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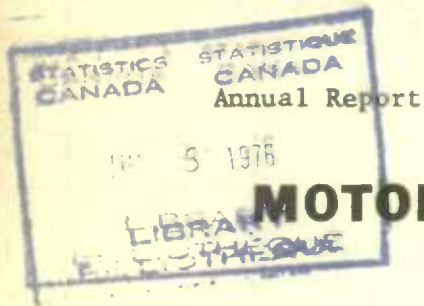
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# MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS 1954

Statistics of accidents occurring on the public ways, including boulevards and paths adjacent to the travelled portions of streets or highways, are presented in this report for 1954 together with revised statistics for 1953. The information in the report is based on police records of accidents occurring in each province and in the territories. Non-traffic accidents which are defined as those occurring on private property or elsewhere not on a public way are not included in this series.

In 1954 there were 143,168 motor vehicle traffic accidents in Canada excluding Quebec. This represents a drop from 152,443 accidents in the same areas during 1953. Fatal accidents were down from 1,797 to 1,688; non-fatal injury accidents fell from 34,015 to 32,627 and property damage accidents were reduced from 116,631 to 108,853 in Canada outside the province of Quebec. The number of property damage accidents is not strictly comparable as Ontario raised its minimum reportable requirements from \$50 to \$100 on April 6, 1954 with the result that all accidents in the \$50 to \$100 bracket were not included in the statistics from that date on. Comparisons between the number of accidents reported by provinces must be made keeping in mind the different reportable minima of the several provinces as indicated at the foot of the accident tables. Arrangements are being completed to have all provincial reports based on a minimum value of damage caused of \$100 and it is expected that all will report on this basis commencing with January, 1956.

1954 records show that there were fewer fatal accidents in all except Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba with the greatest reduction in Saskatchewan where the drop was from a revised 105 in 1953 to 53 in 1954. Injury accidents were fewer in number in Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta but increased in the other reporting areas. There were fewer traffic accident deaths in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Territories, while the number of persons injured was reduced in all except New Brunswick, Ontario and the Territories.

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	Canada (Ex. Quebec)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
<b>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>												
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	1,688	20	8	140	113	..	897	106	53	165	181	5
Non-Fatal -												
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	32,627	436	171	1,882	1,438	..	16,810	2,238	1,865	2,464	5,246	77
(b) Resulting in property damage only (1)	108,853	2,703	949	7,790	4,961	..	44,802	10,599	6,713	13,020	16,998	318
Total Number of Accidents	143,168	3,159	1,128	9,812	6,512	..	62,509	12,943	8,631	15,649	22,425	400
<b>PERSONS KILLED</b>												
Drivers	616	2	5	39	25	..	331	39	31	82	61	1
Passengers	643	6	7	57	36	..	329	37	28	68	72	3
Pedestrians	618	14	-	57	60	..	339	36	13	32	66	1
Bicyclists	50	-	-	4	-	..	29	7	2	3	5	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	23	-	-	-	-	..	14	1	-	2	6	-
Others	10	1	-	-	2	..	3	1	-	2	1	-
Total Number Killed	1,960	23	12	157	123	..	1,045	121	74	189	211	5
<b>PERSONS INJURED</b>												
Drivers	14,246	107	58	691	522	..	7,350	926	967	1,305	2,268	52
Passengers	21,042	158	83	1,024	760	..	10,647	1,295	1,368	1,872	3,763	72
Pedestrians	8,806	236	68	711	450	..	4,850	617	239	562	1,067	6
Bicyclists	..	25	8	83	)	..	991	182	41	98	318	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	..	6	1	6	)	..	671	-	7	61	148	-
Others	189	9	1	-	33	..	98	1	9	20	13	-
Total Number Injured	47,020	541	219	2,515	1,856	..	24,607	3,021	2,631	3,918	7,582	130
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>												
\$	...	925,074	309,055	2,238,112	1,968,954	..	25,387,394	..	3,142,314	5,469,322	7,303,323	263,169
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents) (1)												

(1) All reports are for accidents causing property damage estimated at \$50 or over except for the following:

Saskatchewan - \$100 and over  
 Alberta and N.W.T. - \$ 75 and over  
 Quebec and Yukon - \$ 25 and over

Charlottetown, P.E.I. - January 1 to September 30 - (all accidents) - October 1 to December 31 - \$50 or over  
 N.B. The Ontario minimum was raised from \$50 to \$100 with effect April 6, 1954.

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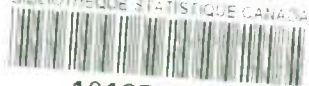
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<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>													
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	2,613	27	9	118	101		816	920	r 98	r 105	196	183	7
Non-Fatal -													
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	42,420	488	160	1,858	1,088		8,405	16,639	2,298	r 2,420	2,886	5,224	63
(b) Resulting in <u>property damage</u> only (1)	196,109	2,177	813	7,008	3,743		79,478	48,307	r 10,436	r 8,536	13,882	16,689	267
Total Number of Accidents	241,142	2,692	982	8,984	4,932		88,699	65,866	r 12,832	r 11,061	16,964	22,096	337
<u>PERSONS KILLED</u>													
Drivers	...	6	5	39	28		..	307	) 64	70	84	55	4
Passengers	...	6	6	29	30		..	395	)	39	73	69	2
Pedestrians	...	15	1	49	50		..	320	r 34	13	48	71	1
Bicyclists	...	1	1	7	)		..	27	2	1	4	6	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	...	-	-	-	)		..	26	2	-	6	4	-
Others	...	1	-	-	1		..	7	-	1	5	3	-
Total Number Killed	2,921	29	13	124	111		901	1,082	r 102	124	220	208	7
<u>PERSONS INJURED</u>													
Drivers	...	114	70	673	438		..	7,011	1,005	1,287	1,447	2,202	50
Passengers	...	208	121	1,059	639		..	10,551	1,305	1,739	2,108	3,839	55
Pedestrians	...	243	36	714	358		..	4,853	559	263	528	1,230	4
Bicyclists	...	18	5	87	)		..	1,069	225	64	86	305	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	...	4	2	1	)		..	752	(2)	23	49	146	-
Others	...	15	-	2	10		..	117	8	17	20	15	-
Total Number Injured	56,749	602	234	2,536	1,522		8,923	24,353	3,102	3,393	4,238	7,737	109
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</u>													
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents) (1)	...	712,374	305,430	1,983,992	1,530,975		..	24,261,814	..	r 4,282,572	6,519,509	7,128,013	223,108

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