

Ages of Parents.—Table 8 shows the age distribution of married fathers and mothers in the years 1926-28. The fathers and mothers in each of these years are arranged according to age and then divided into four equal groups. Each point of age at which a separation comes is called a quartile. To obtain these points of age it is assumed that those in the same year of age are evenly distributed from its lower to its upper limit. In similar manner the deciles divide fathers or mothers in each year into ten equal groups.

In 1928, one-quarter of the married fathers were under 28·15 years of age, one-half under 33·13 years and three-quarters under 38·98 years. One-quarter of the married mothers were under 24·25 years of age, one-half under 28·71 years and three-quarters under 34·16 years. Nine-tenths of the fathers were under 44·21 years and nine-tenths of the mothers under 38·65 years. It will be noted that the general tendency of the quartile and decile points over the three years, while not very marked, is in a downward direction. The movement is clear for the lower age-points and more doubtful for the higher.

8.—Quartile and Decile Ages of Married Fathers and Mothers, 1926-1928.

Position in Array by Age.	Fathers.			Mothers.		
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1926.	1927.	1928.
First quartile..... years of age	28·35	28·24	28·15	24·43	24·35	24·25
Second quartile..... "	33·31	33·26	33·13	28·89	28·85	28·71
Third quartile..... "	39·01	39·04	38·98	34·26	34·26	34·16
First decile..... "	24·91	24·81	24·72	21·41	21·39	21·30
Second decile..... "	27·28	27·24	27·12	23·50	23·44	23·35
Third decile..... "	29·35	29·25	29·04	25·34	25·25	25·12
Fourth decile..... "	31·28	31·21	31·02	27·79	27·06	26·92
Fifth decile..... "	33·31	33·26	33·13	28·89	28·85	28·71
Sixth decile..... "	35·48	35·44	35·31	30·82	30·78	30·69
Seventh decile..... "	37·81	37·83	37·78	33·41	33·03	32·94
Eighth decile..... "	40·40	40·43	40·38	35·61	35·61	35·51
Ninth decile..... "	44·19	44·20	44·21	38·69	38·69	38·65

Nativity of Parents.—Table 9 classifies the children born in 1928 by country of birth of parents, and furnishes some idea to what extent the coming generation of Canadian-born will be the product of Canadian-born, British-born or foreign-born parents. The term "country not specified," under country of birth, includes for the father illegitimate births and births of incomplete record, while for the mother it includes births of incomplete record only.