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To the Honourable WALTER STEWART OWEN, Q.C., LL.D.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The undersigned has the honour to present the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1972.

ROBERT MARTIN STRACHAN
Minister

Department of Transport and Communications,
Victoria, B.C., December 1973.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTOR-VEHICLES, 1972

The Honourable Robert M. Strachan,
Minister of Transport and Communications, Victoria, B.C.

SIR: It is my honour to submit the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for 1972. This Report deals with the activities of the Branch during the year 1972 and provides an accounting for the various aspects of licence issuance for the 1972 licence-year which ended on February 28, 1973.

The volume of business transacted by the Motor-vehicle Branch in 1972 is indicated by the following issuance totals: Motor-vehicle and motor-cycle registrations reached a total of 1,191,953, an increase of 7.43 per cent over the 1971 total of 1,019,523. It is interesting to note that the increase in motor-cycle registrations in 1972 amounted to 15.92 per cent for a total registration of 29,372. Trailer registrations reached a new high in 1972 of 156,143, an increase of 10 per cent over the 1971 total. Driver licence issuance showed 85,382 original licences were issued in 1972 compared to 82,867 in 1971. The total number of licensed drivers in British Columbia on December 31, 1972, was 1,326,038, an increase of 36,598 over the 1971 total. Male drivers numbered 812,309, amounting to 61 per cent of licensed drivers. Female drivers number 503,729, accounting for 39 per cent of the total. Revenue collected by the Motor-vehicle Branch from licences, permits, motor-vehicle inspections, and other services, such as in the payment of social services tax, amounted to $46,203,672.22 in the 1972 licence-year, an increase of 10.25 per cent over the 1971 total.

Motor-vehicle accidents are dealt with extensively in this Report and statistical tables set out information gathered by the Branch from accident reports submitted by vehicle drivers. There was a 12-per-cent increase in traffic fatalities in 1972. A total of 716 died from traffic accidents compared to 636 in 1971. Deaths per 100 million miles travelled on British Columbia highways amounted to 6.90 in 1972, compared to 6.51 in 1971. Accidents reported in 1972 amounted to 59,996, an increase of one-half of 1 per cent over the 1971 total. A point to notice is that while the number of accidents was only slightly higher in 1972 than in 1971, the level of severity of accidents was very considerably more, resulting in the 12-per-cent increase in fatalities. The increase in the numbers of persons injured in 1972 increased by 4 per cent from the previous year's total of 23,316. This Report notes there was an 8-per-cent increase in property damage loss in 1972.

Included in the Report are tables of offences and violations against the *Criminal Code,* Canada, the *Motor-vehicle Act,* and the Motor-vehicle Act Regulations as a result of the operation of motor-vehicles. The activities of the Driver Improvement Programme of the Branch are set out. This programme is designed to deal with persons who have committed offences under the various traffic laws. The activities of the Drivers' Examination Section are reported and there are interesting details noted about the programme of licensing commercial driver-training schools, training-school operators, and instructors.

Information about the Motor-vehicle Inspection Programme is included in the Report. During 1972 a total of 651,705 vehicles was inspected, which is an increase of 40 per cent over the 1971 total. The tables set out the causes for rejections of

vehicles when presented for inspection, and the rate of rejection is 35 per cent. The Report also mentions the number of authorized fleet-inspection stations which exist. These authorized fleet-inspection stations are limited to certain types of vehicles and the operations are closely supervised by the Motor-vehicle Inspection Division.

The Central Registry, which is carried out as a function of the Motor-vehicle Branch, is the sole repository in the Province for documents filed under the *Bills of Sale Act,* the *Conditional Sales Act,* the *Mechanics' Lien Act,* and the *Assignment of Book Accounts Act,* which concern all types of personal chattels. Indicative of the increased work load of the Central Registry is the fact that there was a 20.72-per-cent increase in the number of documents registered in 1972, compared to 1971. There was an 11.11-per-cent increase in the number of searches conducted, and similar rates of increase are indicated for the various services provided by the Central Registry.

The various activities of the Branch are dealt with under the following headings:

- Licences.
- Accidents and Convictions.
- Driving.
  - Driver Improvement Programme.
  - Examination of Drivers.
  - Motor-vehicle Inspection.
- Central Registry.
- School Buses.
- Permits for Flashing Red and Amber Lights, Sirens, and Theft Alarms.
- Staff.

LICENCES

Motor-vehicles licensed in British Columbia in 1972 reached the total of 1,162,-581, as compared to 1,084,184 in 1971, an increase of 78,397 (7.23 per cent).

Motor-vehicles and motor-cycles licensed in British Columbia in 1972 reached the total of 1,191,953, as compared to 1,109,523 in 1971, an increase of 82,430 (7.43 per cent).

Passenger-type motor-vehicles licensed in 1972 numbered 906,268, an increase of 50,182 over the 1971 total of 856,086. Commercial vehicle registration increased by 28,215. For 1972, the total for commercial vehicles was 256,313. In comparison, the 1971 total for commercial vehicles was 228,098.

The increase in motor-cycle registrations of 4,033 from the 1971 total of 25,339 to the 1972 total of 29,372 (15.92 per cent) indicates the general motoring public are still continuing to be interested in using the motor-cycle as a means of transportation.

Trailer registrations are still continuing to increase. The 1972 total of 156,143 is an increase of 14,165 over the 141,978 total of 1971. The camping and boat-type trailers account for the majority of this increase and would indicate that the residents of British Columbia are still continuing to enjoy and spend more of their leisure hours out-of-doors.

The comparative statement of licences, permits, etc., for motor-cycles and trailers covers the volumes in these categories during the licence-years 1965 to 1972.

Comparative Statement of Licences, Permits, Etc., Issued During the Licence-years 1965 to 1972, Inclusive

Licences Issued	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Motor-vehicles—								
Passenger (new)	94,190	89,427	89,817	94,333	107,504	90,262	108,584	119,031
Passenger (renewal)	529,552	575,364	612,186	646,646	682,989	721,328	747,502	787,237
Total passenger	623,742	664,791	702,003	740,979	790,493	811,590	856,086	906,268
Commercial (new)	20,367	20,009	20,329	25,171	30,564	26,727	32,973	41,095
Commercial (renewal)	123,560	133,311	142,885	152,462	167,191	180,768	195,125	215,218
Total commercial	143,927	153,320	163,214	177,633	197,755	207,495	228,098	256,313
Total motor-vehicles	767,669	818,111	865,217	918,612	988,248	1,019,085	1,084,184	1,162,581
Nonresident touring motor-vehicle permits	1,212	1,222	1,067	929	590	540	550	496
Nonresident special motor-vehicle permits	86	45	34	32	19	10	1	2
Nonresident commercial motor-vehicle permits—								
Single trip	14,250	15,260	13,209	15,690	20,696	21,596	33,880	33,443
Quarterly permits	2,228	1,968	1,912	2,408	3,029	3,156	4,488	4,001
Totals	16,478	17,228	15,121	18,098	23,725	24,752	38,368	37,444
Extra-provincial prorated trucks	2,072	2,693	2,775	2,713	3,231	3,093	3,699	4,048
Temporary operation permits—								
Passenger	12,961	14,076	15,717	17,599	20,260	20,805	23,814	26,600
Commercial	36,360	35,995	37,057	42,128	49,665	52,831	69,648	80,603
Totals	49,321	50,071	52,774	59,727	69,925	73,636	93,462	107,203
Transporter—								
Original	17	20	26	27	30	38	44	53
Additional	82	88	81	68	87	95	141	177
Motor-cycles—								
New	5,630	4,263	4,063	3,780	5,181	6,083	7,749	9,543
Renewal	8,016	11,124	13,166	14,684	15,724	16,417	17,590	19,829
Totals	13,376	15,387	17,229	18,464	20,905	22,500	25,339	29,372
Trailers	73,152	81,703	91,627	102,068	114,420	129,864	141,978	156,143
Extra Provincial prorated trailers	4,275	5,246	6,743	7,859	8,009	6,640	7,335	8,090
Motor dealers—								
Original licences	1,105	1,097	1,086	1,140	1,173	1,204	1,205	1,274
Additional plates	1,097	1,238	1,306	1,332	1,538	1,490	1,538	1,674
Original motor-cycle dealer licences	124	124	118	120	124	141	148	150
Additional motor-cycle dealer licences	31	84	92	85	95	84	134	158
Salesmen's licences	1,404	1,347	1,196	1,191	1,163	1,246	1,130	1,051
Transfers—								
Passenger	337,369	337,860	341,859	351,092	383,477	347,879	405,928	439,242
Commercial	52,423	54,598	57,193	62,370	71,858	70,522	86,003	101,424
Motor-cycle	8,171	9,614	10,872	11,391	13,447	15,334	17,278	20,044
Trailers	5,810	7,225	8,654	9,637	12,003	14,337	19,167	22,022
A.T.V.								900
Total transfers	403,773	409,297	418,578	434,490	480,785	448,072	528,376	583,640
Chauffeurs—								
Original Class A	6,310	7,059	7,065	7,972	8,324	8,714	8,433	
Original Class B	5,785	6,435	6,876	7,078	7,768	8,459	7,658	
Original Class C	80,977	83,853	83,091	83,323	90,476	91,723	82,506	
Searches	1,145,251	1,659,586	1,692,128	1,701,655				
Safety responsibility insurance certificates filed	17,707	13,080	13,459	15,884	12,908			
All-terrain vehicles—								
Registrations								17,456
Substitutions								84

Drivers' Licences

Original drivers' licences issued during the 1972 licence-year totalled 85,382, an increase from the 1971 total of 82,867.

Licensed drivers in British Columbia at the end of 1972 totalled 1,326,038, an increase of 36,598 over the 1971 total of 1,289,440. Male drivers comprised the major portion, numbering 812,309, while there were 503,729 females licensed. The

analysis of the drivers' licences on record as of December 31, 1972, indicating sex and classification, are shown hereunder.

Analysis of Drivers on Record as of December 31, 1972

MALE CLASSIFICATIONS

Age	1	1, 6	2	2, 6	3	3, 6	3, 4	3, 4, 6	4	4, 5	5	5, 6	6	Total
16–17 years	19	1	.....	.....	139	24	1	.....	3	.....	27,188	2,952	601	30,928
18–19 ,,	157	35	32	8	570	100	16	9	235	68	29,068	5,265	464	36,027
20–24 ,,	1,617	218	489	62	2,723	317	186	40	2,097	365	83,342	11,712	751	103,919
25–34 ,,	6,745	479	1,736	91	6,103	293	578	66	3,791	310	170,122	5,044	243	195,601
35–44 ,,	6,238	290	1,608	69	5,660	159	438	27	2,238	100	136,139	1,619	67	154,652
45–54 ,,	3,253	105	1,510	39	4,469	77	289	11	1,609	40	115,802	898	70	128,172
55–64 ,,	907	19	950	10	2,251	22	96	3	994	12	89,702	324	59	95,349
65–69 ,,	44	.....	65	.....	132	.....	6	.....	133	.....	30,973	51	40	31,444
70–74 ,,	1	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	18,239	29	24	18,357
75–79 ,,	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	10,205	30	21	10,279
80–84 ,,	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	5,346	20	7	5,383
85–89 ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1,784	2	6	1,794
90 and over	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	3	404
Totals	18,982	1,147	6,393	279	22,059	992	1,610	156	11,184	895	718,310	27,946	2,356	812,309

FEMALE CLASSIFICATION

16–17 years	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,199	106	38	18,344
18–19 ,,	1	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	18	1	23,125	214	32	23,395
20–24 ,,	11	1	18	.....	10	1	2	.....	121	2	70,514	587	107	71,474
25–34 ,,	22	4	54	1	31	1	3	.....	300	6	134,492	486	75	135,475
35–44 ,,	18	.....	85	1	54	.....	.....	.....	231	2	97,912	125	14	98,442
45–54 ,,	11	.....	61	.....	16	.....	1	.....	157	1	83,924	52	13	84,236
55–64 ,,	1	.....	15	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	51,315	17	5	51,406
65–69 ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	11,466	4	3	11,479
70–74 ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	5,766	5	1	5,783
75–79 ,,	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,615	6	1	2,623
80–84 ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	861	4	.....	866
85–89 ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	176	1	.....	177
90 and over	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	29
Totals	65	5	234	2	125	2	6	.....	888	12	500,394	1,707	289	503,729

Photo Driver Licence

The Photo Driver Licence Programme commenced on July 4, 1972, with the photographing of applicants for a renewal, duplicate, or original British Columbia driver's licence.

The new licence is printed on a poly-carbonate material for strength and durability and includes a colour photograph of the licensee against a blue background. The licence replaces the cardboard licence previously issued by the computer.

Installation of cameras and screens in 99 issuing offices was undertaken in May and June, together with the instruction of staff concerned. Cameras were not installed in four issuing offices situated in remote areas since the volume of driver licence issuance did not warrant the expenditure. Residents of these and other remote areas are issued the same type of licence marked "Valid Without Photo" which can be exchanged without charge at any camera-equipped Motor Licence Office.

The camera is designed to photograph the applicant and the application form simultaneously. Cassettes loaded with 35-mm. film are supplied to each office and this stock is replenished weekly. The used cassette is forwarded to Victoria by the office at the close of their issuing period, either daily or weekly, together with the applications for licence.

The film is developed and the licences are printed by Identicard Ltd. at their Victoria office. The licences are mailed after the details of the application have been entered on the driver's record.

The following totals show the amount of licences issued:

July	15,734
August	32,254
September	27,681
October	23,828
November	24,960
December	19,203
Total	143,660

Motor-dealers' Licences

Motor-dealers' licences issued by the Branch are required by individuals or firms whose businesses involve the buying and selling of motor-vehicles, motor-cycles, or trailers. During the 1972 licence-year, 1,274 motor-dealers' licences permitting the sale of motor-vehicles and trailers and 150 motor-cycle dealers' licences permitting the sale of motor-cycles and trailers were issued.

A prerequisite for the issuance of a motor-dealer's licence or the retention of such a licence is that an insurance bond be supplied to the Superintendent of Insurance in the amount of $5,000 or security be filed with the Minister of Finance in a similar amount. The insurance bonds are filed with the Branch on behalf of the Superintendent of Insurance, and, in 1972, 457 dealers' bonds were filed, of which 263 were original bonds for new motor-dealers and 194 were replacement bonds. There were 417 bonds cancelled during 1972. Security was filed with the Minister of Finance by 17 motor-dealers.

A process of investigation is carried out for each new motor-dealer. Information in connection with the proposed operation, previous businesses, corporate formation, business intentions, premises, and compliance with municipal zoning regulations are considered before a licence is authorized.

Distribution of Motor-vehicles

The distribution of motor-vehicles in the various centres of the Province is always of interest. The following table gives information concerning the numbers of licences issued through the principal licence offices. Since vehicle-owners move frequently from one area to another, and vehicles are often sold to new owners residing in different locations from the previous owners, the table cannot be regarded as an accurate population count of vehicles in the various parts of the Province. However, the table does provide a guide as to the distribution of vehicles throughout the Province, and it is of use to groups concerned with community planning projects and development.

Summary of Passenger Motor-vehicle Licences Issued Under Motor-vehicle Act and Commercial Motor-vehicle Licences Issued Under Department of Commercial Transport Act, by Issuing Office, During the 1972 Licence-year.

Issuing Office	Passenger Motor-vehicles				Commercial Motor-vehicles				Grand Total
	Used Registrations	New Registrations	Renewals	Total	Used Registrations	New Registrations	Renewals	Total	
Abbotsford	407	1,386	12,606	14,399	123	632	4,098	4,853	19,252
Alberni	153	807	9,915	10,875	38	392	3,065	3,495	14,370
Ashcroft	85	42	1,688	1,815	26	85	894	1,005	2,820
Atlin	5	28	66	99	21	13	121	155	254
Burnaby[1]	1,149	6,972	42,557	50,678	236	1,801	10,576	12,613	63,291
Burns Lake	69	126	1,314	1,509	42	100	1,051	1,193	2,702
Chilliwack	548	1,595	15,600	17,743	77	694	5,227	5,998	23,741
Clinton	6	14	462	482	6	19	343	368	850
Cloverdale	1,070	2,313	29,359	32,742	231	1,078	9,206	10,515	43,257
Courtenay	548	1,401	15,363	17,312	101	695	5,127	5,923	23,235
Cranbrook	605	1,053	8,448	10,106	232	622	3,792	4,646	14,752
Creston	193	325	2,780	3,298	71	202	1,611	1,884	5,182
Dawson Creek	480	702	5,557	6,739	277	571	3,632	4,480	11,219
Duncan	266	912	11,638	12,816	77	471	3,993	4,541	17,357
Fernie	651	406	3,039	4,096	252	328	1,720	2,300	6,396
Fort Nelson	139	102	1,076	1,317	154	122	1,013	1,289	2,606
Fort St. John	358	568	4,569	5,495	228	662	3,935	4,825	10,320
Ganges	36	9	1,302	1,347	13	7	479	499	1,846
Golden	273	241	1,933	2,447	139	163	1,274	1,576	4,023
Grand Forks	58	254	2,646	2,958	25	68	1,359	1,452	4,410
Haney	266	1,286	10,731	12,283	70	430	2,857	3,357	15,640
Invermere	212	122	1,333	1,667	62	109	928	1,099	2,766
Kamloops	1,437	2,719	20,231	24,387	478	1,578	9,417	11,473	35,860
Kaslo	31	10	424	465	11	14	270	295	760
Kelowna	1,434	1,819	19,578	22,831	307	822	6,000	7,129	29,960
Kitimat	162	306	3,888	4,356	23	170	931	1,124	5,480
Lillooet	16	24	739	779	8	16	525	549	1,328
Merritt	62	199	2,276	2,537	15	169	1,347	1,531	4,068
Mission	104	229	4,361	4,694	27	107	1,581	1,715	6,409
Nanaimo	511	1,735	19,981	22,227	160	788	5,849	6,797	29,024
Nelson	342	752	10,685	11,779	136	336	4,236	4,708	16,487
New Westminster[2]	1,820	7,669	77,784	87,273	286	2,088	13,186	15,560	102,833
North Vancouver	1,222	6,262	42,445	49,929	119	1,206	4,689	6,014	55,943
Oliver	89	131	3,210	3,430	30	81	1,449	1,560	4,990
Penticton	610	1,432	11,644	13,686	240	639	3,773	4,652	18,338
Pouce Coupe	49	25	320	394	221	61	453	735	1,129
Powell River	94	375	6,004	6,473	20	151	1,753	1,924	8,397
Prince George	1,106	2,897	18,974	22,977	339	1,757	8,732	10,828	33,805
Prince Rupert	239	503	5,133	5,875	50	151	1,813	2,014	7,889
Princeton	70	38	1,232	1,340	12	41	759	812	2,152
Quesnel	258	674	4,932	5,864	93	492	3,023	3,608	9,472
Revelstoke	161	198	2,449	2,808	31	173	1,200	1,404	4,212
Richmond[1]	884	2,797	31,084	34,765	97	544	4,754	5,395	40,160
Rossland	16	23	1,083	1,122	9	8	354	371	1,498
Salmon Arm	370	385	4,982	5,737	236	294	2,540	3,070	8,807
Smithers	142	497	3,360	3,999	58	356	2,027	2,441	6,440
Terrace	134	591	4,242	4,967	40	345	2,465	2,850	7,817
Trail	203	922	7,019	8,144	25	270	1,710	2,005	10,149
Vancouver[1]	3,402	13,004	70,468	86,874	263	2,272	12,760	15,295	102,169
Vancouver East[1]	2,230	6,991	62,059	71,280	400	3,792	10,904	15,096	86,376
Vancouver-Pt. Grey[1]	1,242	5,283	47,022	53,547	100	1,033	3,822	4,955	58,502
Vanderhoof	127	41	2,486	2,654	90	73	1,815	1,978	4,632
Vernon	535	1,467	12,711	14,713	158	944	5,759	6,861	21,574
Victoria[3]	2,838	7,591	94,344	104,773	387	3,192	24,315	27,894	132,667
Williams Lake	273	988	6,105	7,366	101	808	4,695	5,604	12,970

[1] *Vancouver*—Includes issuance from Motor Licence Offices at 1730 West Georgia Street, 2410 Nanaimo Street, 6237 West Boulevard, Vancouver; 574 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond; 4705 Wayburne Drive, Burnaby; and mail order issuance to the Vancouver area from Victoria. Does not include issuance at North Vancouver. Issuance of 5,963 passenger plates and 2,734 commercial plates issued at Gibsons, Pemberton, Sechelt, and Squamish has been deducted.

[2] *New Westminster*—Includes mail order issuance to the New Westminster area from Victoria and issuance of 12,093 passenger and 2,645 commercial plates at Port Coquitlam, which accounts through New Westminster.

[3] *Victoria*—Does not include mail order issuance to other areas or 1,980 passenger and 5,904 commercial plates for Provincial Government vehicles that operate throughout British Columbia. Issuance of 2,812 passenger and 1,466 commercial plates issued at Alert Bay, Bella Coola, Port Alice, Port Hardy, and Port McNeill, who account through Victoria, has been deducted. Issuance at Sidney, which also accounts through Victoria, is included.

REVENUE

Revenue collected by the Motor-vehicle Branch from licences, permits, motor-vehicle inspection, and other services, and in payment of social services tax, increased (10.25 per cent) to $46,203,672.22 in the 1972 licence-year. The increase was $4,294,701.77 over the 1971 total of $41,908,970.45. Social services tax collections amounted to $5,327,023.28, as compared to $4,237,531.48 in 1971. These collections cover motor-vehicle and trailer taxes on transactions which do not involve licensed motor-dealers. The motor-dealers make their payment of tax collections directly to the Consumer Taxation Branch of the Department of Finance.

Offices of this Branch and Motor-vehicle Inspection (Victoria, Vancouver, Burnaby, and Richmond) collected 66.26 per cent of the total collections, in the amount of $30,615,852.60. Offices of the Department of Finance, which carry out our licence-issuing service in areas not served by the Motor-vehicle Branch, collected the balance of 33.74 per cent. These percentages show no appreciable change on the 1971 licence-year figures.

The location of Motor-vehicle Branch offices are listed and the 1972 revenue collection at each office is shown:

Motor Licence Offices, With Corresponding Revenue

Revenue, by Issuing Offices

	$		$
Abbotsford	741,198.98	Mission	231,835.02
Alberni	477,655.20	Nanaimo	957,485.45
Ashcroft	123,374.87	Nelson	593,781.01
Atlin	48,777.74	New Westminster	3,352,683.43
Burnaby	3,197,518.62	North Vancouver	1,614,192.53
Burns Lake	124,131.43	Oliver	168,636.70
Chilliwack	945,082.13	Penticton	635,587.50
Clinton	46,856.50	Pouce Coupe	214,727.73
Cloverdale	1,743,527.26	Powell River	256,276.75
Courtenay	789,390.02	Prince George	1,654,443.00
Cranbrook	683,230.35	Prince Rupert	295,389.16
Creston	251,777.20	Princeton	104,212.69
Dawson Creek	671,487.33	Quesnel	482,025.46
Duncan	670,555.03	Revelstoke	197,291.91
Fernie	443,613.74	Richmond	1,372,364.94
Fort Nelson	228,430.14	Rossland	48,830.51
Fort St. John	713,066.96	Salmon Arm	344,646.72
Ganges	61,687.91	Smithers	300,307.81
Golden	521,531.26	Terrace	415,918.58
Grand Forks	192,892.93	Trail	345,409.90
Haney	515,880.39	Vancouver	4,464,901.34
Invermere	134,762.68	Vancouver East	3,301,678.51
Kamloops	1,598,023.57	Vancouver-Point Grey	1,672,400.33
Kaslo	37,636.12	Vanderhoof	268,531.48
Kelowna	1,124,579.74	Vernon	887,544.59
Kitimat	189,673.49	Victoria	4,847,668.32
Lillooet	60,014.57	Williams Lake	655,299.14
Merritt	183,245.55		
		Total	46,203,672.22

Issuing Offices, by Revenue

	$		$
Victoria	4,847,668.32	Fernie	443,613.74
Vancouver	4,464,901.34	Terrace	415,918.58
New Westminster	3,352,683.43	Trail	345,409.90
Vancouver East	3,301,678.51	Salmon Arm	344,646.72
Burnaby	3,197,518.62	Smithers	300,307.81
Cloverdale	1,743,527.26	Prince Rupert	295,389.16
Vancouver-Point Grey	1,672,400.33	Vanderhoof	268,531.48
Prince George	1,654,443.00	Powell River	256,276.75
North Vancouver	1,614,192.53	Creston	251,777.20
Kamloops	1,598,023.57	Mission	231,835.02
Richmond	1,372,364.94	Fort Nelson	228,430.14
Kelowna	1,124,579.74	Pouce Coupe	214,727.73
Nanaimo	957,485.45	Revelstoke	197,291.91
Chilliwack	945,082.13	Grand Forks	192,892.93
Vernon	887,544.59	Kitimat	189,673.49
Courtenay	789,390.02	Merritt	183,245.55
Abbotsford	741,198.98	Oliver	168,636.70
Fort St. John	713,066.96	Invermere	134,762.68
Cranbrook	683,230.35	Burns Lake	124,131.43
Dawson Creek	671,487.33	Ashcroft	123,374.87
Duncan	670,555.03	Princeton	104,212.69
Williams Lake	655,299.14	Ganges	61,687.91
Penticton	635,587.50	Lillooet	60,014.57
Nelson	593,781.01	Rossland	48,830.51
Golden	521,531.26	Atlin	48,777.74
Haney	515,880.39	Clinton	46,856.50
Quesnel	482,025.46	Kaslo	37,636.12
Alberni	477,655.20		
		Total	46,203,672.22

Revenue Equals 66.26 Per Cent of *Total Revenue*

Motor-vehicle Inspection Station Revenue Included

	$		$
Victoria	4,847,668.32	Richmond	1,372,364.94
Vancouver	4,464,901.34	Chilliwack	945,082.13
New Westminster	3,352,683.43	Abbotsford	741,198.98
Vancouver East	3,301,678.51	Dawson Creek	671,487.33
Burnaby	3,197,518.62	Haney	515,880.39
Cloverdale	1,743,527.26	Trail	345,409.90
Vancouver-Point Grey	1,672,400.33	Mission	231,835.02
North Vancouver	1,614,192.53		
Kamloops	1,598,023.57	Total	30,615,852.60

Motor-vehicle Inspection Station Revenue Not Included

	$		$
Burnaby	270,329.00	Prorate (Victoria)	380,549.55
Richmond	120,789.75		
Vancouver	312,959.25		
Victoria	187,591.00		
	891,669.00		

REFUNDS

Legislation provides for refunding of licence fees in several instances where licences are surrendered to this Branch.

Refunds are made where a vehicle is removed from the Province, and where a vehicle has been burned, junked, or damaged beyond repair.

Refunds are obtainable by the seller on commercial-vehicle licences when vehicles are transferred. In these instances, the new owner is required to relicense the vehicle, based on the gross vehicle weight at which he intends to operate the vehicle.

Refunds may be obtained for vehicles located east of the Cascade Mountains, which are not operated in winter months (November, December, January). Due to the ability to operate vehicles on an all-year basis in practically all areas of the Province now, the applications for these seasonal refunds are declining each year.

The fee for the unexpired full years of the five-year drivers' licences is refundable under the following circumstances upon surrender of the licence to this Branch:

(*a*) The licence has been suspended due to the failure of the licensee to qualify in a driver's examination.
(*b*) The licensee has taken up residence outside the Province.
(*c*) The licensee has died.
(*d*) The licensee has voluntarily surrendered his driver's licence.

The following table sets out the number of refunds and amount of money refunded for the 1972 licence-year:

Refunds, 1972/73 Fiscal Year

Type of Refund	Number		Amount	
General refunds—				
Motor-vehicle Act—			$	$
Passenger	1,534		19,272.74	
Drivers	66		327.00	
Chauffeurs	------		----------	
Department of Commercial Transport Act—Commercial	622		31,009.14	
		2,218		50,608.88
Relinquishment refunds—				
Motor-vehicle Act—				
Passenger	7,987		49,498.92	
Drivers	1,774		5,427.71	
Dealers	10		102.26	
Department of Commercial Transport Act—Commercial	1,757		71,462.06	
		11,528		126,490.95
Seasonal refunds—				
Motor-vehicle Act—Passenger	164		1,085.24	
Department of Commercial Transport Act—Commercial	461		17,050.67	
		625		18,135.91
Refund on transfer—				
Department of Commercial Transport Act—Commercial		412		104,765.89
All-terrain vehicle refunds—				
All-terrain Vehicles Act		10		49.00
Total refunds		14,793		300,050.63

ACCIDENTS AND CONVICTIONS

Motor-vehicle Accidents

The following table gives a summary of the accident frequency during the period 1963 to 1972:

Year	Motor-vehicles Registered	Number of Accidents	Accidents per 1,000 Vehicles Registered	Injuries	Deaths	Deaths per 10,000 Vehicles Registered	Average Property Damage	Deaths per 100 Million Miles	Fatal Accidents	Fatal Accidents per 100 Million Miles
							$			
1963	648,303	30,924	47.82	14,585	360	5.6	503.65	7.00	309	6.01
1964	700,048	38,368	54.81	16,911	393	5.6	523.39	6.90	345	6.06
1965	764,353	40,262	52.68	17,574	500	6.5	561.96	8.00	421	6.73
1966	817,348	44,177	54.05	19,449	520	6.4	592.91	7.60	445	6.51
1967	864,348	49,750	57.56	19,500	559	6.5	565.58	7.67	461	6.33
1968	917,872	58,300	63.51	20,945	574	6.2	570.87	7.36	460	5.90
1969	989,196	70,624	71.39	22,535	542	5.4	586.29	6.39	467	5.50
1970	1,024,738	60,778	59.35	22,568	559	5.5	731.63	6.70	471	5.64
1971	1,087,992	59,745	54.91	22,340	636	5.8	775.60	6.51	538	5.54
1972	1,164,749	59,996	51.51	23,316	716	6.1	863.44	6.90	602	5.80

The trend of increasing motor-vehicle accidents continues and this is evident now that we again have true comparison with the previous years' statistics. Due to a change in accident reporting during 1971, a false impression may have been given in our 1971 Annual Report. Injuries and deaths both increased considerably from a combined total of 22,976 in 1971 to a combined total of 24,032 in 1972.

Again, we must report a substantial increase in fatal accidents from 538 in 1971 to 602 in 1972. Similarly, the ratio of fatal accidents to number of miles driven is also increased.

Quite naturally, the aggregate property damage increased from $47,438,491 in 1971 to $51,703,378 in 1972, which is a similar increase to that from 1970 to 1971. With increasing costs, it is difficult to make just comparisons, but it is quite evident we can expect all our costs to increase for the privilege of operating a motor-vehicle today.

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in

Place of Occurrence	Killed			Fatal Accidents			Injured		
	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
			Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent
Abbotsford-Sumas	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	61	59	—3.0
Agassiz Detachment	4	4	.....	4	3	—25.0	65	69	6.0
Airport Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	800.0
Alert Bay Detachment	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	4	3	—25.0
Alexis Creek	2	.....	—100.0	2	.....	—100.0	19	9	—52.0
Armstrong City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	—18.0
Armstrong Detachment	2	.....	—100.0	1	.....	—100.0	23	17	—26.0
Ashcroft Detachment	5	4	—20.0	5	3	—40.0	79	110	39.0
Atlin Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....
Barriere	2	.....	—100.0	2	.....	—100.0	48	22	—54.0
Bella Coola Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	13	44.0
Blue River	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	31	10	—67.0
Boston Bar	8	10	25.0	7	7	.....	80	76	—5.0
Burnaby Municipality	14	11	—21.0	12	10	—16.0	1,082	1,278	18.0
Burns Lake Detachment	2	.....	—100.0	1	.....	—100.0	42	33	—21.0
Campbell River Detachment	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	68	81	19.0
Campbell River Village	.....	3	100.0	.....	2	100.0	78	91	16.0
Cassiar	.....	2	100.0	.....	2	100.0	20	4	—80.0
Castlegar Detachment	2	7	250.0	2	4	100.0	78	64	—17.0
Central Saanich	1	.....	—100.0	1	.....	—100.0	35	32	—8.0
Chase Detachment	1	5	400.0	1	4	300.0	52	65	25.0
Chemainus Detachment	.....	6	100.0	.....	4	100.0	53	51	—3.0
Chetwynd	2	.....	—100.0	2	.....	—100.0	25	66	164.0
Chilliwhack Municipality	1	3	200.0	1	3	200.0	50	112	124.0
Chilliwack Township	6	8	33.0	5	7	40.0	125	111	—11.0
Clearwater	3	6	100.0	2	4	100.0	37	69	86.0
Clinton	4	5	25.0	4	4	.....	74	69	—6.0
Colwood Detachment	3	9	200.0	3	8	166.0	226	239	5.0
Coquitlam	6	6	.....	6	5	—16.0	470	412	—12.0
Courtenay Detachment	6	6	.....	6	5	—16.0	159	186	16.0
Cranbrook City	.....	2	100.0	.....	2	100.0	63	53	—15.0
Cranbrook Detachment	6	1	—83.0	6	1	—83.0	64	50	—21.0
Crescent Valley Detachment	1	3	200.0	1	3	200.0	30	33	10.0
Creston Detachment	5	6	20.0	5	6	20.0	94	93	—1.0
Dawson Creek City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	40	—14.0
Dawson Creek Detachment	2	6	200.0	2	4	100.0	65	57	—12.0
Delta Municipality	8	2	—75.0	7	1	—85.0	213	250	17.0
Duncan City	5	2	—60.0	5	2	—60.0	143	96	—32.0
Duncan Detachment	2	4	100.0	2	4	100.0	52	71	36.0
Enderby Detachment	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	40	50	25.0
Esquimalt Municipality	.....	2	100.0	.....	2	100.0	49	72	46.0
Falkland	2	3	50.0	1	2	100.0	23	63	173.0
Fernie City	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	25	12	—52.0
Fernie Detachment	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	50	48	—4.0
Field	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	16	—42.0
Fort Nelson	6	4	—33.0	4	4	.....	83	108	30.0
Fort St. James Detachment	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	17	22	29.0
Fort St. John City	6	6	.....	6	5	—16.0	100	112	12.0
Fraser Mills	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	100.0
Freeway Patrol A	4	7	75.0	4	5	25.0	196	241	22.0
Freeway Patrol B	19	13	—31.0	12	12	.....	344	320	—6.0
Freeway Patrol C	10	13	30.0	7	9	28.0	133	134	0.7
Fruitvale Detachment	1	3	200.0	1	3	200.0	43	38	—11.0
Ganges Detachment	.....	4	100.0	.....	3	100.0	39	54	38.0
Gibsons Landing Detachment	2	4	100.0	2	3	50.0	37	43	16.0
Gold River	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	26	18	—30.0
Golden	15	9	—40.0	9	7	—22.0	107	121	13.0
Grand Forks Detachment	7	3	—57.0	5	3	—40.0	55	51	—7.0
Haney Municipality	5	8	60.0	5	5	.....	261	278	6.0
Hazelton Detachment	2	3	50.0	2	3	50.0	45	43	—4.0
Hope Detachment	23	22	—4.0	16	16	.....	244	241	—1.0
100 Mile House	4	7	75.0	4	6	50.0	100	89	—11.0
Houston	4	4	.....	3	3	.....	44	44	.....
Hudson Hope	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	6	8	33.0
Invermere Detachment	4	3	—25.0	3	3	.....	47	30	—36.0
Kamloops City	3	5	66.0	3	4	33.0	291	312	7.0

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Injury Accidents			Vehicles Involved			Accidents Reported			Property Damage		
1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
		Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent	$	$	Per Cent
32	47	46.0	219	277	26.0	132	164	24.0	177,201.51	180,697.35	1.0
29	34	17.0	148	163	10.0	105	111	5.0	85,827.46	126,664.92	47.0
1	7	600.0	49	32	—34.0	26	19	—26.0	18,473.00	14,146.95	—23.0
3	2	—33.0	21	31	47.0	13	22	69.0	10,525.00	11,980.00	13.0
4	5	25.0	26	47	80.0	23	34	47.0	21,142.00	33,468.29	58.0
6	8	33.0	34	40	17.0	21	25	19.0	15,042.25	19,526.30	29.0
14	12	—14.0	80	79	—1.0	57	53	—7.0	49,117.62	49,349.69	0.4
48	60	25.0	308	285	—7.0	211	196	—7.0	316,305.52	275,231.82	—12.0
1	1	.....	3	5	66.0	2	3	50.0	4,750.00	1,860.00	—60.0
22	17	—22.0	109	115	5.0	80	75	—6.0	86,155.00	75,061.79	—12.0
6	9	50.0	34	29	—14.0	22	24	9.0	18,578.90	17,385.00	—6.0
16	8	—50.0	57	53	—7.0	45	44	—2.0	39,547.00	47,523.00	20.0
44	37	—15.0	219	213	—2.0	139	145	4.0	166,976.56	240,605.68	44.0
749	898	19.0	6,635	6,873	3.0	3,423	3,582	4.0	2,488,683.39	2,650,986.27	6.0
20	23	15.0	140	135	—3.0	96	96	.....	117,975.89	88,715.29	—24.0
42	47	11.0	219	220	0.4	150	149	—0.6	130,582.30	144,003.15	10.0
54	55	1.0	306	355	16.0	184	199	8.0	137,043.84	191,958.97	40.0
8	3	—62.0	43	32	—25.0	30	24	—20.0	39,798.11	30,610.00	—23.0
49	50	2.0	278	281	1.0	181	189	4.0	143,375.57	186,746.25	31.0
21	15	—28.0	102	74	—27.0	69	49	—28.0	61,843.89	50,740.40	—17.0
33	34	3.0	155	179	15.0	111	119	7.0	203,777.64	185,494.80	—8.0
34	28	—17.0	167	187	11.0	108	123	13.0	80,464.90	102,086.56	26.0
16	36	125.0	95	125	31.0	74	98	32.0	122,271.50	222,697.20	82.0
38	76	100.0	229	459	100.0	137	272	98.0	85,824.29	200,436.04	133.0
86	77	—10.0	594	545	—8.0	374	320	—14.0	247,557.44	239,159.56	—3.0
22	35	59.0	115	174	51.0	90	135	50.0	111,688.39	290,534.48	160.0
38	35	—7.0	175	149	—14.0	128	114	—10.0	169,601.84	175,800.30	3.0
161	147	—8.0	800	731	—8.0	455	427	—6.0	354,969.52	439,676.30	23.0
326	304	—6.0	1,929	1,944	0.7	1,059	1,052	—0.6	748,751.10	738,866.77	—1.0
104	117	12.0	569	683	20.0	370	442	19.0	314,773.35	355,718.66	13.0
47	42	—10.0	377	369	—2.0	200	199	—0.5	147,397.69	136,774.84	—7.0
42	33	—21.0	206	213	3.0	156	149	—4.0	149,014.57	141,314.07	—5.0
18	21	16.0	110	121	10.0	76	84	10.0	57,801.87	90,889.00	57.0
50	57	14.0	282	267	—5.0	195	193	—1.0	196,415.33	226,764.13	15.0
31	30	—3.0	257	332	29.0	139	181	30.0	85,649.50	121,532.51	41.0
41	32	—21.0	167	203	21.0	122	129	5.0	204,663.64	175,475.61	—14.0
143	158	10.0	883	960	8.0	520	561	7.0	358,600.78	454,623.43	26.0
80	68	—15.0	456	450	—1.0	266	265	—0.3	297,791.31	197,088.85	—33.0
34	36	5.0	153	196	28.0	98	125	27.0	77,378.89	114,093.32	47.0
26	29	11.0	132	149	12.0	90	103	14.0	88,461.72	79,849.82	—9.0
40	54	35.0	341	379	11.0	187	211	12.0	118,867.74	147,475.98	24.0
12	26	116.0	69	104	50.0	51	76	49.0	122,824.27	85,319.63	—30.0
18	8	—55.0	139	98	—29.0	74	54	—27.0	53,742.49	45,063.37	—16.0
29	29	.....	147	148	0.6	106	101	—4.0	110,094.09	134,095.03	21.0
15	10	—33.0	55	41	—25.0	41	31	—24.0	43,289.01	44,964.93	3.0
52	52	.....	357	326	—8.0	252	226	—10.0	457,108.75	462,312.37	1.0
13	12	—7.0	92	81	—11.0	62	55	—11.0	49,043.96	78,832.18	60.0
62	73	17.0	508	562	10.0	322	345	7.0	362,153.59	481,287.13	32.0
.....	1	100.0	4	1	—75.0	3	1	—66.0	2,365.00	4,000.00	69.0
126	132	4.0	755	805	6.0	389	393	1.0	391,429.59	409,202.02	4.0
197	215	9.0	1,117	1,297	1.0	636	718	12.0	625,857.68	947,632.45	51.0
72	76	5.0	219	247	12.0	151	183	21.0	222,702.79	254,938.34	14.0
20	20	.....	105	87	—17.0	65	57	—12.0	59,591.75	53,185.90	—10.0
29	31	6.0	108	100	—7.0	80	77	—3.0	48,697.50	62,523.00	28.0
28	29	3.0	157	150	—4.0	100	98	—2.0	71,928.55	74,997.16	4.0
19	16	—15.0	114	111	—2.0	84	84	.....	70,000.04	86,957.76	24.0
57	69	21.0	351	381	8.0	245	254	3.0	303,672.97	316,562.88	4.0
30	31	3.0	174	186	6.0	124	131	5.0	113,510.58	131,623.49	15.0
171	184	7.0	902	982	8.0	517	571	10.0	402,859.55	497,902.97	23.0
24	25	4.0	109	117	7.0	86	90	4.0	78,261.62	108,744.28	38.0
128	110	—14.0	677	721	6.0	417	441	5.0	539,079.11	532,868.03	—1.0
53	48	—9.0	326	316	—3.0	235	228	—2.0	260,593.38	285,898.31	9.0
33	31	—6.0	167	186	11.0	125	134	7.0	145,688.20	154,999.31	6.0
6	6	.....	19	18	—5.0	18	14	—22.0	17,125.00	46,741.03	172.0
22	18	—18.0	125	106	—15.0	83	70	—15.0	86,321.47	53,234.20	—38.0
213	218	2.0	1.500	1,850	23.0	785	957	21.0	574,304.02	758,914.64	32.0

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the

Place of Occurrence	Killed			Fatal Accidents			Injured		
	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
			Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent
Kamloops Detachment	14	16	14.0	11	14	27.0	229	267	16.0
Kaslo Detachment		1	100.0		1	100.0	5	7	40.0
Kelowna City	6	2	—66.0	6	2	—66.0	137	146	6.0
Kelowna Detachment	7	16	128.0	6	13	116.0	163	265	62.0
Kelsey Bay							3	10	233.0
Keremeos	4	3	—25.0	4	3	—25.0	41	26	—36.0
Kimberley City							28	19	—32.0
Kimberley Detachment	3	2	—33.0	2	2		41	37	—9.0
Kitimat Detachment	3	2	—33.0	2	2		17	23	35.0
Kitimat Municipality	2	1	—50.0	1	1		35	55	57.0
Ladner							3	1	—66.0
Ladysmith Detachment	2	1	—33.0	1	1		81	55	—32.0
Lake Cowichan	1	1		1	1		38	26	—31.0
Langley	8	8		6	8	33.0	151	328	117.0
Lillooet Detachment	2	2		2	2		30	40	33.0
Lions Gate Bridge Patrol		1	100.0		1	100.0	37	40	8.0
Lumby Detachment		1	100.0		1	100.0	12	31	158.0
Lytton Detachment	9	5	—44.0	6	4	—33.0	63	49	—22.0
McBride Detachment	1	2	100.0	1	2	100.0	30	28	—6.0
McKenzie	12	3	—75.0	8	3	—62.0	39	32	—17.0
Massett Detachment	1		—100.0	1		—100.0	2	10	400.0
Matsqui Municipality	1	3	200.0	1	3	200.0	137	147	7.0
Merritt Detachment	3		—100.0	2		—100.0	80	86	7.0
Mica Creek	2	1	—50.0	2	1	—50.0	24	17	—29.0
Midway Detachment	3	3		2	3	50.0	26	47	80.0
Mission Detachment		3	100.0		3	100.0	54	50	—7.0
Mission Municipality	6	1	—83.0	4	1	—75.0	69	63	—8.0
Nakusp Detachment	2	1	—50.0	2	1	—50.0	24	12	—50.0
Nanaimo City	1		—100.0	1		—100.0	143	139	—2.0
Nanaimo Detachment	6	11	83.0	6	8	33.0	198	259	30.0
Nelson City							26	31	19.0
Nelson Detchment	4	3	—25.0	4	3	—25.0	35	40	14.0
New Denver Detachment							14	13	—7.0
New Westminster	5	4	—20.0	5	3	—40.0	535	524	—2.0
North Vancouver Detachment	3		—100.0	3		—100.0	198	242	22.0
North Vancouver Municipality	1	1		1	1		230	233	1.0
Oak Bay Municipality							54	55	1.0
Ocean Falls Detachment	1		—100.0	1		—100.0			
Oliver	5	5		2	3	50.0	46	59	28.0
Osoyoos	1	1		1	1		53	69	30.0
Parksville Detachment	3	7	133.0	3	7	133.0	129	133	3.0
Pemberton Detachment	1	4	300.0	1	4	300.0	23	33	43.0
Penticton City	1		—100.0	1		—100.0	99	176	77.0
Penticton Detachment	5	2	—60.0	4	1	—75.0	59	33	—44.0
Port Alberni City	3	1	—66.0	3	1	—66.0	147	126	—14.0
Port Alberni Detachment	4	3	—25.0	3	3		92	94	2.0
Port Alice Detachment		1	100.0		1	100.0	8	9	12.0
Port Edward Detachment	3		—100.0	2		—100.0	19		—100.0
Port Hardy Detachment		1	100.0		1	100.0	42	36	—14.0
Port Moody City	1		—100.0	1		—100.0	78	66	—15.0
Powell River Detachment	2		—100.0	2		—100.0	49	45	—8.0
Powell River Municipality		2	100.0		2	100.0	71	41	—42.0
Prince George City	2	3	50.0	2	3	50.0	263	251	—4.0
Prince George Detachment	18	21	16.0	15	17	13.0	302	324	7.0
Prince Rupert City	1	2	100.0	1	2	100.0	59	62	5.0
Prince Rupert Detachment		3	100.0		1	100.0	7	23	228.0
Princeton Detachment	6	13	116.0	5	9	80.0	107	137	28.0
Qualicum Detachment	6		—100.0	2		—100.0	18	9	—50.0
Queen Charlotte Detachment	1	1		1	1		4	10	150.0
Quesnel Detachment	12	7	—41.0	12	7	—41.0	213	170	—20.0
Radium Hot Springs	1	2	100.0	1	2	100.0	26	21	—19.0
Revelstoke City							19	20	5.0
Revelstoke Detachment	5	1	—80.0	5	1	—80.0	82	88	7.0

Province for the Calendar Years 1971 and 1972—Continued

Injury Accidents			Vehicles Involved			Accidents Reported			Property Damage		
1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
		Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent	$	$	Per Cent
135	159	17.0	739	923	24.0	504	597	18.0	554,950.81	673,508.27	21.0
3	5	66.0	18	30	66.0	15	22	46.0	10,180.00	16,473.14	61.0
100	102	2.0	698	851	38.0	374	452	20.0	338,739.13	324,201.74	—4.0
106	167	57.0	646	997	54.0	408	586	43.0	337,461.00	534,699.26	58.0
2	6	200.0	2	25	1,150.0	2	20	900.0	1,600.00	20,187.52	1,161.0
24	14	—41.0	111	102	—8.0	83	74	—10.0	87,391.97	82,050.57	—6.0
21	14	—33.0	136	105	—22.0	82	62	—24.0	62,422.19	42,290.93	—32.0
23	26	13.0	100	111	11.0	76	82	7.0	90,152.00	107,077.84	18.0
10	18	80.0	122	157	28.0	72	91	26.0	61,320.67	83,630.99	36.0
20	35	75.0	191	283	48.0	109	152	39.0	133,968.06	150,054.27	12.0
3	1	—66.0	17	5	—70.0	11	3	—72.0	6,441.00	1,251.00	—80.0
45	40	—11.0	215	168	—21.0	124	111	—10.0	165,117.23	120,740.78	—26.0
28	18	—35.0	146	133	—8.0	104	90	—13.0	75,780.23	69,193.95	—8.0
95	206	116.0	507	965	90.0	307	549	78.0	242,196.27	455,664.43	88.0
14	23	64.0	94	136	44.0	70	97	38.0	60,989.35	97,634.31	60.0
22	23	4.0	204	208	1.0	90	93	3.0	73,004.40	84,096.98	15.0
9	16	77.0	81	95	17.0	57	64	12.0	57,167.62	71,413.58	24.0
23	26	13.0	126	110	—12.0	81	77	—4.0	160,587.59	155,170.00	—3.0
20	19	—5.0	80	78	—2.0	70	67	—4.0	88,935.06	106,508.10	19.0
24	23	—4.0	176	200	13.0	114	135	18.0	139,126.50	173,576.13	24.0
2	6	200.0	29	24	—17.0	21	17	—19.0	16,150.00	21,581.16	33.0
96	98	2.0	527	640	21.0	322	384	19.0	221,349.67	341,670.98	54.0
52	53	1.0	264	331	25.0	180	223	23.0	188,407.91	199,760.02	6.0
12	10	—16.0	69	57	—17.0	51	44	—13.0	72,347.76	60,053.18	—16.0
17	27	58.0	111	113	1.0	89	80	—10.0	83,259.86	105,784.00	27.0
28	28	.....	134	169	26.0	87	102	17.0	77,594.13	93,485.47	20.0
46	41	—15.0	212	227	7.0	135	148	9.0	83,534.99	114,148.66	36.0
17	10	—41.0	73	91	24.0	57	64	12.0	59,997.09	57,116.53	—4.0
108	99	—8.0	805	777	—3.0	424	417	—1.0	286,151.45	281,391.48	—1.0
117	171	46.0	684	852	24.0	410	503	22.0	390,609.94	423,775.46	8.0
17	19	11.0	195	223	14.0	112	122	8.0	88,828.36	105,948.83	19.0
19	25	31.0	96	145	51.0	72	100	38.0	82,585.81	133,763.11	61.0
12	11	—8.0	42	48	14.0	34	36	5.0	23,577.00	37,251.87	58.0
393	376	—4.0	2,857	2,567	—10.0	1,451	1,317	—9.0	1,045,811.31	1,032,406.52	—1.0
156	165	5.0	1,295	1,320	1.0	662	665	0.4	445,746.50	470,263.20	5.0
170	166	—2.0	1,451	1,469	1.0	791	786	—0.6	561,844.82	521,079.25	—7.0
46	45	—2.0	261	253	—3.0	149	141	—5.0	94,043.22	91,059.16	—3.0
.....	.....	.....	18	3	—83.0	12	2	—83.0	8,275.00	800.00	—90.0
34	37	8.0	145	116	—20.0	98	80	—18.0	80,992.18	141,892.20	75.0
34	40	17.0	136	153	12.0	96	102	6.0	78,543.11	100,230.00	27.0
82	81	—1.0	300	373	24.0	191	252	31.0	228,529.53	297,824.25	30.0
13	20	53.0	61	72	18.0	45	58	28.0	28,888.07	51,995.92	79.0
63	115	82.0	478	603	26.0	259	319	23.0	176,957.07	281,866.55	59.0
28	24	—14.0	125	120	—4.0	80	81	1.0	139,564.00	87,091.05	—37.0
99	86	—13.0	733	639	—12.0	395	352	—10.0	269,635.36	257,206.82	—4.0
60	60	.....	235	249	5.0	165	175	6.0	143,876.11	166,068.18	15.0
4	7	75.0	43	54	25.0	28	38	35.0	26,597.06	32,035.00	20.0
9	.....	—100.0	76	8	—89.0	59	5	—91.0	74,120.00	5,850.00	—92.0
25	23	—8.0	180	194	7.0	128	134	4.0	119,316.29	127,653.09	6.0
50	48	—4.0	349	391	12.0	176	200	13.0	137,328.96	148,240.40	7.0
30	28	—6.0	156	153	—1.0	102	98	—3.0	80,873.78	74,498.02	—7.0
40	31	—22.0	201	219	8.0	122	135	10.0	89,241.63	84,288.61	—5.0
178	183	2.0	1,521	1,912	25.0	816	1,024	25.0	711,410.47	808,598.69	13.0
169	178	5.0	839	985	17.0	551	634	15.0	627,126.19	876,775.16	39.0
44	43	—2.0	360	438	21.0	200	245	22.0	183,139.85	166,689.42	—8.0
5	15	200.0	9	81	800.0	7	55	685.0	4,500.00	55,179.49	1,126.0
64	79	23.0	345	433	25.0	243	285	17.0	258,011.10	354,454.67	37.0
9	6	—33.0	36	27	—25.0	27	17	—37.0	37,475.00	13,859.00	—63.0
4	5	25.0	23	22	—4.0	17	18	5.0	12,459.00	16,255.00	30.0
124	111	—10.0	715	704	—1.0	448	442	—1.0	452,120.53	481,371.84	6.0
14	14	.....	88	91	3.0	67	68	1.0	55,664.65	65,917.60	18.0
12	17	41.0	129	138	6.0	76	79	3.0	44,186.37	63,508.69	43.0
43	46	6.0	226	220	—2.0	174	153	—12.0	213,970.17	239,652.82	12.0

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the

Place of Occurrence	Killed			Fatal Accidents			Injured		
	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
			Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent
Richmond Municipality	11	4	—63.0	11	4	—63.0	396	399	0.7
Rossland Detachment	1	.....	—100.0	1	.....	—100.0	20	8	—60.0
Saanich Municipality	6	5	—16.0	6	5	—16.0	392	404	3.0
Salmo Detachment	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	38	36	—5.0
Salmon Arm City	8	1	—87.0	8	1	—87.0	73	85	16.0
Salmon Arm Detachment	3	1	—66.0	3	1	—66.0	49	42	—14.0
Sechelt Detachment	4	4	.....	4	4	.....	53	54	1.0
Shawnigan Lake Detachment	4	2	—50.0	4	2	—50.0	102	88	—13.0
Sicamous Detachment	2	4	100.0	1	4	300.0	40	50	25.0
Sidney	4	3	—25.0	3	3	.....	71	63	—11.0
Smithers Detachment	1	3	200.0	1	3	200.0	53	39	—26.0
Sooke Detachment	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	62	48	—22.0
Sparwood	5	1	—80.0	5	1	—80.0	55	64	16.0
Spences Bridge Detachment	2	8	300.0	2	5	150.0	43	50	16.0
Squamish Detachment	7	15	114.0	4	11	175.0	104	187	79.0
Stewart Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	17	142.0
Summerland Detachment	2	2	.....	2	2	.....	74	72	—2.0
Surrey Municipality	21	21	.....	17	20	17.0	1,121	1,236	10.0
Tahsis	2	.....	—100.0	2	.....	—100.0	6	7	16.0
Telegraph Creek Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	25.0
Terrace Detachment	6	3	—50.0	4	3	—25.0	50	49	—2.0
Terrace Village	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	42	57	35.0
Tofino Detachment	1	.....	—100.0	1	.....	—100.0	13	13	.....
Trail City	.....	2	100.0	.....	1	100.0	28	31	1.0
Trail Detachment	1	2	100.0	1	2	100.0	46	39	—15.0
Ucluelet	.....	1	100.0	.....	1	100.0	53	30	—43.0
University Detachment	.....	3	100.0	.....	2	100.0	51	39	—23.0
Valemount	2	.....	—100.0	2	.....	—100.0	29	23	—20.0
Vancouver City	34	63	85.0	34	54	58.0	3,879	3,891	0.3
Vanderhoof Detachment	1	11	1,000.0	1	10	900.0	66	78	18.0
Vernon City	1	5	400.0	1	3	200.0	106	121	14.0
Vernon Detachment	13	9	—30.0	8	7	—12.0	112	146	30.0
Victoria City	7	7	.....	7	7	.....	672	659	—1.0
Wells Detachment	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6	100.0
West Vancouver Municipality	6	4	—33.0	5	4	—20.0	268	303	13.0
White Rock City	.....	2	100.0	.....	2	100.0	44	75	70.0
Williams Lake Detachment	12	15	25.0	10	11	10.0	175	187	6.0
Totals January to November 30, 1971/72	591	639	8.0	499	540	8.0	19,757	20,871	5.0
Totals January to December 31, 1971/72	636	716	12.0	538	602	11.0	22,340	23,316	4.0

Province for the Calendar Years 1971 and 1972—Continued

Injury Accidents			Vehicles Involved			Accidents Reported			Property Damage		
1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease	1971	1972	Increase or (—) Decrease
		Per Cent			Per Cent			Per Cent	$	$	Per Cent
287	292	1.0	1,828	1,981	8.0	1,011	1,082	7.0	742,690.20	739,284.62	—0.4
13	4	—69.0	103	64	—37.0	57	38	—33.0	34,752.98	27,964.95	—19.0
271	295	8.0	1,539	1,646	6.0	873	923	5.0	636,004.62	669,333.77	5.0
21	24	14.0	110	114	3.0	77	81	5.0	67,414.25	126,832.77	88.0
39	63	61.0	264	318	20.0	162	199	22.0	137,490.99	180,511.55	31.0
24	26	8.0	97	94	—3.0	68	64	—5.0	109,142.33	80,437.00	—26.0
32	28	—12.0	166	151	—9.0	116	109	—6.0	150,217.27	80,476.96	—46.0
43	44	2.0	149	197	32.0	115	131	13.0	113,648.27	129,553.50	13.0
17	32	88.0	104	152	46.0	69	101	46.0	80,311.85	153,678.96	91.0
39	41	5.0	155	166	7.0	105	106	0.9	81,713.99	85,689.58	4.0
38	26	—31.0	203	196	—3.0	134	125	—6.0	116,079.79	111,095.61	—4.0
39	35	—10.0	160	132	—17.0	114	101	—11.0	78,433.41	78,605.54	0.2
30	38	26.0	183	206	12.0	127	130	2.0	128,890.99	113,137.58	—12.0
24	24	----------	91	107	17.0	65	77	18.0	98,766.14	253,859.57	157.0
72	104	44.0	384	512	33.0	275	341	24.0	270,042.94	308,993.19	14.0
5	10	100.0	32	54	68.0	22	36	63.0	15,450.00	42,870.18	177.0
37	47	27.0	197	213	8.0	131	139	6.0	128,782.48	125,000.61	—2.0
707	797	12.0	4,008	4,672	16.0	2,163	2,501	15.0	1,747,353.45	2,110,575.49	20.0
4	4	----------	14	33	135.0	10	22	120.0	10,950.00	11,550.00	5.0
3	2	—33.0	8	9	12.0	7	6	—14.0	16,400.00	5,300.00	—67.0
35	34	—2.0	222	267	20.0	141	169	19.0	161,151.02	177,990.56	10.0
32	43	34.0	262	311	18.0	144	173	20.0	122,718.66	143,046.38	16.0
9	10	11.0	26	42	61.0	22	35	59.0	15,224.00	25,582.00	68.0
21	23	9.0	204	233	14.0	109	125	14.0	73,847.54	75,206.43	1.0
24	18	—25.0	99	100	1.0	71	69	—2.0	70,352.05	66,317.07	—5.0
37	19	—48.0	79	62	—21.0	64	50	—21.0	59,219.89	58,634.00	—0.9
37	27	—27.0	316	261	—17.0	174	153	—12.0	113,292.42	109,051.35	—3.0
17	14	—17.0	70	51	—27.0	58	45	—22.0	81,467.65	99,200.00	21.0
2,839	2,849	0.3	24,128	21,778	—9.0	13,174	12,335	—6.0	8,359,828.53	8,470,295.94	1.0
36	41	13.0	200	222	11.0	137	157	14.0	133,988.83	211,721.41	58.0
72	83	15.0	494	679	37.0	273	356	30.0	185,522.35	269,234.65	45.0
57	97	70.0	281	438	55.0	195	293	50.0	227,712.08	348,929.79	53.0
500	514	2.0	2,563	2,767	7.0	1,396	1,519	8.0	825,761.79	985,525.71	19.0
3	4	33.0	14	28	100.0	11	21	90.0	16,820.00	17,433.29	3.0
199	206	3.0	1,744	1,696	—2.0	949	903	—4.0	691,667.43	715,962.23	3.0
32	47	46.0	246	289	17.0	133	154	15.0	95,295.80	125,074.44	31.0
97	112	15.0	625	820	31.0	420	528	25.0	527,141.04	569,034.46	7.0
13,072	13,922	6.0	87,927	91,622	4.0	50,569	52,915	4.0	40,940,632.19	45,749,170.04	11.0
14,806	15,579	5.0	103,525	103,469	—0.5	59,745	59,996	0.4	47,438,491.01	51,703,378.40	8.0

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Total Accidents Reported	Total for Same Period Last Year	PERSONS INJURED													
			Total Injured	Male	Female	Age-groups								Age Not Stated	Total Injured for Same Period Last Year
						0–4	5–14	15–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–64	65 and Over		
Collision with—															
1. Another vehicle	43,277	43,054	14,456	7,351	7,105	420	891	2,394	4,307	2,225	1,695	1,823	701	.....	13,819
2. Noncollision accident	6,627	6,135	3,379	2,284	1,095	63	191	990	1,122	392	268	264	89	.....	3,246
3. Fixed object	6,086	6,581	2,284	1,546	738	31	101	736	758	273	200	132	53	.....	2,221
4. Pedestrian	1,438	1,470	1,422	791	631	100	446	185	178	87	108	150	168	.....	1,440
5. Bicycle	699	706	710	531	179	7	416	166	81	15	8	7	10	.....	707
6. Animal	751	826	125	92	33	4	11	47	31	8	10	10	4	.....	108
7. Motor-cycle	954	820	858	743	115	6	13	490	293	25	15	8	8	.....	746
8. Railroad train	118	106	54	45	9	.....	7	5	14	14	6	6	2	.....	25
9. Miscellaneous	46	47	28	16	12	1	13	6	1	1	2	2	2	.....	28
Totals	59,996	59,745	23,316	13,399	9,917	632	2,089	5,019	6,785	3,040	2,312	2,402	1,037	.....	22,340

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	PERSONS KILLED												Totals for Year to Date			Totals for Same Period Last Year		
	Total Killed	Male	Female	Age-groups								Total Killed for Same Period Last Year						
				0–4	5–14	15–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–64	65 and Over		Accidents	Injured	Killed	Accidents	Injured	Killed
Collision with—																		
1. Another vehicle	292	198	94	3	12	56	72	33	25	45	46	206	43,277	14,456	292	43,054	13,819	206
2. Noncollision accident	173	143	30	----	7	54	51	18	11	25	7	161	6,627	3,379	173	6,135	3,246	161
3. Fixed object	98	83	15	1	1	22	33	18	7	8	8	112	6,086	2,284	98	6,581	2,221	112
4. Pedestrian	106	67	39	7	15	13	8	8	6	21	28	103	1,438	1,422	106	1,470	1,440	103
5. Bicycle	18	14	4	----	13	1	2	----	1	----	1	17	699	710	18	706	707	17
6. Animal	5	4	1	----	----	----	----	2	1	2	----	1	751	125	5	826	108	1
7. Motor-cycle	18	16	2	----	2	11	4	----	1	----	----	22	954	858	18	820	746	22
8. Railroad train	5	4	1	----	----	----	3	1	----	----	1	11	118	54	5	106	25	11
9. Miscellaneous	1	----	1	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	3	46	28	1	47	28	3
Totals	716	529	187	11	51	157	173	80	52	101	91	636	59,996	23,316	716	59,745	22,340	636

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

2. HOUR OF OCCURRENCE	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
12 to 1 a.m.	1,984	35	510	1,439
1 to 2 a.m.	2,097	41	575	1,481
2 to 3 a.m.	1,369	18	345	1,006
3 to 4 a.m.	847	16	245	586
4 to 5 a.m.	472	13	121	338
5 to 6 a.m.	453	14	119	320
6 to 7 a.m.	672	14	190	468
7 to 8 a.m.	2,098	16	462	1,620
8 to 9 a.m.	2,364	12	549	1,803
9 to 10 a.m.	2,274	16	518	1,740
10 to 11 a.m.	2,299	17	500	1,782
11 to 12 m.	2,410	13	571	1,826
12 to 1 p.m.	2,768	14	713	2,041
1 to 2 p.m.	3,223	18	810	2,395
2 to 3 p.m.	3,597	29	883	2,685
3 to 4 p.m.	4,725	38	1,249	3,438
4 to 5 p.m.	5,623	35	1,425	4,163
5 to 6 p.m.	4,587	41	1,242	3,304
6 to 7 p.m.	3,078	40	935	2,103
7 to 8 p.m.	3,236	40	926	2,270
8 to 9 p.m.	2,698	32	785	1,881
9 to 10 p.m.	2,553	28	691	1,834
10 to 11 p.m.	2,259	30	606	1,623
11 to 12 p.m.	2,301	32	608	1,661
Not stated	9	------	1	8
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

3. DAY OF OCCURRENCE	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Sunday	7,316	90	2,109	5,117
2. Monday	7,629	61	1,912	5,656
3. Tuesday	7,802	75	1,962	5,765
4. Wednesday	7,712	64	1,939	5,709
5. Thursday	7,980	73	2,034	5,873
6. Friday	10,755	108	2,746	7,901
7. Saturday	10,797	131	2,875	7,791
8. Not stated	5	------	2	3
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

4. TYPE OF VEHICLES INVOLVED	Number of Vehicles Involved			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Private passenger	89,316	682	22,104	66,530
2. Truck	11,883	180	2,903	8,800
3. Bus	307	5	90	212
4. Taxi	555	------	138	417
5. "Drive Yourself"	106	------	15	91
6. Motor-cycle	1,218	27	937	254
7. School bus	37	1	7	29
8. Ambulance	20	------	2	18
9. Not stated	27	------	7	20
Totals	103,469	895	26,203	76,371

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

5. RAILROAD CROSSINGS	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Unguarded crossing	72	1	22	49
2. Automatic signal	23	2	9	12
3. Guarded crossing—man on duty	3	------	------	3
4. Driver disregarded signal	6	1	1	4
5. Signal not given	11	------	3	8
6. Not stated	3	------	1	2
Totals	118	4	36	78

6. MANNER OF COLLISION	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Angle collision	24,347	168	6,075	18,104
2. Head-on collision or head-on side-swipe	8,671	240	2,737	5,694
3. Rear-end collision	14,586	31	4,063	10,492
4. Backed into other vehicle	2,608	2	188	2,418
5. Side-swiped other vehicle going same direction	3,402	13	376	3,013
6. Not stated	6,382	148	2,140	4,094
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

7. DRIVERS INVOLVED, DESCRIPTION OF	Number of Drivers			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Male	75,463	770	19,886	54,807
2. Female	20,001	102	5,597	14,302
3. Not stated	8,005	23	720	7,262
Totals	103,469	895	26,203	76,371

Age of Driver	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. 16 to 20 years	17,384	181	4,873	12,330
2. 21 to 24 "	14,466	142	4,040	10,284
3. 25 to 30 "	16,484	123	4,461	11,900
4. 31 to 40 "	16,621	144	4,220	12,257
5. 41 to 50 "	14,209	111	3,553	10,545
6. 51 to 60 "	11,187	88	2,572	8,527
7. 61 to 64 "	3,978	36	978	2,964
8. 65 to 69 "	1,836	27	494	1,315
9. 70 years and over	1,941	32	540	1,369

Driving Experience	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Less than 3 months	2,475	44	739	1,692
2. 3 to 6 months	1,324	8	385	931
3. 6 to 12 months	3,054	4	875	2,175
4. 1 to 4 years	19,151	211	5,361	13,579
5. 5 years and over	69,454	605	18,119	50,730
6. Not stated	8,011	23	724	7,264

Condition of Driver	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Normal	92,560	752	24,451	67,357
2. Extreme fatigue	584	17	227	340
3. Physical defect	127	5	58	64
4. Confused by traffic	186	1	57	128
5. Ability impaired	2,121	95	705	1,321
6. Not known	1,308	8	62	1,238
7. Not stated	6,583	17	643	5,923

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

Licence of Driver	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Licensed in British Columbia	89,332	750	23,674	64,908
2. Unlicensed	1,626	35	556	1,035
3. Nonresident	4,507	86	1,258	3,163
4. Not stated	8,004	24	715	7,265

8. ACTION OF DRIVER CONTRIBUTING TO ACCIDENT	Number of Drivers			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. No improper driving	36,038	321	9,616	26,101
2. Driving off roadway	4,946	156	1,358	3,432
3. Did not have right-of-way	14,839	44	3,738	11,057
4. Car standing in roadway (not parked)	9,331	24	2,921	6,386
5. Following too close	8,811	8	2,435	6,368
6. On wrong side of road	3,629	110	830	2,689
7. Failing to signal	327	1	71	255
8. Through street—did not stop	879	16	239	624
9. Passing at intersection	311	------	83	228
10. Exceeding speed limit	1,245	49	363	833
11. Careless driving	12,499	113	3,410	8,976
12. Cutting in	1,585	3	203	1,379
13. Car ran away	513	3	38	472
14. Passing on curve or hill	146	9	43	94
15. Passing on wrong side	176	2	32	142
16. Hit and run	1,608	13	125	1,470
17. Railroad—did not stop	80	3	30	47
18. Cutting left corner	321	1	41	279
19. Parked legally	6,118	15	606	5,497
20. Driving through school-zone	19	1	8	10
21. Driving through safety-zone	5	2	------	3
Totals	103,426	894	26,190	76,342

9. TRAFFIC CONTROL	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. No control present	42,233	487	10,715	31,031
2. Police officer	86	------	30	56
3. Automatic traffic signal	8,306	21	2,364	5,921
4. Stop signs	7,035	37	1,777	5,221
5. Warning signs, slow signs, etc.	2,336	57	693	1,586
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

10. PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED, ACTIONS OF	Number of Pedestrians		
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury
1. Not known	8	1	7
2. Crossing at intersection—no signal	278	12	266
3. In street, not at intersection	264	25	239
4. Coming from behind parked or moving vehicle	207	13	194
5. Crossing at intersection with signal	93	1	92
6. Crossing street diagonally, not at intersection	130	10	120
7. Walking on or along highway	134	22	112
8. Playing in street	83	2	81
9. Crossing at intersection against signal	58	------	58
10. Not on roadway	23	2	21
11. Getting on or off another vehicle	29	3	26
12. Riding or hitching on vehicle	15	------	15
13. Working on car or roadway	46	6	40
14. Crossing intersection diagonally	11	1	10
15. In pedestrian crosswalk	125	9	116
16. Standing on safety-isle	4	------	4
Totals	1,508	107	1,401

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

Condition of Pedestrian	Number of Pedestrians		
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury
1. Apparently normal	1,412	90	1,322
2. Extreme fatigue	1	------	1
3. Had physical defect	5	2	3
4. Confused by traffic	28	3	25
5. Ability impaired	48	9	39
6. Not known	2	1	1
7. Not stated	12	2	10
Totals	1,508	107	1,401

11. CLASSIFICATION OF VICTIMS	Number of Victims		
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury
1. Passengers	10,235	233	10,002
2. Drivers	10,460	330	10,130
3. Pedestrians	1,508	107	1,401
4. Bicyclists	705	18	687
5. Motor-cycle drivers	901	20	881
6. Others (persons in horse-drawn vehicles, etc.)	16	1	15
7. Motor-cycle passengers	207	7	200
Totals	24,032	716	23,316

12. NATURE OF INJURIES	Number of Victims		
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury
1. Slight shock and shake-up	8,766	------	8,766
2. Fractured skull	358	216	142
3. Fractured spine	124	52	72
4. Other fractures	2,290	23	2,267
5. Other injuries (sprains, dislocations, etc.)	3,799	3	3,796
6. Internal injuries	691	378	313
7. Concussion of brain	227	5	222
8. Severe general shock with bruises and cuts	7,665	1	7,664
9. Cuts by glass (only)	49	------	49
10. Drowned	20	20	------
11. Burned	26	5	21
12. Asphyxiated	13	13	------
13. Not stated	4	------	4
Totals	24,032	716	23,316

13. LIGHT CONDITIONS	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Daylight	36,415	278	9,293	26,844
2. Darkness	15,390	267	4,092	11,031
3. Artificial light—good	3,567	17	909	2,641
4. Dusk or semidarkness	3,409	25	906	2,478
5. Artificial light—poor	1,168	12	365	791
6. Not stated	47	3	14	30
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

14. PROPERTY DAMAGE—Amount of property damage for period covered by this report, $51,703,378.40; amount for same period last year, $47,438,491.01.

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

15. CONDITION OF VEHICLES INVOLVED	Number of Vehicles			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Apparently good	99,923	845	25,248	73,830
2. No chains (slippery road)	1,173	3	225	945
3. Brakes defective	776	10	211	555
4. Steering mechanism defective	254	7	91	156
5. Head-lights dim	78	6	28	44
6. Puncture or blow-out	454	4	153	297
7. Head-lights out (both)	58	1	26	31
8. Tail-light out or obscured	50	1	15	34
9. Glaring head-lights	10	------	3	7
10. Head-light out (one light)	67	5	18	44
11. Other defects	609	13	177	419
12. Not stated	17	------	8	9
Totals	103,469	895	26,203	76,371

16. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	Number of Vehicles			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Going straight	50,960	602	13,979	36,379
2. Turning left	12,750	56	3,186	9,508
3. Turning right	5,436	33	1,082	4,321
4. Slowing down or stopping	6,471	21	1,929	4,521
5. Backing (not to or from curb)	2,188	4	169	2,015
6. Skidding	7,370	98	1,738	5,534
7. Leaving curb (including backing)	953	2	88	863
8. Making U-turn	182	3	44	135
9. Overtaking	735	16	233	486
10. Stopping (not at curb or off paved strip)	6,494	8	2,112	4,374
11. Overtaking on right side	306	------	56	250
12. Overtaking on left side	1,126	27	320	779
13. Avoiding object or pedestrian	2,335	9	651	1,675
14. Not stated	6,163	16	616	5,531
Totals	103,469	895	26,203	76,371

17. ROAD SURFACE	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Dry surface	31,813	374	8,968	22,471
2. Wet surface	16,473	147	4,324	12,002
3. Icy surface	5,796	48	1,056	4,692
4. Loose sand or gravel	1,651	14	475	1,162
5. Snowy surface	4,063	18	710	3,335
6. Muddy surface	193	------	44	149
7. Not stated	7	1	2	4
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

18. ROAD CONDITION	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Normal	58,800	583	15,236	42,981
2. Defect in roadway	320	7	93	220
3. Obstruction in road	235	2	55	178
4. Road under repair	469	9	152	308
5. Obstruction not marked or lighted	107	1	26	80
6. Other	58	------	14	44
7. Not stated	7	------	3	4
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

Statistical Summary of Motor-vehicle Accidents in the Province for the Year 1972—Continued

19. TYPE OF ROAD	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Asphalt	56,923	562	14,950	41,411
2. Gravel	2,409	32	471	1,906
3. Concrete	295	3	81	211
4. Earth	219	4	42	173
5. Brick or cobble	26	1	5	20
6. Other	119	------	27	92
7. Not stated	5	------	3	2
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

20. WEATHER CONDITIONS	Number of Accidents			
	Total	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage Only
1. Clear	34,583	375	9,315	24,893
2. Rain	12,442	101	3,250	9,091
3. Cloudy	7,600	85	1,955	5,560
4. Fog or mist	1,008	13	289	706
5. Snow	4,216	25	731	3,460
6. Smoke or dust	139	3	36	100
7. Not stated	8	------	3	5
Totals	59,996	602	15,579	43,815

Motor-vehicle and motor-cycle licences issued to December 31, 1971 — 1,087,992

Motor-vehicle and motor-cycle licences issued to December 31, 1972 — 1,164,749

Convictions

The receipt of notices of convictions for driving infractions under the *Criminal Code* (Canada), the *Motor-vehicle Act,* and the Motor-vehicle Act Regulations, and the reports of violations of any law known as a "Traffic Rule," continued to supply information for inclusion in the individual driving records of each licensed driver in this Province. Access to these records is available by means of the driver's licence number or by the name of the driver. The retaining of these records and the furnishing of information which is invaluable for driver control is the main duty of the Driver Licence Records Section. The control which is made possible by these records is the responsibility of the Driver Safety and Improvement Section. In an endeavour to improve the driving habits of these drivers with unsatisfactory driving records we operate a Driver Improvement Programme throughout the Province.

In 1972 the number of convictions for infractions under the *Motor-vehicle Act* was reduced more than 66⅔ per cent due to the fact that the whole Province finally came under the "Traffic Violation Law" which prohibited proceedings by Court action. These cases were dealt with by enforcement agencies forwarding Traffic Violation Reports to the Branch. It will also be noted from the following tables that there was a reduction in the number of convictions under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and a slight increase in the number of offences coming under Traffic Violation Reports.

It will also be noted that the Notices of Juvenile Offences were considerably reduced, which is a reflection of the change in the juvenile age.

The total number of convictions for infractions under all statutes dealing with the operation of motor-vehicles in this Province was decreased 12.5 per cent in 1972 from 1971.

The following tables summarize the conviction reports under the various statutes dealing with highway traffic from 1969 to 1972, inclusive:

Convictions Under Motor-vehicle Act and Criminal Code (Canada), 1969–72

Offences	1969	1970	1971	1972
Under *Criminal Code* (Canada)—				
Causing death by criminal negligence, sec. 192 (as amended 1971) (new sec. 203)	6	7	7	6
Causing injury by criminal negligence, sec. 204	------	------	------	2
Criminal negligence in operation of motor-vehicle, sec. 221 (1) (new sec. 233 (1))	29	46	28	28
Failing to stop after accident, sec. 221 (2) (new sec. 233 (2))	1,142	858	867	757
Dangerous driving, sec. 221 (4) (new sec. 233 (4))	661	604	519	439
Driving motor-vehicle while intoxicated, sec. 222	153	------	------	------
Driving while ability impaired (as amended 1969), sec. 222 (new sec. 234)	329	5,832	6,311	5,607
Driving motor-vehicle while ability impaired by alcohol or drugs, sec. 223	6,840	------	------	------
Breath sample not provided (as amended 1969), sec. 223 (2) (new sec. 235)	42	319	894	842
Driving with more than 80 mgs. of alcohol in blood (as amended 1969), sec. 224 (new sec. 236)	324	4,920	6,878	6,246
Driving motor-vehicle while driver's licence under suspension, sec. 225 (3) (new sec. 238)	1,688	1,141	1,230	1,012
	11,214	13,727	16,734	14,939
Under *Motor-vehicle Act*—				
Driving without obtaining driver's licence, sec. 18 (1, 2)	4,183	3,392	3,806	1,295
Driving without subsisting motor-vehicle liability policy, sec. 18 (2*a*)	------	3,141	3,840	2,080
Driving motor-vehicle otherwise than as restricted on driver's licence, sec. 18 (6–8)	4,330	901	947	761
Driving without having driver's licence in possession at time, sec. 19	1,787	------	------	------
Driving without having driver's licence and liability card in possession at time, sec. 19 (as amended 1970)	------	4,399	6,759	3,364
Driving while right to obtain licence is under suspension, sec. 20	176	33	42	11
Using licence belonging to another, refusing to show licence, etc., sec. 56	340	281	264	163
Failing to obey emergency instructions of a peace officer, sec. 124	24	12	14	5
Failing to obey traffic-control signal legend, secs. 127, 128, 152	26,388	7,046	1,735	166
Failing to obey special signal signs *re* highway construction, secs. 134, 135, 137	349	163	27	8
Careless driving, secs. 138, 139	4,218	1,247	501	98
Exceeding maximum speed limit, sec. 140	100,288	26,920	9,926	504
Exceeding speed limit passing schools and playgrounds, sec. 141	3,124	791	225	18
Exceeding speed limit overtaking stopped school bus, sec. 142	123	25	23	22
Failure to drive on the right, sec. 143	673	162	121	15
Infractions of "lane" driving, secs. 144–146	4,573	1,174	520	50
Leaving highway other than at intersections, sec. 147	5	------	------	------
Infractions of "passing," secs. 148–151, 153, 154	3,256	868	373	16
Infractions of turning, starting, and directional signals, secs. 155–159, 160–162	4,102	1,017	266	36
Failure to yield right-of-way, secs. 163–167	3,308	858	251	31
Not exercising due care *re* pedestrians, secs. 168–172	2,395	616	114	12
Failure to stop at railroad crossing, secs. 174–176	258	48	5	2
Failure to stop at intersections, sec. 177	6,109	1,512	423	40
Leaving vehicle improperly parked, sec. 182	1,131	457	399	274
Backing vehicle illegally, sec. 184	1,265	238	67	9
Operating motor-cycle with more than one person, sec. 185	28	6	4	4
Requirements of safe driving on highway, secs. 186, 187	62	9	12	9
Fire-vehicle safety, secs. 189, 190	42	6	4	4
Driving on sidewalk, sec. 191	119	46	7	4
Opening-door requirements, sec. 194	46	11	12	4
Illegal depositing of articles on highway, sec. 195	297	235	196	185
Riding motor-cycle without safety helmet, sec. 207	440	484	412	289
Miscellaneous	27	29	24	975
	173,466	56,127	31,319	10,454
Under Motor-vehicle Act Regulations	13,828	8,483	6,571	1,344

Traffic Violation Reports, 1969–72

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Under *Motor-vehicle Act*—				
Driving motor-vehicle otherwise than as restricted on driver's licence, sec. 18 (6–8)	44	.....	.....	30
Failing to obey emergency instructions of a peace officer, sec. 124	3	19	21	27
Failing to obey traffic-control signal legend, secs. 127, 128, 152	2,765	22,099	27,787	25,366
Failing to obey special signal signs *re* highway construction, secs. 134, 135, 137	35	563	450	554
Careless driving, secs. 138, 139	1,921	5,766	5,848	6,787
Exceeding maximum speed limit, sec. 140	10,566	93,205	106,110	111,443
Exceeding speed limit passing schools and playgrounds, sec. 141	429	5,711	5,103	5,725
Exceeding speed limit overtaking stopped school bus, sec. 142	40	162	146	230
Failure to drive on the right, sec. 143	112	801	1,156	1,286
Infractions of "lane" driving, secs. 144–146	828	3,748	4,806	4,965
Leaving highway other than at intersections, sec. 147	13	.....	.....	.....
Infractions of "passing," secs. 148–151, 153, 154	775	3,186	4,594	5,135
Infractions of turning, starting, and directional signals, secs. 155–159, 160–162	463	3,501	4,387	3,485
Failure to yield right-of-way, secs. 163–167	762	3,387	4,135	4,577
Not exercising due care *re* pedestrians, secs. 168–172	122	1,395	1,661	1,258
Failure to stop at railroad crossing, secs. 174–176	7	223	254	309
Failure to stop at intersections, sec. 177	1,143	7,328	8,085	8,294
Leaving vehicle improperly parked, sec. 182	57	499	1,589	451
Backing vehicle illegally, sec. 184	235	1,038	1,164	1,306
Operating motor-cycle with more than one person, sec. 185	6	14	10	6
Requirements of safe driving on highway, secs. 186, 187	5	97	100	73
Fire-vehicle safety, secs. 189, 190	11	29	36	27
Driving on sidewalk, sec. 191	4	57	64	55
Opening-door requirements, sec. 194	5	24	41	38
Miscellaneous	23	2	32	26
	20,374	152,854	177,579	181,453
Under Motor-vehicle Act Regulations	1,053	8,809	10,791	10,963

Notices of Juvenile Offence, 1969–72

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Under *Motor-vehicle Act*—				
Driving without obtaining driver's licence, sec. 18 (1, 2)	1,612	1,516	683	14
Driving motor-vehicle otherwise than as restricted on driver's licence, sec. 18 (6–8)	2,106	197	72	14
Driving without subsisting motor-vehicle liability policy, sec. 18 (2*a*)	.....	.....	.....	50
Driving without having driver's licence and liability card in possession at time, sec. 19	.....	241	221	62
Failing to obey emergency instructions of a peace officer, sec. 124	.....	.....	.....	1
Failing to obey traffic-control signal legend, secs. 127, 128, 152	518	998	1,020	455
Failing to obey special signal signs *re* highway construction, secs. 134, 135, 137	5	17	19	4
Careless driving, secs. 138, 139	1,115	1,119	885	416
Exceeding maximum speed limit, sec. 140	4,165	5,570	5,489	2,548
Exceeding speed limit passing schools and playgrounds, sec. 141	159	369	309	148
Exceeding speed limit overtaking stopped school bus, sec. 142	8	13	12	5
Failure to drive on the right, sec. 143	59	84	89	55
Infractions of "lane" driving, secs. 144–146	266	278	275	93
Infractions of "passing," secs. 148–151, 153, 154	335	356	387	148
Infractions of turning, starting, and directional signals, secs. 155–159, 160–162	187	213	174	74
Failure to yield right-of-way, secs. 163–167	290	325	311	151
Not exercising due care *re* pedestrians, secs. 168–172	63	76	65	23
Failure to stop at railroad crossing, secs. 174–176	8	12	14	4
Failure to stop at intersections, sec. 177	522	671	596	269
Backing vehicle illegally, sec. 184	83	94	94	42
Requirements of safe driving on highway, secs. 186, 187	.....	.....	.....	2
Fire-vehicle safety, secs. 189, 190	.....	.....	.....	2
Driving on sidewalk, sec. 191	.....	.....	.....	3
Illegal depositing of articles on highway, sec. 195	.....	.....	.....	5
Riding motor-cycle without safety helmet, sec. 207	.....	.....	.....	8
Miscellaneous	3,457	2,845	1,980	27
	14,958	14,994	12,695	4,623

SUMMARY

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Criminal Code (Canada)	11,214	13,727	16,734	14,939
Motor-vehicle Act	173,466	56,127	31,319	10,454
Motor-vehicle Act Regulations	13,828	8,483	6,571	1,344
Traffic Violation Reports	21,427	161,663	188,370	192,416
Notices of Juvenile Offence	14,958	14,994	12,695	4,623
Total infractions	234,893	254,994	255,689	223,776

Suspension of Drivers' Licences by Court Orders and Recommendations, 1972

	Months								Years							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	1	1½	2	3	4	5	10	
Death by criminal negligence—Accident	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	8
Injury by criminal negligence—Accident	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Criminal negligence—																
Accident	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	8
No accident	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	6	2	1	5	—	—	—	18
Failing to remain at scene of accident	128	65	91	17	—	46	1	5	31	8	10	8	—	—	—	410
Dangerous driving—																
Accident	3	6	12	4	—	13	—	1	11	—	8	5	—	1	—	64
No accident	29	34	56	13	1	52	—	7	40	10	15	6	—	1	—	264
Driving while ability impaired—																
Accident	144	45	93	36	5	57	—	7	33	3	6	6	—	—	—	435
No accident	1,526	486	806	231	17	420	8	57	211	54	71	52	—	1	—	3,940
Breath sample not provided—																
Accident	6	2	6	2	—	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	23
No accident	94	32	37	4	2	18	—	2	5	2	1	1	—	—	—	198
Driving with more than 80 mgs. of alcohol in blood—																
Accident	219	63	113	14	2	27	2	4	12	1	3	2	—	—	—	462
No accident	2,409	542	773	112	12	313	4	13	117	9	23	18	—	—	—	4,345
Driving while under suspension—																
Accident	2	1	2	—	—	5	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	16
No accident	24	21	34	7	2	34	1	5	27	—	11	6	—	—	—	172
Driving without due care and attention	15	—	6	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Exceeding speed limit	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Notices of juvenile offence	28	21	35	7	—	39	5	3	36	2	4	—	1	—	—	181
Miscellaneous	10	3	17	2	—	7	1	—	5	2	2	—	—	—	—	49
Totals	4,643	1,323	2,081	449	41	1,044	22	106	540	96	160	113	1	5	2	10,626

Conviction and judgment outside the Province, 582; grand total, 11,208.

DRIVING

Driver Improvement Programme

During 1972 there was a considerable decrease in the total number of conviction notices and Traffic Violation Reports received by the Branch, which was reflected in statistics indicating the number of actions taken in an endeavour to effectively improve the driving habits of those persons who by their actions on the highways were considered hazardous.

It will be noted that during 1972 a total of 6,920 drivers was dealt with who had been previously suspended and previously warned, which was an increase of 12.4 per cent over 1971, when a total of 6,157 persons in this category were contacted. This would indicate that much of the unsafe driving is committed by persons who continually repeat their offences and must be dealt with by the Driver Safety and Improvement Section.

There was an increase in 1972 over 1971 of the suspension of drivers' licences of persons who failed to satisfy final judgment or on whose behalf payments of money were made by the Traffic Victims' Indemnity Fund as a result of an agreement or judgment against the driver. As provided under Part II of the *Motor-vehicle Act,* 582 drivers' licences were suspended in 1972 as compared with 544 in 1971.

Summary of Action Taken Under Driver Improvement Programme, 1972

	Age (Years)										Total
	16–17	18–20	21–24	25–30	31–40	41–50	51–60	61–64	65–69	70 and Over	
Warning letters	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	21,092
Advisory letters	5,381	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	5,381
Notices of intent to suspend—											
Male	248	1,825	1,816	1,298	914	625	265	57	34	20	7,102
Female	------	20	33	34	20	12	4	1	------	------	124
Results of notices to suspend, interviews, and submissions—											
Licences suspended—											
Male	265	1,993	2,171	1,652	1,171	624	245	50	37	58	8,266
Female	------	17	41	32	29	22	4	2	1	6	154
Previously suspended	59	556	812	666	463	267	96	17	5	3	2,944
Previously warned	99	958	1,230	849	526	215	76	13	6	4	3,976
Previously on probation	1	46	96	111	55	32	11	3	1	2	358
Driver's licence placed on probation—											
Male	21	182	196	134	89	60	27	7	1	2	719
Female	------	2	3	10	4	2	------	------	------	------	21

Impaired, 11,853; total infractions received, 223,776; special restrictions, 1,719; juvenile offences, 4,623.

Examination of Drivers

During the year 1972, the Drivers' Examination Section of the Drivers' Licence Division conducted the examination of 105,604 drivers, and 79,616 of this total were for original licences.

It will be noted in the chart shown below that 25.8 per cent of those drivers who were given examinations indicated on their applications that they had taken formal driver training, either under the High School Driver-training Programme or from the commercial schools. The increase in 1972 over any previous period in the number of new drivers being exposed to High School Driver-training Programmes and

Commercial Training Programmes is encouraging and reflects the growing interest in proper driver training courses.

During the licence-issue period of commercial driver-training schools, operators and instructors, 81 licences were issued, which is an increase over 1971, when licences were issued for 67 schools. Statistics dealing with the issuance of licences and the examinations of operators and instructors are shown hereunder:

Issuances, Licence-issuing Period, March 1, 1972, to February 28, 1973

	Schools	Operator	Instructor
Licences issued	81	77	183
Terminations	4	11	58
Suspensions	---	1	1
Reinstatements	---	---	---
	77	65	124

Examinations Conducted

March 1 to December 31, 1972

(Change of examination policy effective January 1, 1973)

Vision tests	96
Assessment road tests	93
Medicals received	80

March 1, 1972 to February 28, 1973

Written examinations (first, second, and third)—	
Passed	83
Failed	15
Total	98
Practical examinations—	
Passed	76
Failed	19
Total	95

Temporary Permits

Original and renewal permits issued	120
Temporary instructors as of February 28, 1973	14

$500 Security Bonding, 1972

Bonded by surety	62
Security on deposit (parity bond)	16
Security on deposit (cash)	3

Revenue

	$
School licences ($25)	2,025
Operator's licences ($10)	770
Instructor's licences ($5)	915
Total	3,710

The advent of classified driver's licence system in 1971 resulted in many examinations being given to drivers who wished to upgrade their classifications and obtain permission to operate more complex equipment.

MOTOR-VEHICLE INSPECTION

During 1972 the compulsory programme of motor-vehicle inspection was continued in the Victoria area and the Lower Mainland area. These areas are served by four inspection stations with a total of 13 lanes. The stations are located in Victoria, Vancouver, Richmond, and Burnaby.

The following is the number of inspections completed at each inspection station:

Inspection Station	Approved	Rejected	Percentage Rejected	Inspections Conducted
Victoria—				
1971	92,233	43,034	31.8	135,267
1972	95,038	37,690	28.3	132,728
Vancouver—				
1971	124,438	78,412	38.6	202,850
1972	145,877	74,610	33.8	220,487
Richmond—				
1971	46,487	32,578	41.2	79,067
1972	58,909	28,059	32.2	86,067
Burnaby[1]—				
1971	15,110	15,965	51.3	31,075
1972	126,513	85,910	40.4	212,423

[1] Commenced operation October 1971.

Notices requiring the owner to present his motor-vehicle for inspection were mailed to 396,381 owners during 1972, of whom 128,515 required a second notice. Notification of suspension were given to 43,954 owners.

The following is a summary of vehicle inspection:

Summary of Vehicle Inspection, January 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972

	Inspected and Approved					Reinspected and Approved					Free Approved					Approved This Period
	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	
Passenger	132,683	63,206	13,925	4,004	213,818	58,261	62,270	18,841	4,875	144,247	818	761	203	76	1,858	359,923
Commercial	19,008	6,326	1,262	1,034	27,630	10,755	7,029	2,278	1,668	21,730	217	85	22	16	340	49,700
Motor-cycle	3,809	451	32	46	4,338	642	178	23	48	891	44	10	1	4	59	5,288
Trailer	2,832	479	134	126	3,571	504	224	78	64	870	5,860	2,406	709	326	9,301	13,742
Totals	158,332	70,462	15,353	5,210	249,357	70,162	69,701	21,220	6,655	167,738	6,939	3,262	935	422	11,558	428,653

	Inspected and Rejected					Reinspected and Rejected					Free Rejected					Rejected This Period
	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total	
Passenger	69,840	71,145	22,305	6,394	169,684	5,656	8,664	3,517	836	18,673	209	211	85	45	550	188,907
Commercial	13,193	9,056	3,150	2,618	28,017	1,264	1,206	559	397	3,426	110	79	20	25	234	31,677
Motor-cycle	1,040	336	45	102	1,523	142	68	47	23	280	15	10	.....	5	30	1,833
Trailer	693	311	89	38	1,131	94	55	13	4	166	1,615	715	259	53	2,642	3,939
Totals	84,766	80,848	25,589	9,152	200,355	7,156	9,993	4,136	1,260	22,545	1,949	1,015	364	128	3,456	226,356
Per cent	34.8	53.4	62.5	63.7	44.5	9.2	12.5	16.3	15.9	11.8	219	23.7	28.0	23.2	23.0	34.5
Presented for inspection	243,098	151,310	40,942	14,362	449,712	77,318	79,694	25,356	7,915	190,283	8,888	4,277	1,299	550	15,014	655,009

Vehicle Age Code: Age 1, 1969 and after; Age 2, 1964 to 1968; Age 3, 1959 to 1963; Age 4, 1958 and prior.

During the inspection of motor-vehicles it was found that 226,356 did not meet the standards and were rejected. The total number of defects found were 464,792, or 2.05 defects for each rejected vehicle.

The following are the causes of rejection:

Causes of Rejection, 1972

Code	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Total
1. Motor-vehicle licence	440	341	143	90	1,014
2. Number-plates	1,426	1,880	893	418	4,617
3. Plate-lamp	8,923	12,347	4,052	1,660	26,982
4. Tail-lamps	3,482	5,541	2,795	1,343	13,161
5. Stop-lamps	6,317	7,766	3,680	1,660	19,423
6. Turn-signals	5,700	10,355	4,743	1,912	22,710
7. Reflectors	1,388	1,238	579	514	3,719
8. Horn	1,876	3,089	1,362	550	6,877
9. Windshield-wipers	1,484	3,563	2,044	1,182	8,273
10. Left-window-raiser	359	825	543	270	1,997
11. Doors, body, hood	653	1,960	2,094	1,018	5,725
12. Bumper, mudflaps	605	1,159	1,270	560	3,594
13. Headlamps	58,626	48,263	14,923	5,044	126,856
14. Identification lamps	1,669	1,187	488	379	3,723
15. Spot-lamps	23	22	14	6	65
16. Fog-lamps	1,346	850	218	179	2,593
17. Auxiliary lamps	1,717	1,052	336	175	3,280
18. Wheel alignment	3,473	4,976	2,099	824	11,372
19. Steering mechanism	6,808	17,172	8,639	3,967	36,586
20. Tires, wheels	10,099	13,831	5,893	2,192	32,015
21. Fuel system	314	384	228	168	1,094
22. Exhaust, muffler	14,027	21,705	8,330	3,423	47,485
23. Service brakes	8,464	9,996	4,083	1,814	24,357
24. Pedal reserve	1,436	2,858	2,109	880	7,283
25. Brake connections	1,853	6,556	2,227	1,136	11,772
26. Air or vacuum	578	446	227	136	1,387
27. Tell-tale	64	70	51	29	214
28. Parking-brake	2,746	4,556	2,644	1,230	11,176
29. Visibility	4,743	6,089	2,164	1,203	14,199
30. Driver seat-belts	375	981	437	291	2,084
31. Miscellaneous	4,450	2,665	1,158	886	9,159
Totals	155,464	193,723	80,466	35,139	464,792

Vehicle Age Code: Age 1, 1969 and after; Age 2, 1964 to 1968; Age 3, 1959 to 1963; Age 4, 1958 and prior.

A total of 19 Authorized Fleet Inspection Stations has been established. Two of these stations inspect all types of vehicles and 17 are authorized to inspect regular trailers only. The authorization of two stations have been rescinded, one because inspections were not conducted to the standards of inspection as found in the Motor-vehicle Act Regulations, the other when his authorized inspector left the employ of the station operator. A total of 3,216 vehicles was inspected and approved at these stations.

CENTRAL REGISTRY

The Superintendent of Motor-vehicles is also known as the Registrar-General and is responsible for the operation of the Central Registry. Documents are recorded and searched under the *Bills of Sale Act, Conditional Sales Act, Mechanic's Lien Act,* and the *Assignment of Book Accounts Act* which concerns all types of personal chattels. In the case of corporations, personal chattels other than motor-vehicles are recorded with the Registrar of Companies Office.

1. The Central Registry accepted for registration a total of 345,760 documents during the 1972 calendar year for an increase of 59,462 (20.76 per cent) when compared with the 1971 calendar year. The Data Processing Centre was required to key-punch 523,155 lien cards, an increase of 83,831 (19.08 per cent over the

previous year). A large number of documents forwarded for registration now contain more than one vehicle or a vehicle(s) plus other goods and chattels.

2. The demand for search information continues to increase at a rapid pace. In 1972 the value of search fees amounted to $202,681.25, an increase of $20,-273.50 (11.11 per cent) over the previous year. The fees for photo copies of documents on file with Central Registry amounted to $2,851.90, an increase of $177.65 (0.06 per cent).

3. The Central Registry administers approximately 2,100 Search Fee Accounts, which may be used to obtain information pertaining to motor-vehicles and drivers' records in addition to the regular lien searching. This Registry accounted for $406,640 concerning requests for drivers' abstracts, an increase of $40,388 (11.02 per cent) over the previous calendar year. On December 31, 1972, there was a credit balance of $92,478.25 in this Search Fee Account, an increase of $14,504.50 over the previous year.

4. The total revenue accounted for by the Central Registry in 1972 was $1,563,-445.15, an increase of $226,986.15 (16.98 per cent) in the previous calendar year.

There is a steady increase in the number of documents submitted for registration and requests for search information. During 1972 the Offices of the Central Registry were remodelled, and extra telephone lines were added in order to meet this demand.

A statistical comparison with the 1971 calendar year follows, which gives a detailed report of the various activities of the Central Registry.

STATISTICAL COMPARISONS WITH YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972, TO YEAR 1971

January 1 to December 31, 1972

	1971	1972
Documents filed under—		
Conditional Sales Act	69,560	83,728
Bills of Sale Act	172,338	210,645
Mechanic's Lien Act	29,630	35,043
Assignment of Book Accounts Act	701	726
Companies Act	348	497
Late order filings under *Conditional Sales Act*	2,306	2,473
Late order filings under *Bills of Sale Act*	6,269	7,675
Documents discharged under—		
Conditional Sales Act	1,572	1,671
Bills of Sale Act	1,869	1,789
Mechanic's Lien Act	1,554	1,327
Assignment of Book Accounts Act	37	35
Companies Act	114	151
Total documents accepted	286,298	345,760

Statistical Comparisons—*Continued*

Total value of—	$	$
Documents accepted	785,125.00	951,272.00
Search fees	182,407.75	202,681.25
Photographic copies	2,674.25	2,851.90
Total revenue	970,207.00	1,156,805.15

Lien cards key-punched by Data Processing Centre *re* document registrations—		
Serial cards	277,799	339,105
Alphabetical cards	161,525	184,050
Total number of lien cards	439,324	523,155

SCHOOL BUSES

Control over the use and operation of school buses engaged in the transportation of students to and from schools in the Province is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Motor-vehicles. The control extends to the setting of minimum standards for the construction and maintenance of school buses and provides for periodic inspection of school buses. This inspection is carried out on behalf of the Superintendent by Mechanical Inspectors of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Motor Carrier Branch of the Public Utilities Commission, and senior Motor-vehicle Inspectors of the Branch. Motor-vehicle Inspectors at the four inspection stations operated by the Branch are appointed Mechanical Inspectors for the inspection of school buses. School buses in the Victoria area and Greater Vancouver area are inspected at the inspection station in the area or by an Inspector from a station. It is also necessary that evidence of satisfactory insurance coverage, in accordance with the carrying capacity of each school bus, be supplied to the Superintendent.

In 1972 the number of permits issued for vehicles to be used as school buses was 1,044 renewal permits and 139 permits for new vehicles, for a total of 1,183 as compared to the 1971 figure of 1,130. Of these permits issued, 32 were cancelled as the result of the lapse of insurance coverage or of poor mechanical condition. In 1972, school buses were involved in 58 accidents, of which 41 resulted in property damage only. Eight students and 22 persons other than students were injured in 17 injury accidents. There were two fatal accidents involving school buses where three persons other than students were killed in the year 1972.

PERMITS FOR FLASHING RED AND AMBER LAMPS, SIRENS, AND THEFT ALARMS

The Superintendent may, under the provisions of the Motor-vehicle Act Regulations, issue permits to allow a vehicle to be equipped with a flashing lamp. The regulations specify that certain emergency vehicles, tow cars, and pilot cars may be equipped without obtaining a permit. The permits are required for vehicles such as public utility vehicles which must stop on a highway to repair power- or telephone-lines. In each case the permit is issued where a hazard exists and only with the approval of the local enforcement agency.

In 1972, 51 permits for flashing amber lamps and 13 permits for flashing red lamps were issued. In addition, two permits were issued to allow the installation of sirens and red flashing lamps on vehicles. These vehicles were usually ambulances or the personal vehicle of the chief of a volunteer fire department in a small community.

Three permits were issued for the installation of a theft alarm in a vehicle.

One permit was issued to allow police vehicles to install a device which would cause their headlamps to flash white light.

STAFF

The staff of the Motor-vehicle Branch remained somewhat constant in 1972 with an increase of only four permanent positions. Our 1971 permanent complement totalled 382, and this was increased by two clerical positions and two driver examination positions to a total of 386.

In addition to the permanent positions, this Branch also employed 67 temporary employees during the calendar year 1972. However, there was a total of 12 requisitions for employees outstanding as of December 31, 1972. Such a continual shortage of staff does have a detrimental effect upon the efficiency of any operation.

A good deal of assistance was once more obtained from the Liquor Control Board during the months of January and February 1972, our licence-renewal period. And again we express our sincere gratitude to the Chairman and his staff for the temporary assistance of 90 employees used throughout the entire Province. This trained personnel assisted our issuers and audit staff and we are aware that the work could not have been completed so effectively without their very able assistance.

Pressures continue to mount and work volumes continue to grow for all staff of the Motor-vehicle Branch. The present staff accept these added responsibilities and volumes in stride. It is a fact that Motor-vehicle Branch administrators, and I am sure the general public as well, sincerely appreciate every effort and challenge met by the staff of the Motor-vehicle Branch.

CONCLUSION

The scope and work requirements for the Motor-vehicle Branch for 1972 have been set out in considerable detail in this Report. A reader of the Report will have noticed the trend of increasing volumes of activity and it is reasonable to say that there will be a continuance of this trend in the years ahead. While there has been some increase in the number of the work force available to the Branch, these increases have not kept pace with the demands placed on the Branch by the public for service. It is going to be essential that in some particular areas of the Branch, including the Drivers' Examination Section, there will need to be a considerable growth in staff and, hopefully, 1973 will see some of these objectives attained.

It has been essential in the light of altering work requirements to retrain staff in more efficient methods of handling the business of the Branch. A number of employees have been enrolled in training programmes conducted by the Civil Service Commission and, hopefully, this trend will continue in the years ahead. The Branch continues to provide basic instruction for Drivers' Examiners and Motor-vehicle Inspectors, and both of these efforts have contributed to a much greater understanding of the activities and purposes of the Branch, so that employees in these fields may be better prepared to deal with inquiries from the public.

The Motor-vehicle Branch enjoys the continued co-operation of many persons and organizations throughout the Province and without whose help it would be most difficult to carry on our activities. The various departments of Government are extremely helpful and willing to assist us in the many problems that we jointly face. I am making particular mention of the long association enjoyed with the Attorney-General's Department and the members of that staff that we so frequently required to turn to for legal advice. The Branch enjoys a close liaison with your Associate Deputy Minister and the Weigh Stations Branch of your Department. I would be remiss in concluding the Report without mentioning the continued co-

operation we received from the Provincial Courts throughout the Province and all the enforcement agencies with whom we work and without whose valuable assistance it would be very difficult to meet our many obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

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