Origins of Parents.—Table 9 gives the number and percentage of births during 1927, distributed by the principal origins.

9.—Number and Percentage of Births (exclusive of Stillbirths) in Canada to Fathers and Mothers of specified Origins, 1927.

Origins of Parents.	Number of births with father, mother or both parents of specified origin.			Percentage of births with father, mother, or both parents of specified origin.		
	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.	Father.	Mother.	Both Parents.
English......................	51,713	54,787	37,260	22·1	23·4	15·9
Irish........................	21,290	20,214	9,413	9·1	8·6	4·0
Scotch......................	23,202	23,099	10,895	9·9	9·9	4·7
Welsh.......................	838	706	135	0·4	0·3	0·1
French......................	90,167	94,180	86,307	38·5	40·2	36·9
German.....................	9,777	10,270	7,048	4·2	4·4	3·0
Armenian...................	84	76	75	1	1	1
Austrian....................	1,443	1,547	1,204	0·6	0·7	0·5
Belgian.....................	595	585	371	0·3	0·2	0·2
Bulgarian...................	63	30	25	1	1	1
Chinese.....................	304	288	283	0·1	0·1	0·1
Czech and Slovak...........	314	353	231	0·1	0·2	0·1
Danish......................	552	450	191	0·2	0·2	0·1
Dutch.......................	2,061	1,977	1,028	0·9	0·8	0·4
Finnish.....................	537	654	486	0·2	0·3	0·2
Greek.......................	283	178	169	0·1	0·1	0·1
Hebrew.....................	1,958	1,943	1,894	0·8	0·8	0·8
Hindu.......................	27	27	25	1	1	1
Hungarian..................	576	626	501	0·2	0·3	0·2
Icelandic...................	369	439	273	0·2	0·2	0·1
Indian......................	2,234	2,643	2,120	1·0	1·1	0·9
Italian....,................	2,900	2,405	2,278	1·2	1·0	1·0
Japanese....................	819	815	813	0·3	0·3	0·3
Negro.......................	382	432	348	0·2	0·2	0·1
Norwegian..................	1,722	1,846	907	0·7	0·8	0·4
Polish......................	2,085	2,275	1,594	0·9	1·0	0·7
Roumanian..................	649	529	432	0·3	0·2	0·2
Russian.....................	2,500	2,314	1,895	1·1	1·0	0·8
Serbo-Croatian..............	222	203	180	0·1	0·1	0·1
Swedish.....................	1,394	1,336	606	0·6	0·6	0·3
Swiss.......................	274	217	82	0·1	0·1	1
Syrian......................	253	202	185	0·1	0·1	0·1
Ukrainian, including Galician...........	4,926	5,130	4,561	2·1	2·2	1·9
Other.......................	252	202	130	0·1	0·1	0·1
Origin not specified........	7,420	1,210	455	3·2	0·5	0·2
Total.................	**234,188**	**234,188**	**174,400** [2]	**100·0**	**100·0**	**74·5** [3]

[1] Less than one-tenth of one per cent. [2] This figure gives the number of children whose father and mother have the same origin. The difference between this figure (174,400) and the total number of births (234,188) represents the number of children (59,788) whose father and mother are of different origins. [3] This excludes the percentage (25·5) of mixed parentage, *i.e.*, where the parents were not of the same origin.

Illegitimacy.—The ratio of illegitimate to total births is, generally speaking, low in Canada as compared with other countries.

Out of 234,188 living births in the nine provinces of Canada in 1927, 6,715, or 2·9 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Preliminary figures for 1928 show a total of 236,194 living births, of which 7,248, or 3·1 p.c., were returned as the issue of unmarried mothers. Out of this number 3,731 were males and 3,517 females—a ratio of 1,061 males to every 1,000 females, as compared with a general rate for all births of 1,054 males to 1,000 females. This somewhat higher ratio of males to females among the issue of unmarried mothers as compared with the issue of married mothers is in accordance with experience in other countries. See Table 10 for details.