

17.—Persons Killed or Injured on Steam Railways, 1942-44

Class of Person and Description of Accident	In Accidents Resulting from Movement of Trains, Locomotives or Cars					
	1942		1943		1944	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Class of Person—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers.....	43	639	9	417	8	416
Employees.....	103	2,163	112	2,942	81	2,637
Trespassers.....	117	125	82	106	39	85
Non-trespassers.....	148	463	115	447	140	398
Postal clerks, expressmen, etc.....	Nil	40	Nil	33	2	12
Totals.....	411	3,430	318	3,345	320	3,548
Description of Accidents (Employees and Passengers only)—						
Coupling and uncoupling.....	5	120	7	182	5	160
Collisions.....	67	419	31	226	11	173
Derailments.....	4	58	6	147	12	62
Locomotives or cars breaking down.....	Nil	2	3	8	3	17
Falling from trains or cars.....	9	197	19	259	14	220
Getting on or off trains.....	4	543	6	666	9	675
Struck by trains, etc.....	26	46	27	72	15	58
Overhead and other obstruction.....	1	17	Nil	37	2	30
Other causes.....	30	1,400	22	1,762	18	1,655
Totals.....	146	2,802	121	3,359	89	3,053
	In Accidents Other Than Those Resulting from Movement of Trains, Locomotives or Cars					
Class of Person—						
Stationmen.....	Nil	1,219	2	1,409	1	1,395
Shopmen.....	6	2,877	5	3,770	3	4,134
Trackmen.....	9	2,670	8	3,212	10	3,150
Other employees.....	2	1,079	3	1,334	8	1,871
Passengers.....	1	140	Nil	129	Nil	146
Others.....	14	115	5	120	11	135
Totals.....	32	8,100	23	9,974	33	10,831

Section 2.—Electric Railways*

Replacing the horse-car systems, used in Montreal and Toronto as early as 1861, electric street railways were first seen in operation in Canada in 1885, when a successful experimental railway was constructed and operated at the Toronto Exhibition Grounds. Before many years their safety and convenience resulted in the discarding of the older systems. The first electric railway line in Canada and probably the first in North America, which ran between Windsor and Walkerville, was established early in June, 1886 (it is recorded that it was in active operation before June 11).

The cheap and reasonably rapid conveyance of human beings is a necessity of modern urban life. In the cities of Eastern Canada, electric street railways are generally operated by private companies under city franchises, while in a considerable number of cities in Ontario and the West the street railways are owned and operated by the municipalities.

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