

## 16—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriages, 1929.

Province.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
Prince Edward Island.....	30.9	26.0	4.9
Nova Scotia.....	29.3	24.9	4.4
New Brunswick.....	29.0	24.3	4.7
Quebec.....	28.7	25.2	3.5
Ontario.....	28.8	25.0	3.8
Manitoba.....	29.7	24.7	5.0
Saskatchewan.....	29.4	23.9	5.5
Alberta.....	29.5	24.2	5.3
British Columbia.....	31.2	26.2	5.0
Canada.....	29.1	24.9	4.2

**Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.**—The majority of marriages contracted in the western provinces in past years have been between persons born outside Canada. This condition however is being gradually changed and, although in Alberta and British Columbia, the majority of the bridegrooms and brides in the marriages contracted in 1929 were born outside of Canada the percentages show a general reduction; in Saskatchewan the majority of the bridegrooms were born outside Canada but the majority of the brides were Canadians, and in Manitoba the majority of both bridegrooms and brides were Canadians. In the three Maritime Provinces, the Canadian-born brides and grooms showed a marked predominance, varying between 82 p.c. and 97 p.c., and in Ontario over 62 p.c. of grooms and 68 p.c. of brides were Canadian-born. In 1929, taking Canada as a whole, 64.1 p.c. of all grooms and 70.0 p.c. of all brides were born in Canada. Table 17 gives the number of marriages per 1,000 population in each province, as well as the percentage distribution of brides and grooms according to nativity.

## 17.—Nativity of Persons Married in the Registration Area, by Provinces, 1924-29.

NOTE.—For figures for 1921-1923, see the 1929 Year Book, p. 166.

Province.	Year.	Marriages.		Percentage Distribution of Grooms and Brides, by Nativity.					
		Total.	Per 1,000 Population.	Born in Provinces of Residence.		Born in other Provinces.		Born Elsewhere.	
				Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.
Prince Edward Island.....	1924	408	4.7	88.7	93.1	7.4	3.7	3.9	3.2
	1925	407	4.7	90.9	93.4	4.9	2.2	4.1	4.4
	1926	459	5.3	88.9	94.3	5.5	2.2	5.7	3.5
	1927	482	5.5	92.7	95.0	3.5	1.5	3.7	3.5
	1928	466	5.3	91.0	94.2	3.6	2.6	5.4	3.2
	1929	469	5.3	91.3	92.5	3.8	4.3	4.9	3.2
Nova Scotia.....	1924	2,990	5.8	78.8	82.0	5.0	3.0	16.2	14.1
	1925	2,964	5.8	78.9	84.1	5.6	3.2	15.5	12.7
	1926	2,861	5.6	79.0	85.3	4.9	3.1	16.2	11.6
	1927	3,042	5.9	79.5	84.5	4.6	3.7	15.9	11.8
	1928	3,266	6.3	79.0	83.9	4.6	3.0	16.4	13.1
	1929	3,510	6.8	77.9	83.6	5.2	3.7	16.9	12.7