

**MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**

(For Period July 1 to September 30, 1956)

Motor vehicle traffic accidents reported for nine provinces, (excluding Quebec), and the Territories for July, August and September 1956, numbered 39,089 of which 626 were fatal accidents, 10,896 were non-fatal injury accidents, and 27,567 resulted in property damage only. During this period 721 persons were killed and 16,868 injured.

Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Territories all showed increases in the number of accidents reported during the quarter as compared with the same period in 1955. Accidents in Ontario increased to 18,389 from 16,666 one year ago. The number of accidents occurring in Quebec is not available for the third quarter of 1956.

The number of persons killed during the quarter dropped in Newfoundland (from 16 to 10) in Prince Edward Island (from 8 to 7) in New Brunswick (from 40 to 37) and in Saskatchewan (from 48 to 38). All other reporting authorities showed increases in the number of fatalities. Nova Scotia was the only province to record a decrease in the number of persons injured as compared with the same period in 1955. The Territories remained unchanged at 37 persons injured during this quarter in 1956 and 1955.

The first nine months of 1956 resulted in a total of 140,198 accidents in Canada (including 33,840 reported by Quebec for the first half of 1956) compared with 99,500 (excluding Quebec) in the same period in 1955. The number of persons killed was 1,583 as against 1,483 one year ago and persons injured increased to 39,266 from 35,736 in the January-September period of 1955.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY (1)

Total Number of	Third Quarter	Third Quarter	Year to Date	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Accidents reported	39,089	36,601	140,198 ⁽²⁾	99,500 ^(r)
Persons killed	721	677	1,583	1,483 ^(r)
Persons injured	16,868	15,551	39,266	35,736

(1) Excludes Quebec.

(2) Includes 33,840 in Quebec.

(r) Revised.

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	Canada (Ex. Quebec)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick			Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS														
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	626	10	7	44	33			..	308	44	35	61	82	2
Non-Fatal -														
(a) Resulting in the <u>injury</u> of one or more persons	10,896	166	78	534	476			..	5,491	746	753	951	1,685	16
(b) Resulting in <u>property</u> <u>damage</u> only (1)	27,567	592	149	1,446	1,010			..	12,590	1,723	1,989	3,844	4,142	82
Total Number of Accidents														
Third Quarter, 1956	39,089	768	234	2,024	1,519			..	18,389	2,513	2,777	4,856	5,909	100
Third Quarter, 1955	36,601	541	240	2,780	1,469			..	16,666	2,960	2,395	4,642	4,825	83
PERSONS KILLED														
Drivers	285	2	6	18	11			..	133	23	13	34	42	3
Passengers	227	3	-	17	8			..	113	13	12	25	35	1
Pedestrians	167	5	1	14	18			..	81	9	11	8	20	-
Bicyclists	21	-	-	2	-			..	13	1	1	1	3	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	17	-	-	-	-			..	11	1	-	1	4	-
Others	4	-	-	-	-			..	-	2	1	1	-	-
Total Number Killed														
Third Quarter, 1956	721	10	7	51	37			..	351	49	38	70	104	4
Third Quarter, 1955	677	16	8	36	40			..	342	44	48	63	77	3
PERSONS INJURED														
Drivers	5,328	59	38	260	203			..	2,647	322	442	540	806	11
Passengers	8,184	119	67	367	369			..	3,884	527	629	768	1,428	26
Pedestrians	2,155	62	13	139	129			..	1,171	171	73	155	242	-
Bicyclists	(3	3	27	(..	425	68	26	52	99	-
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	(1,170	3	-	2	(36			..	283	27	13	16	87	-
Others	31	1	1	1	4			..	7	7	8	2	-	-
Total Number Injured														
Third Quarter, 1956	16,868	247	122	796	741			..	8,417	1,122	1,191	1,533	2,662	37
Third Quarter, 1955	15,551	162	63	806	634			..	8,028	1,028	1,061	1,519	2,213	37
TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE (1)														
Third Quarter, 1956	\$ 18,040,904	391,780	109,813	803,924	718,411			..	9,033,454	895,450	1,165,765	2,070,479	2,782,081	69,747
Third Quarter, 1955	\$...	200,994	87,477	743,770	619,802			..	7,647,705	..	993,512	1,729,845	2,088,306	75,339
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents)														

(1) All reports are for accidents causing property damage estimated at \$100 or over except for the following:

Nov Scotia - \$50 or over in 1955
Manitoba - \$50 or over in 1955
Alberta - \$75 or over in 1955
Yukon - \$75 or over in 1955

.. Not available
... Incomplete
- Nil

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