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DEATHS FROM EXTERNAL VIOLENCE, 1936.

According to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of deaths in Canada from external violence during the year 1936 (preliminary figures) was 7,441 as compared with 6,898 in 1935 and 6,469 in 1934. The rate per 100,000 population was 68 in 1936 as against 63 in 1935 and 60 in 1934. Over the period 1926-36 the highest death rate recorded from external violence was 73 in 1930.

Suicides numbered 922 in 1936, as compared with 905 in 1935 and 927 in 1934. The death rate from suicide was 8.4 in 1936 as against 8.3 in 1935 and 8.6 in 1934. The highest death rate for suicides recorded during the whole period was 9.9 in 1930.

There were 136 homicides in 1936, giving a rate of 1.2 per 100,000. These figures compared with 153 deaths and a rate of 1.4 in 1935, and 142 deaths and a rate of 1.3 in 1934. The highest homicide rate during the whole period was 2.1 in 1930.

The number of violent deaths other than suicides and homicides in 1936 was 6,383 and the rate 58 per 100,000, as compared with 5,840 deaths and a rate of 54 in 1935 and 5,400 deaths with a rate of 50 in 1934. The rate from these causes attained its highest level, 61 per 100,000, in the three years 1928 - 30.

Drownings in 1936, exclusive of those occurring in mines and in land or air transportation, numbered 781 or 12 per cent of the total of fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 1,764 deaths or 28 per cent of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered 1,313 or 21 per cent of all accidental deaths. Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved, there were 238 deaths in railway accidents and 28 in street-car accidents. Accidents in mines and quarries accounted for 138 deaths. There were 16 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Deaths from external violence in Canada by provinces, 1936.

Province	Total external violence		Suicide		Homicide		Other violent deaths	
	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population	Number	Rate per 100,000 Population
Prince Edward Island	50	54.3	4	4.3	-	-	46	50.0
Nova Scotia	314	58.5	28	5.2	2	0.4	284	52.9
New Brunswick	209	48.0	24	5.5	4	0.9	181	41.6
Quebec	1,479	47.8	114	3.7	23	0.7	1,342	43.3
Ontario	3,292	89.2	398	10.8	49	1.3	2,845	77.1
Manitoba	456	64.1	69	9.7	13	1.8	374	52.6
Saskatchewan	456	49.0	87	9.3	12	1.3	357	38.3
Alberta	506	65.5	87	11.3	13	1.7	406	52.6
British Columbia	679	90.5	111	14.8	20	2.7	548	73.1
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1936	7,441	67.6	922	8.4	136	1.2	6,383	58.0
1935	6,898	63.2	905	8.3	153	1.4	5,840	53.5
1934	6,469	59.8	927	8.6	142	1.3	5,400	50.0
1933	6,216	58.3	922	8.6	147	1.4	5,147	48.3
1932	6,645	63.3	1,024	9.8	158	1.5	5,463	52.1
1931	7,172	69.2	1,004	9.7	172	1.7	5,996	57.9
1930	7,478	73.3	1,010	9.9	214	2.1	6,254	61.3
1929	7,151	71.4	835	8.3	182	1.8	6,134	61.2
1928	6,925	70.5	751	7.6	150	1.5	6,024	61.3
1927	6,268	65.1	759	7.9	124	1.3	5,385	56.0
1926	5,869	62.2	680	7.2	126	1.3	5,063	53.6

