prince George	190	7	197	190	7	197
Totals	1,225	157	1,382	1,348	178	1,526
(*e.*) Other offences not enumerated above	147	12	159	162	28	190
Grand total (totals of (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), and (*e*))	2,274	235	2,509	2,775	295	3,070

XVI. Employment of Prisoners.

(Per Cent. of Population.)

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.
Clerical	1.619	.....	.....	.....
General maintenance	48.809	65.0	45.0	.....
Sick	5.781	3.0	.....	.....
Bush operations	0.625	.....	10.0	.....
Industrial	4.364	2.0	.....	.....
Farm and garden	10.025	12.0	30.0	100.0
Land and road improvement	0.594	18.0	15.0	.....
Unemployed	28.178	.....	.....	.....
	99.995	100.0	100.0	100.0

XVII. Number of Officers and Employees on March 31st, 1944.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.
Warden	1	1	1	1
Gaol Surgeon	2	1	----	----
Deputy Warden	1	----	----	----
Bursar	1	----	----	----
Chief Gaoler	1	----	----	----
Assistant Chief Gaoler	2	----	----	----
Chief Clerk	1	----	----	----
Senior Guard	----	1	----	----
Storekeeper	1	----	----	----
Clerks and Stenographers	3	----	----	----
Chief Engineer	1	----	----	----
Assistant Engineer	3	----	----	----
Farm and Industrial Guards	10	----	1	----
Instructor Guards	----	----	----	----
Disciplinary Guards	41	4	----	1
Kitchen Steward	1	----	----	----
Medical Attendants	1	----	----	----
Hospital Orderlies	3	----	----	----
Matrons	9	1	----	----
Temporary Special Guards	2	----	----	----
Totals	84	8	2	2

XVIII. Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for Year ended March 31st, 1944.

	Oakalla.	Nelson.	Kamloops.	Prince George.	Totals.
Expenditure.					
Salaries	$124,296.50	$7,833.30	$2,135.84	$2,289.58	$136,555.22
Office supplies	1,588.55	194.90	----	----	1,783.45
Travelling expenses	1,358.90	42.55	----	----	1,401.45
Uniforms and clothing	11,203.23	382.05	174.74	262.34	12,022.36
Janitors' supplies	2,618.11	171.82	23.31	111.62	2,924.86
Farm operations	8,225.90	106.60	----	----	8,332.50
Upkeep of grounds	143.77	----	----	----	143.77
General equipment	1,657.71	260.74	----	----	1,918.45
Laundry operations	4,490.76	----	----	----	4,490.76
Fuel, water, and light	31,647.32	2,039.37	956.45	----	34,643.14
Provisions (upkeep of prisoners)	33,479.20	924.43	903.55	971.01	36,278.19
Medical attendance and hospital supplies	9,304.97	493.90	96.82	242.55	10,138.24
Good Conduct Fund	7,964.20	312.20	199.00	----	8,475.40
Sheet-metal plant	5,296.51	----	----	----	5,296.51
Incidentals and contingencies	1,115.77	10.20	----	30.15	1,156.12
Cost-of-living bonus	14,652.57	----	5.17	----	14,657.74
Totals	$259,043.97	$12,772.06	$4,494.88	$3,907.25	$280,218.16
Public Works expenditure	4,398.30	207.08	50.00	----	4,655.38
Gross expenditure	$263,442.27	$12,979.14	$4,544.88	$3,907.25	$284,873.54
Revenue.					
Rental of quarters, etc., and maintenance of prisoners	$29,413.74	$728.00	$388.75	$896.00	$31,426.49
Sales and salary refunds	21,405.23	----	----	----	21,405.23
Fines and costs paid	----	1,120.32	----	----	1,120.32
Totals	$50,818.97	$1,848.32	$388.75	$896.00	$53,952.04

XVIII. Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for Year ended March 31st, 1944—*Continued.*

	Total Gross Expenditure.		Total Revenue.	
	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.
Oakalla	$260,362.88	$263,442.27	$58,169.20	$50,818.97
Nelson	13,752.74	12,979.14	1,284.20	1,848.32
Kamloops	4,566.51	4,544.88	756.75	388.75
Prince George	3,065.70	3,907.25	853.00	896.00
Totals	$281,747.83	$284,873.54	$61,063.15	$53,952.04
Less revenue	61,063.15	53,952.04		
Net expenditure	$220,684.68	$230,921.50		

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