

EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, 1891-97.

COUNTRIES.	EXCESS PER CENT OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.							Mean for 7 Years.
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	
New Zealand.....	180	177	169	168	170	189	184	177
South Australia.....	155	184	136	162	169	148	140	156
Queensland.....	185	183	153	164	188	148	164	169
New South Wales.....	142	178	151	156	160	130	161	154
Western Australia..	106	99	123	96		38	52	86
Tasmania.....	122	140	152	150	164	142	141	144
Victoria.....	107	139	121	122	116	104	94	115

According to the Census returns of 1891 for Canada, the birth rate in British Columbia was 23·16 per thousand of the population, and the death rate was 13·94 per thousand. In Manitoba the birth rate was 32·53 per thousand and the death rate 19·36 per thousand. In New Brunswick the birth rate was 27·70 per thousand and the death rate 13·36 per thousand. In Nova Scotia the birth rate was 25·41 per thousand and the death rate 14·57 per thousand. In Ontario the birth rate was 24·50 per thousand and the death rate was 11·30 per thousand. In Quebec the birth rate was 36·86 per thousand and the death rate 18·91 per thousand. In Prince Edward Island the birth rate was 24·45 per thousand and the death rate 12·26 per thousand. In the North-west Territories the birth rate was 24·98 per thousand and the death rate 7·32.

Manitoba is the banner province, having the second largest birth rate and the second lowest death rate, the result being that the prairie province has the largest excess of births over deaths.

The following table gives the births, deaths and marriages in each of the respective countries, 1896 :—

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1896.

Countries.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Still-Births.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Norway.....	63,200	31,700	13,900	1,800
Sweden (1895).....	134,599	74,368	28,728	3,047
Denmark.....	70,271	36,090	16,823	1,722
German Empire—				
Prussia.....	1,185,284	666,677	264,822	40,823
Saxony.....	152,217	85,677	35,142	5,376
Bavaria.....	215,652	136,058	45,258	6,881
Wurtemberg.....	72,510	43,989	15,656	2,454
Baden.....	57,863	34,986	13,593	1,617
Total, German Empire.....	1,914,749	1,098,966	432,107	64,998
Holland.....	160,247	84,291	36,483	7,527
Belgium.....	188,533	113,748	52,585	9,188
France.....	865,586	771,866	290,171	42,054

NOTE.—Births and deaths are exclusive of still-births in all cases.