17.—Numbers of Persons Killed and Injured on Steam Railways in the calendar years 1931-33.

Item.	1931.		1932.		1933.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Description of Persons— Passengers. Employees Trespassers. Non-trespassers. Postal clerks, expressmen, etc	3 42 113 88	369 1,131 483 208 52	7 57 170 69 1	339 957 288 226 45	8 41 147 62 2	306 985 278 243 39
Totals	246	2,243	304	1,855	268	1,851
Description of Accident (Employees and Passengers only)— Coupling and uncoupling Collisions Derailments. Parting of trains. Locomotives or cars breaking down Falling from trains or cars Getting on or off trains. Struck by trains, etc. Overhead obstruction Other causes.	2 3 1 - 5 3 15 1	78 45 130 35 6 88 292 78 9 739	1 12 6 - 6 5 16 - 18	38 37 26 1 2 54 276 56 3 803	1 6 5 - - 5 79 19 5	37 22 55 1 7 82 280 42 2 2 763
Totals	45	1,500	64	1,296	49	1,291

(A) IN ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF TRAINS, LOCOMOTIVES OR CARS.

(B) IN ACCIDENTS OTHER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF TRAINS, LOCOMOTIVES OR CARS.

Description of Persons.	1931.		1932.		1933.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Stationmen Shopmen. Trainmen and trackmen Other employees Passengers Others	3 -	473 1,482 2,341 539 30 87		432 1,258 1,692 292 3 39	2 2 7 1 - 8	420 1,215 1,642 147 13 85
Totals	14	4,952		3,716	20	3,522

Section 3.—Origin and Growth of Government-Owned Railways.

Canadian Government Railways.—The Intercolonial Railway, built as a condition of Confederation and completed in 1876, and the Prince Edward Island Railway, opened in April, 1875, have since their construction been owned and operated by the Dominion Government. In 1903 the Dominion Government undertook the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway from Moncton, N.B., to Winnipeg, to be leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. for a period of 50 years. However, as a result of the conditions arising from the Great War, the company was unable to take over the operation of the road when completed in 1915. The Government itself undertook its operation and was also obliged to lease the Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which was isolated from the main line. A number of eastern branch lines have been acquired in recent years, including: the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway which forms the mainland connection of the Prince Edward Island car ferry, the International Railway, the Moncton and Buctouche Railway, the Salisbury and Albert Railway, the St. Martin's Railway, the Elgin and Havelock Railway, the