

19.—Statistics of Divorces Granted in Canada, 1901-1930.

NOTE.—In Prince Edward Island only one divorce was granted from 1868 to 1930; this was in 1913. In consequence of a decision of the British Privy Council, divorces in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have, subsequently to 1918, been granted by the courts of these provinces.

Year.	Granted by the Dominion Parliament.				Granted by the Courts.			Total for Canada.
	Ontario.	Quebec.	Northwest Territories.	Manitoba.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	British Columbia.	
1901	2	-	-	-	10	-	7	19
1902	2	-	-	-	9	1	3	15
1903	2	1	1	1	8	4	4	21
1904	5	1	-	-	6	2	5	19
1905	2	3	-	2	6	2	18	35
			Alta.	Sask.				
1906	10	3	1	-	5	1	17	37
1907	3	1	-	-	8 ¹	3	9	25
1908	8	-	-	-	5	5	12	30
1909	8	4	1	1	2	8 ¹	5	22
1910	14	2	-	1	3	13 ¹	6	12
1911	13	4	2	-	3	10 ¹	6	19
1912	9	3	2	1	1	4	4 ²	11
1913	20	4	4	1	6	-	4	20
1914	18	7	4	2	2	10	12	15
1915	10	3	3	1	1	13	6	15
1916	18	1	1	2	2	14	11	18
1917	10	4	2	1	-	8	6	23
1918	10	2	2	1	-	24	10	65
1919	49	4	36 ³	3	88 ³	36	13	147
1920	91	9	64 ⁴	28 ⁴	42 ⁴	45	15	136
1921	101	9	84 ⁴	50 ⁴	122 ⁴	41	13	128
1922	90	6	129 ⁴	37 ⁴	97 ⁴	35	12	138
1923	106	11	87 ⁴	41 ⁴	81 ⁴	32	19	139 ³
1924	114	13	118 ⁴	28 ⁴	77 ⁴	42	15	136 ³
1925	121	13	101 ⁴	42 ⁴	79 ⁴	30	15	150
1926	113	10	154 ⁴	49 ⁴	85 ⁴	19	12	167
1927	182	13	148 ⁴	60 ⁴	102 ⁴	29	17	197
1928	213	25	168 ⁴	55 ⁴	79 ⁴	28	14 ³	203
1929	208	30	147 ⁴	69 ⁴	89 ⁴	30	21	222
1930	207	40	151 ⁴	62 ⁴	114 ⁴	19	27	255

¹ Includes one judicial separation. ² Includes one not effective till court costs are paid. ³ One by Parliament. ⁴ Granted by courts. ⁵ Two granted by Parliament. ⁶ Includes one in P.E. Island.

Section 4.—Deaths.

Within the past century and more especially within the past generation there has occurred throughout the countries of the white world a notable decline in the death rate, except where man has brought death upon himself through wars and the aftermath of wars. How far this decline has been due to advances in medical science, how far to better sanitation and how far to the improvement in the general conditions of living as a result of the increase in the productive power of humanity, is in dispute, but concerning the facts there is no doubt.

Perhaps the most impressive testimony regarding this decline in the death rate is furnished by the mortality statistics of Sweden, where vital statistics have been kept with great accuracy for the whole nation ever since 1750. There the crude death rate declined from an average of 27.40 per 1,000 in the decade 1751-60 to 14.29 in the decade 1911-20 and to 12.0 in 1928.

Similarly, in England, the crude death rate, which was 22.5 per 1,000 in the 60's, 21.4 in the 70's and 18.2 in the 90's of the last century, declined to 15.5 in 1906, 13.8 in 1913 and 11.6 and 12.3 (England and Wales) in 1926 and 1927. In Scotland, again, the rate was 22.1 in the 60's, 21.8 in the 70's, 18.6 in the 90's, 16.4 in 1906, 13.0 in 1926 and 13.5 in 1927.