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MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Period January 1 to March 31, 1955.)

In the first quarter of 1955, 35,558 accidents were reported by nine provinces (excluding Quebec) and the Territories. Fatal accidents numbered 319, non-fatal 6,407 and property damage accidents were 28,832 in number. During the period 353 persons were killed and 9,053 injured.

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Ontario had fewer accidents in the first quarter of 1955 compared with the same period in 1954, but all other provinces showed an increase. Legislation, effective March 18, 1955, raised the minimum reportable amount for property damage accidents in Prince Edward Island to \$100. The minimum was formerly \$50 except in Charlottetown where all accidents were reportable. The Ontario minimum was raised from \$50 to \$100 on April 6, 1954 and undoubtedly was a factor in the reduced total reported by Ontario for the first quarter of 1955.

The number of persons killed in the first three months of 1955 dropped in New Brunswick, (from 23 to 17), Manitoba (from 17 to 12) and British Columbia (from 27 to 26), but rose in all other provinces except Nova Scotia which was unchanged at 20 fatalities. Persons injured dropped in Newfoundland (from 85 to 79), Manitoba (from 518 to 452), Saskatchewan (from 422 to 342), Yukon - North West Territories (from 27 to 19).

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY (1)

Total Number of	First Quarter 1955	Fourth Quarter 1954	First Quarter 1954
Accidents Reported	35,558	42,461	37,065
Persons Killed	353	645	237
Persons Injured	9,053	14,308	8,345

(1) Excludes Province of Quebec

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FIRST QUARTER, 1955.

(For three months ended March 31, 1955.)

	Canada Ex Quebec	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick		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)	319	6	-	20	17		..	192	11	10	41	22	-
Non-Fatal -													
(a) Resulting in the injury of one or more persons	6,407	63	23	365	249		..	3,387	333	247	565	1,161	14
(b) Resulting in <u>property</u> <u>damage</u> only (1)	28,832	542	221	2,119	1,771		..	10,992	3,138	1,734	3,651	4,577	87
Total Number of Accidents													
First Quarter, 1955	35,558	611	244	2,504	2,037		..	14,571	3,482	1,991	4,257	5,760	101
First Quarter, 1954	(3) 59,250	735	289	2,540	1,664		22,185	17,633	3,275	1,944	3,936	4,963	86
<u>PERSONS KILLED</u>													
Drivers	107	2	-	-	1		..	67	-	7	19	11	-
Passengers	107	4	-	9	2		..	64	6	1	14	7	-
Pedestrians	131	2	-	11	13		..	77	5	3	12	8	-
Bicyclists	4	-	-	-	1		..	3	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	2	-	-	-	-		..	2	-	-	-	-	-
Others	2	1	-	-	-		..	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total Number Killed													
First Quarter, 1955	353	9	-	20	17		..	213	12	11	45	26	-
First Quarter, 1954	(3) 451	2	2	20	23		(2) 116	201	17	5	38	27	-
<u>PERSONS INJURED</u>													
Drivers	2,890	16	12	135	77		..	1,589	134	121	312	486	8
Passengers	4,024	19	21	184	125		..	2,034	218	178	456	778	11
Pedestrians	1,817	39	10	156	63		..	1,046	96	38	94	275	-
Bicyclists	174	-	-	5	5		..	86	3	3	12	60	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	111	-	-	-	37		..	41	-	-	8	25	-
Others	37	5	-	6	1		..	13	1	2	2	7	-
Total Number Injured													
First Quarter, 1955	9,053	79	43	486	308		..	4,809	452	342	884	1,631	19
First Quarter, 1954	(3) 10,508	85	36	450	288		(2) 2,163	4,563	518	422	733	1,223	27
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE</u>													
First Quarter, 1955 \$...	158,862	68,300	593,194	548,345		..	5,995,249	..	604,510	1,494,146	1,874,517	43,900
First Quarter, 1954 \$...	185,783	63,474	482,338	430,397		..	6,149,847	..	619,577	1,292,873	1,430,582	78,192
(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:

Ontario and Saskatchewan \$100 and over
 Alberta and Yukon \$ 75 and over
 Quebec and N.W.T. \$ 25 and over
 Prince Edward Island \$100 and over since March 18, 1955
 (Formerly all accidents in Charlottetown and those over \$50
 in rest of Province)

(2) Estimated

(3) Includes Quebec

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