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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTSQuarterly Report ⁽¹⁾ for Period January 1 to March 31, 1954.

The current report shows that 59,250 motor vehicle traffic accidents were reported throughout Canada in the first three months of 1954. There were 396 accidents in which death took one or more persons; in 8,093 instances people were injured while in 50,761 cases the accidents involved only damage to property.

Data for Quebec are included in this report for the first time since the quarterly series was commenced and consequently the totals are much above those for the first three months of 1953. Excluding Quebec totals from the current Canada summary it is found that the 287 fatal, 5,968 injury and 30,810 property damage accidents which occurred in the rest of Canada compare with 272 fatal, 6,374 injury and 26,678 property damage accidents in the period January 1 to March 31, 1953. Thus it may be seen that there were more fatal accidents, a fact borne out by the increase in traffic deaths from 305 to 335 in these areas. In contrast injury accidents outside Quebec were down and as well the number of persons injured dropped from 8,729 to 8,345.

Comparison shows that only Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Territories had fewer accidents in the first quarter of 1954 than one year previously. All three classes of accidents were down in the above areas in contrast to New Brunswick and Manitoba where the three types each showed increases. There were more traffic deaths and injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba while in Newfoundland, Saskatchewan and British Columbia declines were recorded in deaths and in Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia there were fewer people injured.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Total Number of	First Quarter 1954	Fourth Quarter 1953 (1)	First Quarter 1953 (1)
Accidents Reported	59,250	43,134	33,324
Persons Killed	451	668	305
Persons Injured	10,508	13,562	8,729

(1) Excluding province of Quebec

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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

FIRST QUARTER, 1954

(For three months ended March 31, 1954)

	Canada	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	
<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>						
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	396	2	1	18	21	
Non-Fatal -						
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	8,093	71	27	348	237	
(b) Resulting in property damage only (1)	50,761	662	261	2,174	1,406	
Total Number of Accidents						
First Quarter, 1954	59,250	735	289	2,540	1,664	
First Quarter, 1953	...	511	202	2,001	1,185	
<u>PERSONS KILLED</u>						
Drivers	...	-	1	4	1	
Passengers	...	-	1	8	4	
Pedestrians	...	1	-	8	16	
Bicyclists	...	-	-	-	-	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	...	-	-	-	-	
Others	...	1	-	-	2	
Total Number Killed						
First Quarter, 1954	451	2	2	20	23	
First Quarter, 1953	...	6	2	r 19	15	
<u>PERSONS INJURED</u>						
Drivers	...	9	8	112	83	
Passengers	...	24	14	172	118	
Pedestrians	...	43	12	158	83	
Bicyclists	...	1	1	4	1	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	...	-	-	2	-	
Others	...	8	1	2	3	
Total Number Injured						
First Quarter, 1954	10,508	85	36	450	288	
First Quarter, 1953	...	85	37	439	253	
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</u>						
First Quarter, 1954 \$	...	185,783	63,474	482,338	430,397	
First Quarter, 1953 \$	...	134,658	52,195	307,440	326,613	
(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 Yukon - \$ 75 and over
 Quebec and N.W.T. - \$ 25 and over
 Charlottetown, P.E.I. - all accidents

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

FIRST QUARTER, 1954

(For three months ended March 31, 1954)

	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>							
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	109	174	14	3	31	23	-
Non-Fatal -							
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	2,125	3,217	415	319	428	890	16
(b) Resulting in property damage only (1)	19,951	14,242	2,846	1,622	3,477	4,050	70
Total Number of Accidents							
First Quarter, 1954	22,185	17,633	3,275	1,944	3,936	4,963	86
First Quarter, 1953	..	14,526	2,943	2,235	4,289	5,333	99
<u>PERSONS KILLED</u>							
Drivers	..	65	5	2	18	5	-
Passengers	..	56	6	3	14	9	-
Pedestrians	..	75	6	-	5	10	-
Bicyclists	..	1	-	-	-	1	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	..	3	-	-	-	1	-
Others	..	1	-	-	1	1	-
Total Number Killed							
First Quarter, 1954	(2) 116	201	17	5	38	27	-
First Quarter, 1953	..	172	9	11	38	32	-
<u>PERSONS INJURED</u>							
Drivers	..	1,392	144	151	237	355	11
Passengers	..	1,950	225	221	379	579	16
Pedestrians	..	1,044	139	46	102	230	-
Bicyclists	..	97	9	3	8	38	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	..	54	-	-	4	15	-
Others	..	26	1	1	3	6	-
Total Number Injured							
First Quarter, 1954	(2) 2,163	4,563	518	422	735	1,223	27
First Quarter, 1953	..	4,552	463	444	848	1,581	27
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</u>							
First Quarter, 1954 \$	..	8,149,847	..	619,577	1,292,873	1,430,582	78,192
First Quarter, 1953 \$	..	4,933,829	..	754,030	1,548,968	1,574,506	57,393
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents) (1)							

(2) Estimated

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