

TABLE No. 15.—FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

TABLE SHOWING ANALYSES OF VARIOUS DATA RELATING TO FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENTS IN THE DOMINION DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1930, 1931, AND 1932.

	Year ended 31st March,				Year ended 31st March,		
	1930.	1931.	1932.		1930.	1931.	1932.
I. NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.				2. NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENTS.			
(a) Classified according to Main Causes.				(a) Classified according to Age of the Person killed.			
Collisions—				0-4 years	10	7	4
Motor-vehicle with pedestrian	52	55	30	5-9 years	8	9	8
„ motor-vehicle	40	75	29	10-14 years	2	5	5
„ train	7	11	8	15-19 years	17	24	18
„ tram	1	1	1	20-24 years	30	45	15
„ bicycle	12	7	11	25-54 years	83	101	81
„ horse-vehicle or horse	4	1	1	55 years and over	36	57	26
„ under control				Total deaths	186	247	157
„ fixed object	6	8	15				
„ straying stock	1	1	..	(b) Classified according to the Location of the Person killed.			
No collisions—				Pedestrians	53	55	28
Went over bank	27	29	22	On motor-cycles	51	58	47
Otherwise	22	33	31	On other motor-vehicles	68	119	72
Total accidents	172	221	148	On other vehicles or horses	14	15	10
				Total deaths	186	247	157
(b) Classified according to Hour of Accident.							
Midnight to 1 a.m.	..	4	4	3. TYPES OF VEHICLE INVOLVED.			
1 to 6 a.m.	7	8	3	Motor-cycle	59	64	51
6 to 7 a.m.	1	1	..	Private motor-car	105	132	75
7 to 8 a.m.	1	7	5	Taxi-cab	2	4	11
8 to 9 a.m.	6	5	1	Service-car	5	5	1
9 to 10 a.m.	4	4	4	Motor-omnibus	3	5	4
10 to 11 a.m.	5	10	6	Motor lorry or van	39	46	29
11 to noon	11	15	8	Bicycle	12	7	11
12 to 1 p.m.	4	5	9	Tram	2	1	1
1 to 2 p.m.	10	4	9	Horse-drawn	4	..	..
2 to 3 p.m.	8	13	8	Train	7	9	7
3 to 4 p.m.	2	16	8	Other vehicle	1	..	1
4 to 5 p.m.	24	18	14	Total vehicles	239	273	191
5 to 6 p.m.	23	20	17				
6 to 7 p.m.	23	24	18	4. BREACHES OF LAW, AND OTHER CAUSES OF FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENTS.			
7 to 8 p.m.	11	16	9	Breaches of law—			
8 to 9 p.m.	12	20	4	Excessive speed in circumstances—			
9 to 10 p.m.	5	7	9	(a) But not exceeding 20 miles per hour	33	6	5
10 to 11 p.m.	8	14	6	(b) Exceeding 20 but not exceeding 35 miles per hour	35	25	19
11 to 12 midnight	7	10	6	(c) Exceeding 35 miles per hour	18	32	13
Total accidents	172	221	148	On wrong side of road	24	38	9
				Did not comply with “ off-side ” rule	7	7	7
(c) Classified according to Day of Week.				Passing standing tram	3	..	..
Sunday	26	33	24	Other passing breaches	9	4	2
Monday	23	28	21	Failure of driver to signal motor-vehicles	3	..	2
Tuesday	17	24	14	Other vehicles	2	..	..
Wednesday	28	25	10	Breaches of law relating to railway intersections	7	11	7
Thursday	21	23	13	Vehicle without rear reflector or with inefficient one	2	2	1
Friday	22	33	27	Faulty brakes	8	9	6
Saturday	35	55	39	No lights or inefficient lights (including horse-vehicles and bicycles)	22	17	9
Total accidents	172	221	148	Glaring headlights	4	10	2
				Faulty steering-gear	3	4	3
(d) Classified according to Condition of Light.				Faulty tires or wheels	4	8	4
Daylight	86	89	93	Driver's mild intoxication a factor in accident	12	26	7
Dusk	19	34	13	Driver's severe intoxication a factor in accident	3	7	4
Artificial lighting	22	20	12	Driver unlicensed or inexperienced	5	2	7
Darkness or moonlight	45	78	30	Straying stock	1	1	1
Total accidents	172	221	148	Other breaches of law	5	2	1
				Other causes—			
(e) Classified according to Nature of Thoroughfare.				Bad weather conditions	19	4	3
Intersection	19	18	17	Vehicle being reversed	3	2	..
Railway-crossing	7	9	7	Obstruction to view by parked motor-vehicle	4	5	..
Nature or condition of road (bad surface or bend, &c., contributed to accident)	48	51	27	Sun-dazzle	2	..	..
Road conditions not a factor	98	143	97	Driver's physical defect a direct cause	4	..	1
Total accidents	172	221	148	Motorist and pedestrian—			
				Motorist at fault	17	9	1
(f) Classified according to Geographical Location.				Pedestrian (not intoxicated) crossing or on road without care or becoming confused	17	30	12
(i) North Island—				Pedestrian intoxicated	5	5	3
Auckland City and environs	29	25	28	Children on streets	2	7	7
Wellington City and environs	16	19	15	Infant (under six) not under proper control ..	9	1	1
Other towns	20	31	14	Other causes of pedestrian accidents	6	1	4
Country	57	88	48	Causes not included under the above headings	4	22	34
(ii) South Island—				Total causes	302	297	185
Christchurch City and environs	13	14	9				
Dunedin City and environs	4	8	4				
Other towns	8	11	11				
Country	25	25	19				
Total accidents	172	221	148				