

marrying had previously been divorced. There is a fairly close resemblance between the figures of divorces granted, as shown in Table 19 of this chapter, and the number of divorced persons re-married, more particularly in the case of males. Thus 875 divorces were granted in 1930, while 759 divorced males and 668 divorced females married again. This of course does not mean that these were the same persons.

16.—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriages, by Provinces, 1930.

Province.	Average Age of Bride-grooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bride-grooms.
Prince Edward Island.....	30.0	25.9	4.1
Nova Scotia.....	29.0	24.6	4.4
New Brunswick.....	28.8	24.3	4.5
Quebec.....	28.9	25.4	3.5
Ontario.....	29.0	25.1	3.9
Manitoba.....	29.7	24.7	5.0
Saskatchewan.....	29.4	23.8	5.6
Alberta.....	29.5	24.1	5.4
British Columbia.....	31.3	26.4	4.9
Canada.....	29.2	25.0	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 Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, the majority of the bridegrooms in the marriages contracted in 1930 were born outside of Canada, as a rule the percentages show a general reduction over the past few years. Canadian-born brides were in the majority, in 1930, in all the provinces except British Columbia, where Canadian-born and foreign-born brides were about equally divided. In the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, the Canadian-born brides and grooms showed a marked predominance, varying between 83 p.c. and 94 p.c., and in Ontario over 61 p.c. of grooms and 67 p.c. of brides were Canadian-born in 1930. Taking Canada as a whole, 64.5 p.c. of all grooms and 71.1 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, 1926-30.

NOTE.—For figures for 1921-25, 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.....	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	499	5.3	91.3	92.5	3.8	4.3	4.9	3.2
	1930	488	6.5	90.0	91.4	4.3	3.9	5.7	4.7
Nova Scotia.....	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	3,256	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
	1930	3,451	6.7	78.3	82.9	5.9	4.5	15.9	12.6