

The excess of births over deaths in Canada is shown in the following table :—

—	Births.	Deaths.	Numerical.	Centesimal.
1891	135,843	67,688	68,155	100·6
1881	138,347	63,413	74,934	118·1

If the birth rate of 1881 had been maintained, the births of 1891 would have been one-fifth more, or over 160,000 instead of under 136,000 in the year. As it is, the births for half a million more people are 2,500 less, while the deaths are 4,275 more. The decreased birth rate accounts in part for the lessened rate of increase of the population.

191. Taking the classification of the Registrar General of England we have arranged the 67,688 deaths recorded in Canada into eight classes and seventy-five sub-heads. The eight classes are : Zymotic, parasitic, dietetic, constitutional, developmental, local, violent, ill-defined, and a ninth, "not specified."

192. The deaths when distributed among the several classes give the rates shown in the following table :—

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Total deaths.	RATE PER MILLION LIVING.			
		Canada.	England.	New South Wales.	Victoria.
Zymotic	15,764	3,283	2,541	2,260	2,369
Parasitic.....	78	16	24	60	58
Dietetic	35	8	81	260	180
Constitutional	9,310	1,940	3,374	1,830	2,580
Developmental.....	6,818	1,420	1,611	1,160	1,259
Local.....	22,492	4,685	10,364	5,990	7,288
Violence.....	2,391	498	653	1,010	1,026
Ill-defined and not specified..	10,800	2,248	900	830	1,134
Total	67,688	14,098	19,548	13,400	15,894