

number of deferred marriages, which under more normal conditions would have occurred in the war years. Summary statistics of marriages contracted in 1921 to 1927 appear in Table 13, the figures and rates for Quebec from 1921 to 1925 being taken from provincial sources.

### 13.—Number of Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, 1921-1927.

#### 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	23,390	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.....	459	2,861	2,938	17,827	23,632	4,537	5,483	4,503	4,418	66,658
1927 <sup>1</sup> .....	482	3,040	2,881	18,551	24,677	4,712	5,701	4,703	4,718	69,466

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

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	6.6	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.....	5.3	5.3	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.1	6.7	7.4	7.8	7.1
1927 <sup>1</sup> .....	5.5	5.6	7.0	7.1	7.7	7.3	6.8	7.6	8.2	7.3

<sup>1</sup> 1927 figures are subject to revision.

**Age at Marriage.**—The average age of all bridegrooms in the Dominion in 1926 was 29.3 years and that of all brides 25.1 years. The average excess of the bridegroom's age was thus 4.2 years. It may be noted in Table 14 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, grooms under 20 being 0.4 years younger than their brides, while the excess of the bridegroom's age was 1.5 years in the group 20-24, and steadily increased for each quinquennial age group until it was 10.9 years for bridegrooms 50 years and over. 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. Out of each 1,000 bridegrooms in 1926 904 were bachelors, 89 widowers, 7 divorced men; out of each 1,000 brides 929 were spinsters, 63 widows, 8 divorced women.

### 14.—Difference in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1926.

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.....	29.3	25.1	4.2	All brides.....	25.1	29.3	4.2
Under 20 years.....	19.1	19.5	-0.4	Under 20 years.....	18.5	24.6	6.1
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.3	1.5	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.4	4.1
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.4	3.9	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.2	3.1
30-34 years.....	32.1	25.9	6.2	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.5	3.4
35-39 years.....	37.3	29.0	8.3	35-39 years.....	37.3	40.4	3.1
40-44 years.....	42.2	33.0	9.2	40-44 years.....	42.2	45.7	3.5
45-49 years.....	47.2	37.5	9.7	45-49 years.....	47.3	51.1	3.8
50 years and over..	59.3	48.4	10.9	50 years and over..	58.2	60.4	2.2