

The infant mortality in the cities of Canada has been greatly reduced in the years since the inauguration of Dominion vital statistics. Thus the rate for Toronto has fallen from 90 in 1921 to 72 in 1928, that for Winnipeg from 77.5 to 61, for Vancouver from 58 to 43, for Hamilton from 88 to 63, for Ottawa from 130 to 107, for London from 92 to 53, for Edmonton from 89 to 64, for Halifax from 134 to 72, for Saint John from 147 to 95. Altogether, in the 10 cities of 40,000 population and over in the former registration area of Canada, there were 38,488 living births in 1921 and 3,541 infant deaths, being a rate of 92 per 1,000 living births. In 1928 in these same cities there were 34,489 living births, but only 2,369 infant deaths, or a rate of 68.7 per 1,000 living births.

Maternal Mortality.—A subject of cognate interest with that of infantile mortality is the maternal mortality arising out of child-birth. This maternal mortality is shown by Table 31 to be at its lowest among mothers in their twenties, and to increase with mothers of more advanced years. The mortality among mothers of different ages per 1,000 living births to mothers at those ages in the eight provinces constituting the registration area for the years 1921 to 1925, is shown for the years 1921 to 1927, while the totals are given for all the provinces for 1926 to 1928. The maternal mortality is shown by age groups for 1928 and by totals for earlier years in Table 32, also by causes for 1928 in Table 33.

31.—Maternal Deaths in the Former Registration Area, by Age-Groups, with Rates per 1,000 Living Births, 1921-1927, and Totals for all Provinces for 1926-1928.

NOTE.—1928 figures are subject to revision.

Age Groups.	Years.	Living Births.	Maternal Deaths.		Age Groups.	Years.	Living Births.	Maternal Deaths.	
			No.	Rate per 1,000 Living Births.				No.	Rate per 1,000 Living Births.
Under 20 years	1921	10,336	43	4.2	40-49 years.....	1921	9,420 ¹	98	10.4
	1922	10,372	47	4.5		1922	9,458	121	12.8
	1923	9,440	46	4.9		1923	9,178	99	10.8
	1924	9,832	52	5.3		1924	9,405	110	11.7
	1925	10,255	44	4.3		1925	9,414	122	13.0
	1926	9,779	47	4.8		1926	9,299	111	11.9
	1927	10,424	41	3.9		1927	9,113	117	12.8
20-24 years....	1921	42,237	137	3.2	50 years and over.	1921	2	2	2
	1922	40,093	147	3.7		1922	21	1	-
	1923	37,912	140	3.7		1923	29	1	-
	1924	38,208	155	4.1		1924	25	-	-
	1925	37,212	143	3.8		1925	20	1	-
	1926	36,672	157	4.3		1926	19	2	-
	1927	37,791	155	4.1		1927	23	1	-
25-29 years...	1921	46,764	189	4.0	Total.....	1921	168,979	868	5.1
	1922	45,309	193	4.3		1922	164,194	907	5.5
	1923	43,240	159	3.7		1923	156,897	849	5.4
	1924	42,982	190	4.4		1924	157,595	945	6.0
	1925	42,016	181	4.3		1925	154,861	873	5.6
	1926	40,300	168	4.2		1926	150,585	890	5.9
	1927	39,786	193	4.9		1927	151,124	897	5.9
30-39 years...	1921	60,222	401	6.7	1928	152,573	881	5.8	
	1922	58,941	398	6.8	1926 ²	232,750	1,317	5.7	
	1923	57,098	404	7.1	1927 ³	234,188	1,300	5.6	
	1924	57,143	438	7.7	1928 ³	236,194	1,325	5.6	
	1925	55,944	382	6.8					
	1926	54,516	405	7.4					
	1927	53,987	390	7.2					

¹ Living births to mothers 40 years old and over.

² Included with births to and deaths of mothers 40-49 years.

³ Includes Quebec.