

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.....	1900	66,149	34,932	15,222	1,616
Sweden.....	1899	133,882	89,678	31,710	3,545
Denmark.....	1901	73,211	38,784	17,599	1,812
German Empire—					
Prussia.....	1900	1,275,712	745,423	293,064	39,993
Saxony.....	1900	164,101	94,684	37,986	5,535
Wurtemberg.....	1901	78,813	49,338	17,339	2,583
Bavaria.....	1901	238,584	150,482	49,247	7,108
Baden.....	1901	66,215	41,815	15,427	1,755
Total, German Empire	1900	2,060,657	1,300,900	476,491	64,518
Holland.....	1901	168,380	89,967	40,261	7,297
Belgium.....	1901	200,077	116,077	57,131	7,732
France.....	1901	857,274	784,876	303,469	40,746
Switzerland.....	1901	100,635	63,625	25,379	3,607
Spain.....	1900	627,848	536,716	161,204	*
Italy.....	1901	1,057,763	715,036	234,819	46,254
Austria (proper)...	1900	995,537	658,680	214,214	27,598
Hungary.....	1901	731,721	491,804	170,316	15,503
Bulgaria.....	1900	157,794	83,667	30,661	*
Rumania.....	1901	240,704	160,351	43,750	4,008
Uruguay.....	1901	31,703	12,504	4,480	1,053
Japan.....	1899	1,371,191	927,046	297,117	135,666
Servia.....	1901	96,348	53,282	20,998	*
United Kingdom:—					
England and Wales	1901	929,270	551,316	259,077	*
Scotland.....	1901	132,178	80,103	31,360	*
Ireland.....	1901	100,966	79,126	22,095	*
Total, United Kingdom	1901	1,162,414	710,545	312,532	*
Russia.....	1899	5,916,155	3,729,764	*	2,292
Finland.....	1900	86,339	57,915	18,295	*
Portugal.....	1897	160,441	114,546	35,841	*
Chile.....	1901	115,745	110,699	17,470	*
Mexico.....	1899	503,202	507,890	59,957	*

* No record.

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