

Causes of Fatal Accidents.—The classification of fatal accidents in 1932 by causes shows that the largest number, 260, came under the category "by moving trains, vehicles, etc.". This includes all accidents due to cars or engines, including mine and quarry cars, and to automobiles and other power vehicles and horse-drawn vehicles, as well as accidents caused by moving implements, by moving watercraft and by aircraft. Next in order as a cause came "falls of persons", 160 in number, including those who fell from some elevation and those who fell into pits, shafts, holds of vessels, harbours, rivers, etc. "Dangerous substances" including electric current, explosives, hot and inflammable substances, gas fumes, boiler explosions, etc., caused 155 fatalities. Fatalities numbering 142 were caused by falling objects. Animals caused 44 fatalities, including 27 caused by horses. Thirty-one fatalities were caused by working machines, 25 by prime movers, 27 by striking against or being struck by objects, 16 by handling of heavy or sharp objects, 13 by hoisting apparatus, 4 by tools, 12 by infection, 24 due to industrial diseases, 11 by shooting and violence, 10 by cave-ins and 16 by lightning, frost, storms and sunstroke.

Numbers of industrial accidents, fatal and non-fatal, dealt with by the various provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards are included in the following section on Workmen's Compensation in Canada.

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 1932 legislation with regard to workmen's compensation appears in the general sketch of labour legislation in Canada at pp. 787-789 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 fifteen years between that date and Dec. 31, 1931, 109,005 accidents were reported to the Board, of which 94,977 were compensated as per Table 6. Prior to Jan. 1, 1920, medical aid was only furnished in special cases.

6.—Compensation Paid and Accidents Compensated by the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Board, 1917-31.

(Estimates for outstanding claims not included.)

Year.	Compensation.	Medical aid.	Total.	Accidents Compensated.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1917.....	503,258	202	503,460	4,836
1918.....	826,740	-	826,740	4,931
1919.....	629,156	491	629,647	4,949
1920.....	1,135,235	36,561	1,171,796	7,116
1921.....	705,752	36,296	742,048	4,903
1922.....	576,996	40,147	617,053	5,022
1923.....	809,560	56,484	866,044	6,248
1924.....	874,478	63,974	938,452	5,786
1925.....	638,787	68,740	707,527	5,340
1926.....	875,940	84,122	960,062	6,652
1927.....	1,052,303	88,978	1,141,281	6,871
1928.....	1,076,074	95,069	1,171,143	7,666
1929.....	936,210	117,682	1,053,842	9,479
1930.....	879,826	129,399	1,009,227	8,321
1931.....	951,256	106,878	1,057,834	6,357