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DEATHS FROM EXTERNAL VIOLENCE, 1937.

According to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of deaths in Canada from external violence during the year 1937 was 7,335 (preliminary figures), as compared with 7,463 in 1936 and 6,898 in 1935. The rate per 100,000 population was 66 in 1937 as against 68 in 1936 and 63 in 1935. Over the period 1926 - 37 the highest death rate recorded from external violence was 73 in 1930.

Suicides numbered 976 in 1937 as compared with 928 in 1936 and 905 in 1935. The death rate from suicide was 8.8 in 1937 as against 8.4 in 1936 and 8.3 in 1935. The highest death rate for suicides recorded during the whole period was 9.9 in 1930.

There were 138 homicides in 1937, giving a rate of 1.2 per 100,000 population. These figures compared with 137 deaths and the same rate in 1936, and 153 deaths and a rate of 1.4 in 1935. The highest homicide rate during the period 1926 - 37 was 2.1 in 1930.

The number of violent deaths other than suicides and homicides in 1937 was 6,221 and the rate 56 per 100,000, as compared with 6,398 deaths and a rate of 58 in 1936 and 5,840 deaths with a rate of 54 in 1935. The rate from these causes attained its highest level, 61 per 100,000 in the three years 1928 - 30.

Drownings in 1937 exclusive of those occurring in mines and in land or air transportation, numbered 874 or 14 per cent of the total of fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 2,055 deaths or 33 per cent of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered, 1,626 or 26 per cent of all accidental deaths. Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved, there were 251 deaths in railway accidents, and 32 in street-car accidents. Accidents in mines and quarries accounted for 151 deaths. There were 29 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Deaths from external violence in Canada (1) by provinces 1937.

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	49	52.7	6	6.5	1	1.1	42	45.2
Nova Scotia	374	69.0	29	5.4	4	0.7	341	62.9
New Brunswick	282	64.1	29	6.6	3	0.7	250	56.8
Quebec	1,744	55.6	155	4.9	31	1.0	1,558	49.7
Ontario	2,847	76.7	366	9.9	51	1.4	2,430	65.5
Manitoba	379	52.9	87	12.1	8	1.1	284	39.6
Saskatchewan	449	47.8	87	9.3	9	1.0	353	37.6
Alberta	473	60.8	101	13.0	18	2.3	354	45.5
British Columbia	738	98.3	116	15.4	13	1.7	609	81.1
Canada								
1937	7,335	66.0	976	8.8	138	1.2	6,221	56.0
1936	7,463	67.8	928	8.4	137	1.2	6,398	58.1
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

(1) Not including Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

