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## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Quarterly Report<sup>(1)</sup> for Period Ended September 30, 1953.

There were 38,051 accidents reported in the months of July, August and September compared with 31,387 in the previous three month period. Fatalities rose from 414 in the second quarter of 1953 to 602 in the third quarter while the total injured jumped from 11,287 to 14,053 persons. Property damage estimates for 34,801 accidents totalled \$12,857,575 or \$369 per accident. In the second quarter of 1953, 28,726 accidents cost \$9,950,539 or \$346 per accident.

In the period July 1 to September 30 there were 514 fatal and 9,558 personal injury accidents with 602 people killed and 14,053 injured. Drivers killed numbered 216 and 4,121 were injured. Passenger deaths totalled 214 while 6,606 were hurt in accidents. Of the pedestrians struck 143 died and 2,171 suffered injuries varying from minor to very serious. Twenty-five bicyclists and motorcycleists were killed and 1,095 were listed as injured.

Comparison with equivalent data for the third quarter of 1952 shows that only Prince Edward Island had less accidents in the 1953 period but that there were fewer fatalities in all three Maritime Provinces and in British Columbia and injuries were smaller in number in Nova Scotia and The Territories. Prince Edward Island accidents were 9.7 p.c. lower at 252 while the Nova Scotia total rose 4.9 p.c. to 2,324; that of New Brunswick by 21.9 p.c. to 1,296; Ontario 11.2 p.c. to 17,369; Manitoba 25.1 p.c. to 3,250; Saskatchewan 10.9 p.c. to 2,971; Alberta 6.5 p.c. to 4,358; British Columbia 6.5 p.c. to 5,375 and The Territories recorded 80.8 p.c. more accidents at 94 for the quarter.

Reports for Summerside, Prince Edward Island and the province of Quebec were not available for this report. In the areas for which information was received there were 102,762 accidents reported in the first nine months of 1953 during which period 1,321 people lost their lives in motor vehicle traffic accidents and 34,069 suffered injuries.

### COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Total Number of	Third Quarter 1953 (1)	Second Quarter 1953 (1)	Third Quarter 1952 (2)	January-September 1953 (1)
Accidents Reported	38,051	31,387	33,779	102,762
Persons Killed	602	414	570	1,321
Persons Injured	14,053	11,287	13,592	34,069

(1) Excluding province of Quebec and town of Summerside, P.E.I.

(2) Excluding province of Quebec and Newfoundland (outside city of St. John's).

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

	Canada	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island (4)	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	
<b>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>						
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	514	8	5	30	26	
Non-Fatal -						
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	9,558	144	53	530	333	
(b) Resulting in property damage only (1)	27,979	610	194	1,764	937	
Total Number of Accidents						
Third Quarter, 1953	38,051	762	252	2,324	1,296	
Third Quarter, 1952	-	(2)	279	2,215	1,063	
<b>PERSONS KILLED</b>						
Drivers	216	4	2	16	7	
Passengers	214	1	1	4	8	
Pedestrians	143	3	1	10	13	
Bicyclists	9	-	1	2	-	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	16	-	-	-	-	
Others	4	-	-	-	-	
Total Number Killed						
Third Quarter, 1953	602	8	5	32	28	
Third Quarter, 1952	-	(2)	11	41	43	
<b>PERSONS INJURED</b>						
Drivers	4,121	42	20	194	141	
Passengers	6,606	62	45	329	202	
Pedestrians	2,171	63	9	161	86	
Bicyclists	681	6	3	39	31	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	414	3	-	-	-	
Others	60	-	-	-	2	
Total Number Injured						
Third Quarter, 1953	14,053	176	77	723	462	
Third Quarter, 1952	-	(2)	77	725	392	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>						
Third Quarter, 1953	\$ (5) 12,357,575	152,090	89,978	550,455	457,394	
Third Quarter, 1952	\$ -	(2)	82,791	515,613	372,199	
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents) (1)						

(1) All reports are for accidents causing property damage estimated at \$50 or over except for the following:

Saskatchewan - \$100 and over  
Alberta and N.W.T. - \$ 75 and over  
Quebec and Yukon - \$ 25 and over  
Charlottetown, P.E.I. - all accidents

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	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
	D	271	36	35	45	55	3
	A	4,730	694	825	887	1,340	22
	T	12,368	2,520	2,111	3,426	3,980	69
	A	17,369	3,250	2,971	4,358	5,375	94
		15,614	2,597	2,678	4,093	5,048	52
	N	97	16	30	20	22	2
		144	9	14	11	21	1
	O	74	9	1	15	17	-
		3	1	-	1	1	-
	T	13	1	-	2	-	-
		2	-	-	1	1	-
	A	333	36	45	50	62	3
		304	36	23	32	77	2
	V	1,976	317	401	410	601	19
		3,288	378	618	573	1,095	16
	A	1,174	166	81	159	271	1
	I	370	88	32	33	79	-
	L	330	-	9	20	52	-
		42	-	6	5	5	-
	A	7,180	949	1,147	1,200	2,103	36
	B	7,148	909	1,084	1,147	2,004	40
	L	6,635,285	(3)	1,335,199	1,742,761	1,814,692	79,721
		5,060,412	(3)	1,090,580	1,473,972	1,592,371	37,051
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(2) Comparable data not available.

(3) Not available.

(4) Excludes town of Summerside, P.E.I.

(5) Excludes Manitoba, Quebec and Summerside, P.E.I.

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