

## 14.—Number of Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, 1921-1926.

## A. (NUMBER OF MARRIAGES).

Years.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
1921.....	518	3,550	3,173	18,659	24,871	5,310	5,101	4,661	3,889	69,732
1922.....	579	3,169	2,799	16,609	23,360	4,808	5,061	4,272	3,763	64,420
1923.....	454	3,246	2,911	17,361	24,842	4,544	5,045	4,117	3,943	66,463
1924.....	408	2,999	2,972	17,591	24,038	4,132	4,792	4,159	4,038	65,129
1925.....	407	2,964	2,908	17,427	23,074	4,377	4,909	4,355	4,223	64,644
1926 <sup>1</sup> .....	457	2,852	2,923	17,827	23,632	4,537	5,443	4,486	4,413	66,570

## B. (MARRIAGE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION).

Years.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
1921.....	5.8	6.8	8.4	7.9	8.5	8.7	6.7	7.9	7.4	8.0
1922.....	6.6	6.0	7.1	6.5	7.8	7.8	6.6	7.2	7.0	7.2
1923.....	5.2	6.1	7.4	6.3	8.2	7.3	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.4
1924.....	4.6	5.6	7.4	7.1	7.9	6.8	6.0	6.9	7.3	7.1
1925.....	4.7	5.5	7.2	6.5	7.4	6.9	6.1	7.2	7.5	7.0
1926 <sup>1</sup> .....	5.3	5.3	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.1	6.6	7.4	7.8	7.1

<sup>1</sup> 1926 figures are subject to revision.

**Age at Marriage.**—The average age of all bridegrooms in the registration area in 1925 was 29.8 years and that of all brides 25.3 years, no great change in these ages having been noted since 1921. The average excess of the bridegroom's age was thus 4.5 years. It may be noted in Table 15 that when the contracting parties are grouped by age of bridegroom, the average difference in age is less for the younger groups than for the older, being zero years for grooms under 20, 1.7 years for grooms from 20 to 24 years of age and 10.3 years for grooms from 45 to 49 years. This is natural, in view of the fact that the groom's age is generally in excess of the bride's, and therefore as his age increases the range of reasonably possible ages for the bride widens. On the other hand, when the parties are grouped by the age of the bride, it is found that, although with less regularity than is shown in the table by age of grooms, the general tendency is for the older brides to marry men nearer their own age than in the case of the younger brides. Since these tables are based upon all marriages contracted during the year, the figures given should not be understood to signify the average ages at first marriage. These are necessarily lower.

## 15.—Difference in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1925.

Age-groups of Bridegrooms.	Average age of Bridegroom.	Average age of Bride.	Average excess of Bridegroom's age.	Age-groups of Brides.	Average age of Bride.	Average age of Bridegroom.	Average excess of Bridegroom's age.
All bridegrooms.....	29.8	25.3	4.5	All brides.....	25.3	29.8	4.5
Under 20 years.....	19.2	19.2	—	Under 20 years.....	18.5	24.8	6.3
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.1	1.7	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.8	4.5
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.3	4.0	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.6	3.4
30-34 years.....	32.2	25.8	6.4	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.7	3.6
35-39 years.....	37.3	29.1	8.2	35-39 years.....	37.2	40.8	3.6
40-44 years.....	42.2	33.2	9.0	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.4	4.1
45-49 years.....	47.3	37.0	10.3	45-49 years.....	47.2	51.0	3.8
50 years and over.....	59.2	43.2	11.0	50 years and over.....	57.9	60.7	2.8

## 16.—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriages, 1925.

Provinces.	Average age of all Grooms.	Average age of all Brides.	Average excess of Groom's age over Bride's.
Prince Edward Island.....	30.2	26.0	4.2
Nova Scotia.....	29.8	25.3	4.5
New Brunswick.....	29.3	24.8	4.5
Ontario.....	29.5	25.5	4.0
Manitoba.....	30.3	25.1	5.2
Saskatchewan.....	29.6	24.0	5.6
Alberta.....	29.7	24.1	5.6
British Columbia.....	31.8	26.9	4.9
Canada (Registration Area).....	29.8	25.3	4.5