

Motor-Vehicle Accidents.—Motorists are required to report accidents but comprehensive statistics are not available for all provinces. The Health and Welfare Division of the Bureau of Statistics compiles statistics on all deaths from motor-vehicle accidents and these are shown in Table 9. A direct comparison of such statistics between the provinces is of little value due to differences in size, population, motor-vehicle density, etc., but, to put them on somewhat the same basis, the average number of deaths per 10,000 registered motor-vehicles has also been tabulated. These data still give no weight to differences in use of motor-vehicles, differences in climate, roads, tourist cars, etc., all of which are factors in accidents.

Table 10 shows the number of persons killed or injured in automobile accidents as reported by the motor-vehicle branches of the provincial governments. It is quite possible that the latter reported some persons as injured who subsequently died from injuries and these would be included in the fatalities of the vital statistics shown in Table 9; also accidents that occurred late in December and resulted in deaths would be charged to December by the provincial authorities but to January of the next year in the vital statistics. Consequently, the figures of fatalities of Tables 9 and 10 are not in complete agreement.

9.—Deaths Resulting from Motor-Vehicle Accidents, by Provinces, 1939-48

NOTE.—This table was compiled in the Health and Welfare Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Figures for the years 1926-35 will be found at p. 578 of the 1941 Year Book and those for 1936-38 at p. 712 of the 1948-49 edition.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
DEATHS										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939.....	7	84	92	390	682	63	65	81	120	1,584
1940.....	10	104	81	434	746	87	59	72	116	1,709
1941.....	9	104	89	485	835	79	45	78	128	1,852
1942.....	8	72	52	363	610	52	58	62	132	1,409
1943.....	5	90	70	392	563	44	34	84	155	1,437
1944.....	11	73	56	406	526	53	43	80	124	1,372
1945.....	8	76	90	424	637	67	58	71	125	1,556
1946.....	4	84	69 ^r	482 ^r	720 ^r	94	70 ^r	91 ^r	158 ^r	1,781 ^r
1947.....	15	83	104	476	753	77	51	103	207	1,869
1948 ^p	5	96	118	599	790	81	87	130	193	2,099
DEATHS PER 10,000 REGISTERED MOTOR-VEHICLES										
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939.....	8.71	15.85	24.14	18.30	9.99	7.09	5.46	7.12	9.83	11.01
1940.....	12.39	18.49 ^r	20.77	19.28	10.74 ^r	9.57	4.65	6.05 ^r	9.06	11.48 ^r
1941.....	11.23	16.56	21.47	20.89	11.30	8.18	3.43	6.18	9.52	11.78
1942.....	10.61	12.23	13.77	16.31	8.53	5.58	4.46	4.94	9.93	9.24
1943.....	6.23	15.20	17.41	17.60	8.14	4.71	2.54	6.59	11.51	9.51
1944.....	13.08	12.60	14.15	18.12	7.79	5.68	3.05	6.28	9.18	9.14
1945.....	9.05	13.40	21.65	18.41	9.61	7.22	4.14	5.46	9.27	10.39
1946.....	4.35	13.40	15.23	18.89 ^r	10.25 ^r	9.30	4.72 ^r	6.55 ^r	10.52 ^r	10.98 ^r
1947.....	15.08	11.81	20.16	15.94	9.49	6.87	3.22	6.63	11.52	10.19
1948 ^p	4.43	12.58	18.92	17.86	9.03	6.33	5.20	7.47	9.55	10.31