

"Dangerous substances" caused 305 fatalities, of which 78 were due to explosive substances, 72 to electric current, 54 to mine explosions from gas, coal dust, etc., 41 to hot and inflammable substances and flames, 33 to gas fumes, etc., 14 to steam escapes, boiler explosions and compressed air, and 13 to conflagrations.

Fatalities numbering 212 were caused by "falling objects", of which 73 were due to objects falling in mines and quarries, 67 to falling trees and limbs, 37 to objects falling from elevations, loads, piles, 19 to collapse of structures, 12 to breaking or loosening of straps, cables, etc., and 4 to other falling objects.

There were 60 fatalities caused by handling of heavy or sharp objects and 6 by the use of tools. Working machines caused 39, prime movers caused 59, and 11 were due to hoisting apparatus. There were 45 fatalities caused by striking against or being struck by objects, of which 9 were due to striking against objects and 36 to being struck by objects. Animals caused 36 fatalities including 29 caused by horses.

The category "other causes" includes 108 fatalities, of which 4 were deaths following infection, 33 due to industrial diseases, strains, etc., 5 to drownings of which no particulars were available, 10 to shooting and violence, 32 to cave-ins, land slides, ice-jams, etc., 22 to lightning, frost, storms, sunstroke, and 2 accidents of which no particulars were available.

### Section 7.—Workmen's Compensation in Canada.

An account of the development of workmen's compensation legislation in Canada from employers' liability legislation was given at pp. 744-746 of the 1927-28 Year Book, while a summary of the present position with regard to workmen's compensation appears in the general sketch of labour legislation in Canada at pp. 746-748 of the current edition. Details regarding the operation of the various Workmen's Compensation Boards of the Provinces are given below.

**Operations of the Workmen's Compensation Boards.—Nova Scotia**—The Workmen's Compensation Act was passed in 1915, but only became effective on Jan. 1, 1917. During the thirteen years between that date and Dec. 31, 1929, accidents to the number of 92,638 were reported to the Board, of which 79,799 were compensated as per Table 5. Prior to Jan. 1, 1920, medical aid was furnished only in special cases.

#### 5.—Compensation Paid and Accidents Compensated by the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Board, 1917-1929.

NOTE.—The following figures do not include estimates for outstanding claims.

Year.	Compensation Paid.	Medical Aid.	Total.	Total Accidents Compensated.
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1917.....	503,257-89	201-90	503,459-79	4,836
1918.....	826,740-32	-	826,740-32	4,931
1919.....	629,156-33	491-43	629,647-78	4,949
1920.....	1,135,234-75	36,561-22	1,171,795-97	7,116
1921.....	705,752-17	36,296-34	742,048-51	4,903
1922.....	575,905-81	40,146-77	617,052-58	5,022
1923.....	808,559-73	56,483-66	865,043-39	6,248
1924.....	874,477-95	63,973-66	938,451-61	5,786
1925.....	638,786-87	68,740-05	707,526-92	5,340
1926.....	875,939-70	84,122-35	960,062-05	6,652
1927.....	1,052,302-45	88,978-20	1,141,280-65	6,871
1928.....	1,076,074-41	95,068-44	1,171,142-85	7,066
1929.....	936,210-53	117,631-89	1,053,842-42	9,479