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DEATHS DUE TO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS, 1931

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports 1,302 deaths (preliminary figures) from automobile accidents throughout Canada in 1931 as against 1,290 in 1930, 1,300 in 1929, 1,082 in 1928, 865 in 1927 and 606 in 1926. The figure for 1931 gives a proportion of 12.6 deaths per 100,000 population. The corresponding rates were 12.7 in 1930, 13.0 in 1929, 11.0 in 1928, 9.0 in 1927 and 6.4 in 1926.

Ontario had 566 deaths from automobile accidents in 1931 as compared with 517 in the previous year. The province of Quebec recorded 355 deaths in 1931 as against 338 in 1930. All other provinces with the exception of Manitoba, showed a smaller number of deaths in 1931, though the differences in Saskatchewan and British Columbia consisted of only one death in each case. Manitoba had 60 deaths in each of the two years.

Ontario had the heaviest rate of any province in 1931, 16.5 per 100,000. British Columbia was second with 15.8 and Quebec third with 12.4 per 100,000. The lowest provincial rate was 5.4 in Saskatchewan.


In the city of Montreal 143 deaths took place in 1931 as compared with 136 in 1930, in Toronto the number was 110 as against 67 in the previous year, in Vancouver 46 as against 43, in Hamilton 31 as against 41 and in Winnipeg 25 as against 30. Deaths occurring in cities due to automobile accidents are not in every case the results of accidents which took place within the city limits, as those injured in accidents outside of cities are frequently hurried to city hospitals.

Deaths from Automobile Accidents in Canada by Provinces, 1930-31

Province	Number		Rate per 100,000 population	
	1931	1930	1931	1930
CANADA	1,302	1,290	12.6	12.7
Prince Edward Island	5	10	5.7	11.4
Nova Scotia	49	54	9.6	10.5
New Brunswick	40	72	9.8	17.7
Quebec	355	338	12.4	12.0
Ontario	566	517	16.5	15.3
Manitoba	60	60	8.6	8.7
Saskatchewan	50	51	5.4	5.6
Alberta	67	77	9.2	10.9
British Columbia	110	111	15.8	16.4

Deaths from Automobile Accidents in Cities of 40,000 and over 1930 and 1931.

City	1931	1930
	No.	No.
Calgary	12	12
Edmonton	16	15
Halifax	9	6
Hamilton	31	41
London	20	18
M Montreal	143	136
Ottawa	19	24
Quebec	15	17
Regina	11	8
Saint John	7	12
Saskatoon	3	4
Toronto	110	67
Vancouver	46	43
Verdun	1	1
Windsor	17	15
Winnipeg	25	30



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