

## 15.—Average Ages of Parties contracting Marriages, 1926.

Provinces.	Average age of all Grooms.	Average age of all Brides.	Average excess of Groom's age over Bride's.
Prince Edward Island.....	31.2	26.4	4.8
Nova Scotia.....	30.0	25.3	4.7
New Brunswick.....	29.1	24.3	4.8
Quebec.....	28.7	25.2	3.5
Ontario.....	29.1	25.3	3.8
Manitoba.....	29.9	24.8	5.1
Saskatchewan.....	29.3	23.8	5.5
Alberta.....	30.1	24.5	5.6
British Columbia.....	31.5	26.5	5.0
Canada.....	29.3	25.1	4.2

**Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.**—In the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, the majority of the bridegrooms in the marriages contracted between 1921 and 1926 were born outside of Canada, while the same was true of brides in British Columbia and Alberta. In the three Maritime Provinces, the Canadian-born brides and grooms showed a marked predominance, exceeding 80 p.c. in each case, and in Ontario over 65 p.c. of both brides and grooms were Canadian-born. In 1926, 66.8 p.c. of all grooms and 71.5 p.c. of all brides were born in Canada. Table 16 gives the number of marriages per 1,000 population in each province, as well as the percentage distribution of brides and grooms according to nativity.

## 16.—Nativity, by Provinces, of Persons Married in the Registration Area, 1921-1926.

Provinces.	Years.	Marriages.		Percentage distribution of Grooms and Brides by Nativity.					
		Total.	Per 1,000 population.	Born in provinces of residence.		Born in other provinces.		Born elsewhere.	
				Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.
P. E. Island.....	1921	518	5.8	92.3	94.6	5.0	1.9	2.7	3.5
	1923	579	6.6	91.9	93.3	4.7	2.6	3.4	4.1
	1924	454	5.2	90.1	94.5	3.7	2.4	6.2	3.1
	1924	408	4.6	88.7	93.1	7.4	3.7	3.9	3.2
	1925	407	4.7	90.9	93.4	4.9	2.2	4.1	4.4
	1926	459	5.3	88.9	94.3	5.5	2.2	5.7	3.5
Nova Scotia.....	1921	3,550	6.8	76.3	81.3	6.4	4.5	17.3	14.2
	1922	3,198	6.0	79.0	84.5	5.4	3.2	15.6	12.2
	1923	3,246	6.1	77.9	83.2	5.4	3.2	16.7	13.6
	1924	2,999	5.6	78.8	82.9	5.0	3.0	16.2	14.1
	1925	2,964	5.5	78.9	84.1	5.6	3.2	15.5	12.7
	1926	2,861	5.3	79.0	85.3	4.9	3.1	16.2	11.6
New Brunswick.....	1921	3,173	8.4	73.4	78.0	10.1	8.4	16.5	13.6
	1922	2,799	7.1	68.8	75.8	13.8	8.8	17.4	15.4
	1923	2,911	7.4	74.2	77.6	9.2	8.1	16.6	14.3
	1924	2,972	7.4	73.2	77.2	10.0	7.9	16.8	14.9
	1925	2,908	7.2	72.2	76.5	9.3	7.0	18.5	16.5
	1926	2,938	7.2	72.1	75.6	9.0	8.0	18.9	16.4
Ontario.....	1921	24,871	8.5	63.6	66.7	5.6	4.7	30.8	28.6
	1922	23,360	7.8	62.2	65.1	6.9	6.2	30.9	28.7
	1923	24,842	8.2	61.3	65.9	6.5	5.4	32.2	28.7
	1924	24,038	7.9	58.8	62.3	6.8	6.1	34.4	31.6
	1925	23,074	7.4	58.9	62.6	7.5	6.8	33.6	30.7
	1926	23,632	7.5	60.4	64.3	7.3	6.6	32.3	29.1
Manitoba.....	1921	5,310	8.7	26.4	37.2	18.1	14.1	55.5	48.7
	1922	4,808	7.8	26.8	38.8	16.8	12.9	56.4	48.3
	1923	4,544	7.3	27.8	40.1	17.2	13.8	55.0	46.2
	1924	4,132	6.6	28.4	43.1	17.0	13.4	54.6	43.5
	1925	4,377	6.9	32.4	44.7	15.6	11.3	51.9	44.0
	1926	4,537	7.1	35.4	47.7	14.2	12.2	50.3	40.2