

Motor-Vehicle Accidents.—Motorists are required by law to report accidents but complete statistics of these accidents are not available for all provinces. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics compiles statistics on all deaths from motor-vehicle accidents and these are shown in Table 10. A direct comparison of such statistics between the provinces is of little value owing 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, variations in climate, road conditions, tourist cars, etc., all of which are factors in accidents, but it is apparent that more safety education is required in all provinces.

Table 11 shows the number of persons killed or injured in automobile accidents as reported by the motor-vehicle branches of the provincial governments. It is 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 10; 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 data. Consequently, the figures of fatalities of Tables 10 and 11 are not in complete agreement.

10.—Deaths Resulting from Motor-Vehicle Accidents, by Province, 1942-51

NOTE.—This table was compiled in the Health and Welfare Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Figures for 1926-35 will be found in the 1941 Year Book, p. 578, and those for 1936-41 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 712.

Year	N't Id.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
DEATHS BY PLACE OF OCCURRENCE¹											
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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	482	729	94	70	91	158	1,781
1947.....	...	15	83	104	476	753	77	51	103	207	1,869
1948.....	...	5	96	118	599	782	81	87	125	193	2,086
1949.....	...	11	102	96	645	873	105	85	172	176	2,265
1950.....	18	7	94	103	682	850	75	91	162	188	2,270
1951.....	26	20	103	122	818	991	102	93	184	227	2,686
DEATHS PER 10,000 REGISTERED MOTOR-VEHICLES											
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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	15.45	18.89	10.25	9.30	4.72	6.55	10.52	10.98
1947.....	...	15.08	11.81	20.16	16.05	9.41	6.87	3.22	6.63	11.52	10.17
1948.....	...	4.43	12.53	18.92	17.83	8.94	6.33	5.19	7.19	9.55	10.25
1949.....	...	8.33	12.22	14.27	16.76	9.00	7.61	4.59	8.53	7.65	9.89
1950.....	10.99	4.55	9.92	13.84	15.73	7.70	4.75	4.55	7.02	6.95	8.74
1951.....	12.96	11.84	9.78	14.69	16.34	8.22	5.96	4.32	7.08	7.79	9.36

¹ Includes all persons killed in motor-vehicle accidents by province in which death occurred.