

19.—Deaths and Death Rates, by Provinces, 1921-1928.

A. TOTAL DEATHS.

Years.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que. ¹	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Former Registration Area. ⁴	Canada. ²
1921.....	1,209	6,420	5,410	33,433	34,551	5,388	5,596	4,940	4,208	67,722	101,155
1922.....	1,113	6,679	5,158	33,459	34,034	5,754	6,119	5,264	4,907	69,028	102,487
1923.....	1,150	6,868	5,013	35,148	35,636	5,330	6,182	5,006	4,997	70,182	105,330
1924.....	956	6,583	4,923	32,356	33,078	5,023	5,772	4,858	5,004	66,197	98,553
1925.....	997	6,045	4,960	32,300	33,960	5,245	5,628	4,697	4,945	66,477	98,777
1926.....	898	6,366	5,002	37,251	35,909	5,335	6,060	5,159	5,474	70,203	107,454
1927.....	913	6,378	4,902	36,175	34,775	5,309	6,031	5,059	5,750	69,117	105,292
1928 ³	952	6,195	4,962	36,632	37,108	5,396	6,138	5,655	5,901	72,307	108,939

B. CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION.

1921.....	13.6	12.3	14.2	14.1	11.8	8.8	7.4	8.4	8.5	10.6	11.6
1922.....	12.6	12.6	13.2	13.3	11.4	9.3	7.9	8.9	9.1	10.6	11.3
1923.....	13.1	13.0	12.7	13.6	11.8	8.6	7.9	8.4	9.2	10.7	11.4
1924.....	10.9	12.3	12.3	13.0	10.8	8.0	7.2	8.1	9.0	9.9	10.7
1925.....	11.5	11.3	12.3	12.2	10.9	8.3	6.9	7.8	8.8	9.9	10.4
1926.....	10.3	11.8	12.3	14.5	11.4	8.3	7.4	8.5	9.6	10.3	11.5
1927.....	10.5	11.7	11.9	13.9	10.9	8.2	7.2	8.2	10.0	10.0	11.1
1928 ³	11.1	11.3	12.0	13.8	11.5	8.2	7.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	11.3

¹ Provincial figures, 1921-1925. ² Exclusive of the Territories. ³ Subject to revision. ⁴ The former registration area consists of all the provinces except Quebec.

Age Distribution of Decedents.—The number of males and females dying in the nine provinces in 1927 and 1928 (provisional figure) is given by single years of age up to 5 and afterwards by quinquennial age groups up to 90 years of age in Table 20, together with the percentage of the deaths which occurred in each group in each of these years. As illustrating the recent decline in infant mortality, it may be pointed out that the number of males under 1 year dying in 1928 was only 20.6 p.c. of the total number of male deaths, as against 23.56 p.c. in 1921, and of females, 18.1 p.c. as against 20.25 p.c. Similarly, deaths under 5 years of age among males fell from 29.8 p.c. of the total number of deaths in 1921 to 26.4 in 1928, and among females, from 26.54 p.c. to 23.9 p.c.

In the former registration area, including all of the provinces except Quebec, the median age at death rose from 48.73 in 1923 to 49.81 in 1924, to 51.68 in 1925, to 53.07 in 1926 and to 53.40 in 1927. In the Dominion as a whole, the median age at death in 1926 was 45.50 (45.16 for males and 45.89 for females). In 1927 the median for both sexes was 45.97 (46.09 for males and 45.84 for females). Provisional figures for 1928 showed a general median of 49.01 years (48.91 for males and 49.14 for females).

Death Rates by Age Groups—The death rates per 1,000 persons living in each group were shown in a table on p. 175 of the 1927-28 Year Book for the years 1921-24. The calculations were made on the assumption that the age constitution of the estimated population of the later years was the same as that of the ascertained population of the census year.

In this table there was indicated a declining death rate at the earlier ages, a stationary death rate between 35 and 55, and an increasing death rate after 55. While the Canadian period of observation is too short to establish these as general conclusions, the experience of other countries tends to confirm them as being common to the civilized countries of the world.