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**MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**

(For Period October 1 to December 31, 1954.)

In the months of October, November and December, 1954 a total of 42,461 motor vehicle traffic accidents were reported in nine provinces (excluding Quebec) and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The total included 560 fatal, 9,898 injury and 32,003 property damage accidents. In these accidents 645 persons were killed and 14,308 were injured while an estimate for eight provinces excluding Manitoba and Quebec indicates that property damage in excess of \$14.6 million was caused.

There were 202 drivers, 212 passengers, 204 pedestrians and 27 bicyclists, motorcyclists and others killed in accidents during the three month period. Injured were 4,541 drivers, 6,401 passengers, 2,655 pedestrians and 711 bicyclists, motorcyclists and others.

Comparison with the fourth quarter of 1953 shows that the number of accidents reported in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was down but increased in the other provinces and the territories especially in New Brunswick and British Columbia. The death toll was reduced in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta where there were 66 fatalities compared with 96 in the same three months of 1953. Injured persons in Newfoundland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were fewer in number.

Preliminary totals indicate that there were 143,168 accidents reported in the nine provinces which reported during 1954 compared with 152,443 for the same provinces in 1953. Traffic accident deaths for the nine provinces numbered 1,960 down 60 from 2,020 in 1953 and the number of persons injured were down to 47,020 from 47,826 in 1953. A complete report for the year 1954 will be released soon.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY (1)

Total Number of	Fourth Quarter 1954	Fourth Quarter 1953	Year 1954 P	Year 1953
Accidents Reported	42,461	43,134	143,168	152,443
Persons Killed	645	668	1,960	2,020
Persons Injured	14,308	13,562	47,020	47,826

(1) Excluding province of Quebec.

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MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(For three months ended December 31, 1954)

	Canada (Ex. Quebec)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	
<b>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>						
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	560	8	5	44	32	
Non-Fatal -						
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	9,898	81	48	552	416	
(b) Resulting in property damage only (1)	32,003	855	156	2,236	1,607	
Total Number of Accidents						
Fourth Quarter, 1954	42,461	944	249	2,832	2,055	
Fourth Quarter, 1953	43,134	852	317	2,680	1,470	
<b>PERSONS KILLED</b>						
Drivers	202	1	3	11	11	
Passengers	212	3	5	18	12	
Pedestrians	204	6	-	16	13	
Bicyclists	18	-	-	2	-	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	8	-	-	-	-	
Others	1	-	-	-	-	
Total Number Killed						
Fourth Quarter, 1954	645	10	8	47	36	
Fourth Quarter, 1953	668	8	3	46	31	
<b>PERSONS INJURED</b>						
Drivers	4,541	31	20	191	153	
Passengers	6,401	39	22	286	232	
Pedestrians	2,655	61	24	219	127	
Bicyclists	457	3	2	17	19	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	194	4	-	-	-	
Others	60	1	-	1	3	
Total Number Injured						
Fourth Quarter, 1954	14,308	139	68	714	534	
Fourth Quarter, 1953	13,562	188	67	694	435	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>						
Fourth Quarter, 1954	...	293,154	78,272	655,207	662,016	
Fourth Quarter, 1953	...	285,847	105,046	672,220	437,837	
(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 & Ontario - \$100 and over  
Alberta and N.W.T. - \$ 75 and over  
Yukon - \$ 25 and over

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(For three months ended December 31, 1954)

	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
	..	282	34	22	62	69	2
	..	4,914	624	577	832	1,832	22
	..	12,352	3,149	2,090	3,664	5,740	114
	..	17,548	3,807	2,689	4,558	7,641	138
	..	19,230	3,984	3,083	4,879	6,543	96
	..	105	13	8	31	19	-
	..	98	13	15	22	24	2
	..	117	8	3	11	30	-
	..	9	5	1	1	-	-
	..	3	-	-	1	4	-
	..	-	1	-	-	-	-
	..	332	40	27	66	77	2
	..	346	35	29	96	73	1
	..	2,263	284	317	445	804	13
	..	3,128	358	418	587	1,311	20
	..	1,409	176	57	191	365	6
	..	242	38	7	25	104	-
	..	132	-	2	19	37	-
	..	33	-	5	13	4	-
	..	7,227	856	806	1,280	2,645	39
	..	6,685	949	947	1,300	2,263	34
	..	7,636,874	..	1,019,556	1,728,788	2,492,872	79,400
	..	7,257,530	..	1,164,606	1,999,588	2,150,013	55,919

- Nil.

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