

TORONTO MAN DIES WHEN CAR DITCHED

Excessive Speed is Cause of Fatal Accident on Highway 11

William J. Lees, 28, of 612 Harvie Ave., Toronto, was instantly killed late Saturday afternoon when the car he was driving swerved off the highway south of Mr. Clarence Wood's gateway, snapped off a Hydro pole in the ditch, and threw the driver partly out of the right window. His two companions suffered minor injuries. Percy Fordham, 18, of 41 Lambton Ave., Toronto, received lacerations on his left wrist and contusion of his right knee and left thigh. Vincent Ludlow, 26, of 121 Humberside Ave., Toronto, was slightly cut over the right eye.

The car was travelling south, apparently at a high rate of speed, when the driver lost control, the skid marks showing 328 feet. The tragedy is attributed to excessive speed.

The injured men were brought to Dr. Judge for treatment and the body of W. J. Lees was brought to F. Kilkenny's funeral parlors. Coroner Dr. W. Cummings, Bond Head, decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Lees was a member of the Army Service Corps and visited Bradford last August as a trumpeter with that band during the Army and Navy Veterans "Three Gala Days." He is survived by his widow, twins, Edith and Dorothy, aged 8, and Irene, aged 5.

The glass in the car was broken on the left side and the front axle and fender were damaged, but so slightly it could have been driven away from the scene of the accident.

Provincial Police Officer Sam Ervine investigated.