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DEATHS FROM EXTERNAL VIOLENCE, 1939.

According to a report issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the number of deaths in Canada from external violence during the year 1939 was 7,161 (preliminary figures), as compared with 7,205 in 1938 and 7,358 in 1937. The rate per 100,000 population was 63 in 1939 as against 64 in 1938 and 66 in 1937. Over the period 1926-39 the highest death rate recorded from external violence was 73 in 1930.

Suicides numbered 974 in 1939 as compared with 948 in 1938 and 978 in 1937. The death rate from suicide was 8.6 in 1939 as against 8.5 in 1938 and 8.8 in 1937. The highest death rate for suicides recorded during the whole period was 9.9 in 1930.

There were 123 homicides in 1939, giving a rate of 1.1 per 100,000 population. These figures compared with 127 deaths and a rate of 1.1 in 1938, and 138 deaths and a rate of 1.2 in 1937. The highest homicide rate during the period 1926-39 was 2.1 in 1930.

The number of violent deaths other than suicides and homicides in 1939 was 6,064 and the rate was 54 per 100,000, as compared with 6,130 deaths and a rate of 55 in 1938 and 6,242 deaths with a rate of 56 in 1937. The rate from these causes attained its highest level, 61 per 100,000 in the three years 1928 - 30.

Drownings in 1939 exclusive of those occurring in mines and in land or air transportation, numbered 852 or 14 per cent of the total of fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 1,981 deaths or 33 per cent of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered 1,584 or 26 per cent of all accidental deaths. Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved, there were 212 deaths in railway accidents and 30 in street-car accidents. Accidents in mines and quarries accounted for 118 deaths. There were 25 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Deaths from external violence in Canada (1), by provinces, 1939.

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	
P.E.I.	45	47.4	6	6.3	1	1.1	38	40.0	
N.S.	389	70.2	35	6.3	6	1.1	348	62.8	
N.B.	306	67.8	20	4.4	4	0.9	282	62.5	
QUE.	1,633	50.9	154	4.8	16	0.5	1,463	45.6	
ONT.	2,711	72.3	354	9.4	38	1.0	2,319	61.8	
MAN.	426	58.6	84	11.6	4	0.6	338	46.5	
SASK.	441	46.5	90	9.5	16	1.7	335	35.3	
ALTA.	466	59.1	102	12.9	13	1.6	351	44.5	
B.C.	744	96.1	129	16.7	25	3.2	590	76.2	
Canada	1939	7,161	63.4	974	8.6	123	1.1	6,064	53.7
	1938	7,205	64.4	948	8.5	127	1.1	6,130	54.8
	1937	7,358	66.3	978	8.8	138	1.2	6,242	56.2
	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.

