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**MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**

(For Period October 1 to December 31, 1956)

Motor vehicle traffic accidents reported for nine provinces (excluding Quebec), and the Territories for October, November and December 1956, numbered 48,653 of which 667 were fatal accidents, 11,119 were non-fatal injury accidents, and 36,867 resulted in property damage only. Fatal accidents were up 29% from the 517 reported for the corresponding period in 1955, while non-fatal injury accidents at 11,119 were up 1,371 or 14% from the 9,748 reported in 1955.

The number of persons killed in Canada (excluding Quebec) increased 34% to 787 during the fourth quarter of 1956 as compared with the same period in 1955. New Brunswick was the only province to record a decrease in the number of persons fatally injured. Particularly sharp increases were noted in Manitoba and Alberta. The number of persons injured increased 17%, to 16,451, with Nova Scotia and the Territories the only reporting authorities to record a decrease.

The twelve months of 1956 resulted in a total of 155,011 accidents in Canada (excluding Quebec), compared with 144,846 (excluding Quebec), in the same period in 1955. The number of persons killed was 2,370 as against 2,084 and persons injured increased to 55,717 from 49,828 in the January-December period of 1955.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY (1)

Total Number of	Fourth Quarter 1956	Fourth Quarter 1955	Year 1956	Year 1955
Accidents reported	48,653	45,051	155,011(2)	144,846
Persons killed	787	585	2,370	2,084
Persons injured	16,451	14,038	55,717	49,828

(1) Excludes Quebec. (2) Excludes 33,840 in Quebec reported for first half of 1956.

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MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Fourth Quarter, 1956

(For three months ended December 31, 1956)

	Canada (Ex. Quebec)	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	
<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>						
Fatal (Resulting in the death of one or more persons)	667	12	5	46	39	
Non-Fatal -						
(a) Resulting in the <u>injury</u> of one or more persons	11,119	180	54	503	461	
(b) Resulting in <u>property</u> <u>damage</u> only (1)	36,867	696	146	2,089	1,258	
Total Number of Accidents						
Fourth Quarter, 1956	48,653	888	205	2,638	1,758	
Fourth Quarter, 1955	45,051	727	214	3,489	1,682	
<u>PERSONS KILLED</u>						
Drivers	267	2	2	23	9	
Passengers	262	2	3	10	16	
Pedestrians	228	8	1	13	19	
Bicyclists	(	-	-	3	(	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	( 19	-	-	-	( 2	
Others	11	-	-	-	1	
Total Number Killed						
Fourth Quarter, 1956	787	12	6	49	47	
Fourth Quarter, 1955	585	5	5	37	52	
<u>PERSONS INJURED</u>						
Drivers	5,727	48	34	258	189	
Passengers	7,511	71	37	301	312	
Pedestrians	2,603	103	7	152	133	
Bicyclists	(	3	-	10	(	
Motor Cyclists (drivers and passengers)	( 565	-	-	-	( 23	
Others	45	4	1	3	2	
Total Number Injured						
Fourth Quarter, 1956	16,451	229	79	724	659	
Fourth Quarter, 1955	14,038	201	50	753	496	
<u>TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE (1)</u>						
Fourth Quarter, 1956 \$	21,028,452	374,100	67,668	978,051	726,517	
Fourth Quarter, 1955 \$	...	324,103	75,858	826,465	663,389	
(Totals of estimates of damage caused in reportable accidents)						

MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Fourth Quarter, 1956

(For three months ended December 31, 1956)

	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon and Northwest Territories
	..	305	42	48	74	94	2
	..	5,461	688	705	971	2,071	25
	..	15,509	2,537	3,019	5,079	6,410	124
	..	21,275	3,267	3,772	6,124	8,575	151
	..	19,384	4,199	2,835	5,026	7,353	142
	..	136	17	17	35	26	-
	..	122	13	28	34	33	1
	..	101	21	10	13	41	1
	..	4	1	1	-	1	-
	..	6	1	-	-	-	-
	..	1	1	6	1	1	-
	..	370	54	62	83	102	2
	..	310	18	35	45	77	1
	..	2,927	336	418	503	1,000	14
	..	3,445	417	554	737	1,618	19
	..	1,379	162	93	157	415	2
	..	220	26	10	21	85	-
	..	112	5	3	4	43	-
	..	13	-	9	3	9	1
	..	8,096	946	1,087	1,425	3,170	36
	..	7,189	777	770	990	2,763	49
	..	9,949,761	1,116,450	1,417,579	2,426,884	3,888,115	83,327
	..	7,789,828	..	988,794	1,757,573	3,066,148	76,052

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

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

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