

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 10·36 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 :—

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Countries.	Year.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Still-Births.
		Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Norway	1899	67,013	36,563	15,530	1,690
Sweden	1898	136,523	75,949	30,900	3,693
Denmark	1900	72,141	40,924	18,499	1,747
German Empire—					
Prussia		1,265,923	720,581	287,408	40,469
Saxony		164,164	99,609	38,980	5,585
Bavaria		230,969	154,165	50,783	6,805
Wurtemberg		76,637	49,119	17,102	2,382
Baden		65,261	43,277	15,491	1,779
Other States		242,332	183,419	61,755	7,962
Total, German Empire	1899	2,045,286	1,250,170	471,519	64,982
Holland	1900	162,611	92,043	39,419	7,292
Belgium	1899	194,268	126,963	53,765	8,902
France	1900	827,297	853,285	299,084	39,246
Switzerland	1900	98,419	60,572	25,538	3,381
Spain	1900	627,848	536,716	161,201	*
Italy	1900	1,007,376	768,917	232,631	45,679
Austria (proper)	1900	995,537	658,680	214,214	27,598
Hungary	1900	752,718	515,234	169,687	15,955
Bulgaria	1899	149,006	90,324	32,027	834
Rumania	1900	234,843	146,144	40,407	4,019
Uruguay	1899	30,717	11,444	4,463	894
Japan	1898	1,369,622	894,503	471,298	125,826
Servia	1900	104,772	58,034	31,203	*
United Kingdom—					
England and Wales		926,304	587,459	257,139	*
Scotland		131,355	82,267	32,449	*
Ireland		101,459	87,606	21,330	*
Total, United Kingdom	1900	1,159,118	757,332	310,918	*
Russia	1898	5,760,218	3,845,968	*	*
Finland	1899	88,358	53,042	19,553	*
Portugal	1897	160,441	114,546	35,841	*

* No record.

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