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DEATHS DUE TO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS, 1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that deaths from automobile accidents in 1934 show a reversal of the downward trend in mortality from this cause which had been generally manifested since 1930. Deaths from automobile accidents throughout Canada in 1934 numbered 1,108 (preliminary figures) as against 955 in 1933 and 1,120 in 1932. The death rate from this cause was 10.2 per 100,000 population as compared with 9.0 in 1933 and 10.7 in 1932. Thus the upward tendency from the figures of 1933 has not yet brought the rate for 1934 as high as the level of 1932.

All provinces with the exception of Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed a larger number of automobile fatalities in 1934 than in the preceding year. Nova Scotia, however, had 37 deaths as compared with 47, Saskatchewan 30 against 32 and Alberta 61 against 64.

Ontario had the heaviest death rate from this cause of any province, 14.8 per 100,000. New Brunswick had a rate of 12.2 and British Columbia 11.2. The lowest rate was in Saskatchewan, only 3.1 per 100,000.

The city of Montreal showed a slight reduction in automobile fatalities as compared with the preceding year, the figures being 100 for 1934 and 104 for 1933. On the other hand Toronto showed an increased number of deaths, 83 as compared with 65. Vancouver had 25 deaths in 1934 against 28 in the preceding year, Winnipeg 19 against 18, Hamilton 27 against 22, Quebec 14 against 8 and Ottawa 19 against 25. Deaths occurring in cities are not in every case the result of accidents which have taken place within the city limits, as those injured outside of cities are frequently hurried to city hospitals.

TABLE I.

Number of deaths and death rates per 100,000 population
from automobile accidents, Canada, 1926 - 1934.

	Number of deaths	Rate per 100,000 population
1926	606	6.4
1927	865	9.0
1928	1,082	11.0
1929	1,300	13.0
1930	1,290	12.7
1931	1,316	12.7
1932	1,120	10.7
1933	955	9.0
1934	1,108	10.2

TABLE II - Deaths from automobile accidents in Canada
by provinces, 1933 and 1934.

	Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
January	34	-	-	-	4	20	2	1	4	3
February	35	-	2	-	5	21	2	1	-	4
March	38	-	3	-	6	22	-	1	2	4
April	49	-	1	1	13	20	2	1	6	5
May	89	-	8	2	22	46	-	-	5	6
June	102	2	5	1	27	44	5	4	5	9
July	147	1	2	10	49	63	3	3	8	8
August	141	-	4	10	38	69	6	3	7	4
September	140	1	6	7	37	71	3	3	5	7
October	132	1	4	11	36	54	6	5	6	9
November	113	-	1	3	21	56	7	8	9	8
December	88	-	1	7	16	41	5	-	4	14
Total										
1934	1,108	5	37	52	274	527	41	30	61	81
1933	955	2	47	22	256	416	38	32	64	78
Rate per 100,000 population										
1934	10.2	5.6	7.0	12.2	9.1	14.8	5.6	3.1	7.9	11.2
1933	9.0	2.2	9.0	5.2	8.6	11.8	5.3	3.4	8.5	11.0

TABLE III - Deaths from automobile accidents in cities of 40,000 and over,
1933 and 1934.

City	1934	1933
	Number	Number
Calgary	11	7
Edmonton	9	10
Halifax	8	14
Hamilton	27	22
London	13	20
Montreal	100	104
Ottawa	19	25
Quebec	14	8
Regina	5	1
Saint John	7	1
Saskatoon	2	3
Toronto	83	65
Vancouver	25	28
Verdun	4	1
Windsor	14	16
Winnipeg	19	18

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