

## 14.—Number of Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, 1921-31.

## A.—NUMBER OF MARRIAGES.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
Average 1921-25..	473	3,186	2,953	1	24,037	4,634	4,982	4,313	3,971	1
Average 1926-30..	473	3,224	2,970	18,731	25,449	4,951	6,036	5,265	4,786	71,885
1926.....	459	2,861	2,938	17,827	23,632	4,537	5,483	4,503	4,418	66,658
1927.....	482	3,042	2,887	18,551	24,677	4,716	5,733	4,707	4,720	69,515
1928.....	466	3,256	3,146	19,126	25,728	5,170	6,701	5,776	4,942	74,311
1929.....	499	3,510	3,118	19,610	27,605	5,269	6,548	6,004	5,155	77,288
1930.....	488	3,451	2,761	18,543	25,605	5,061	5,717	5,334	4,697	71,657
1931.....	490	3,394	2,544	16,783	23,771	4,888	5,700	5,142	3,879	66,591

## B.—MARRIAGE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
Average 1921-25..	5.4	6.1	7.6	1	8.0	7.5	6.4	7.3	7.1	1
Average 1926-30..	5.4	6.3	7.4	6.9	7.8	7.5	7.0	8.0	7.5	7.3
1926.....	5.3	5.6	7.4	6.8	7.5	7.1	6.7	7.4	7.3	7.1
1927.....	5.5	5.9	7.3	7.0	7.7	7.2	6.8	7.4	7.6	7.2
1928.....	5.3	6.3	7.8	7.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.8	7.7	7.6
1929.....	5.3	6.8	7.7	7.1	8.3	7.8	7.4	8.8	7.8	7.7
1930.....	5.5	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.6	7.3	6.3	7.5	6.9	7.0
1931.....	5.6	6.6	6.2	5.8	6.9	7.0	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.4

<sup>1</sup>Quebec was not included in the registration area prior to 1926.

**Age at Marriage.**—The average age of all bridegrooms in the Dominion in 1930 was 29.2 years and that of all brides 25.0 years. The average excess of the bridegroom's age was thus 4.2 years. It may be noted in Table 15 that when the contracting parties are grouped by age of bridegroom, the average difference in age is less for the younger groups, grooms under 20 being 0.3 years younger than the brides, while the excess of the average bridegroom's age was 1.5 years in the group 20-24, and steadily increased for each quinquennial age group until it was 11.2 years for the bridegrooms 50 years and over. On the other hand, when the parties are grouped by the age of the bride, it is found that there is no such regularity as is shown in the table by age of grooms. In the case of brides in the age group 25-29 years the bridegrooms approximate most closely to their own (the brides') ages. Since these tables are based upon all marriages contracted during the year, the figures given should not be understood to signify the average ages at first marriage.

## 15.—Differences in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1930.

Age Group of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Age Group of Brides.	Average Age of Brides.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
All bridegrooms.....	29.2	25.0	4.2	All brides.....	25.0	29.2	4.2
Under 20 years.....	19.1	19.4	-0.3	Under 20 years.....	18.5	24.5	6.0
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.3	1.5	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.4	4.1
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.5	3.8	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.0	2.9
30-34 years.....	32.1	25.9	6.2	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.3	3.2
35-39 years.....	37.2	29.0	8.2	35-39 years.....	37.3	41.1	3.8
40-44 years.....	42.3	32.6	9.7	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.2	3.9
45-49 years.....	47.3	37.3	10.0	45-49 years.....	47.2	51.4	4.2
50 years and over...	60.0	48.8	11.2	50 years and over..	63.8	62.0	3.2

Out of each 1,000 bridegrooms in 1930, 905 were bachelors, 85 widowers, 10 divorced men; out of each 1,000 brides 932 were spinsters, 59 widows, 9 divorced women. Nineteen twenty-eight was the first year in which as many as 1 p.c. of those