

19.—Statistics of Divorces Granted in Canada, 1901-32.

NOTE.—In Prince Edward Island only two divorces have been granted since Confederation, one in 1913 and one in 1931. 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 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 35 |
| | | | Alta. Sask. | | | | | |
| 1906..... | 10 | 3 | 1 | - | 5 | 1 | 17 | 37 |
| 1907..... | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 8 ¹ | 3 | 9 | 25 |
| 1908..... | 8 | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 12 | 30 |
| 1909..... | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 51 |
| 1910..... | 14 | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | 13 ¹ | 6 | 51 |
| 1911..... | 13 | 4 | 2 | - | 3 | 10 ¹ | 6 | 57 |
| 1912..... | 9 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 ² | 35 |
| 1913..... | 20 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | - | 4 | 60 ² |
| 1914..... | 18 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 70 |
| 1915..... | 10 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 53 |
| 1916..... | 18 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 67 |
| 1917..... | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | - | 8 | 6 | 54 |
| 1918..... | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 24 | 10 | 65 |
| 1919..... | 49 | 4 | 36 ³ | 3 ⁴ | 38 ³ | 36 | 13 | 376 |
| 1920..... | 91 | 9 | 64 ⁴ | 26 ⁴ | 42 ⁴ | 45 | 15 | 429 |
| 1921..... | 101 | 9 | 84 ⁴ | 50 ⁴ | 122 ⁴ | 41 | 13 | 548 |
| 1922..... | 90 | 6 | 129 ⁴ | 37 ⁴ | 97 ⁴ | 35 | 12 | 544 |
| 1923..... | 105 | 11 | 87 ⁴ | 41 ⁴ | 81 ⁴ | 22 | 19 | 505 |
| 1924..... | 114 | 13 | 118 ⁴ | 28 ⁴ | 77 ⁴ | 42 | 15 | 543 |
| 1925..... | 121 | 13 | 101 ⁴ | 42 ⁴ | 79 ⁴ | 30 | 15 | 551 |
| 1926..... | 113 | 10 | 154 ⁴ | 48 ⁴ | 85 ⁴ | 19 | 12 | 608 |
| 1927..... | 182 | 13 | 148 ⁴ | 60 ⁴ | 102 ⁴ | 29 | 17 | 748 |
| 1928..... | 213 | 25 | 168 ⁴ | 55 ⁴ | 79 ⁴ | 28 | 14 ³ | 785 |
| 1929..... | 208 | 30 | 147 ⁴ | 69 ⁴ | 80 ⁴ | 30 | 21 | 816 |
| 1930..... | 207 | 40 | 151 ⁴ | 62 ⁴ | 114 ⁴ | 19 | 27 | 875 |
| 1931..... | 82 ¹ | 38 | 154 ⁴ | 51 ⁴ | 94 ⁴ | 36 | 20 | 684 ⁴ |
| 1932..... | 235 ⁷ | 24 | 149 ⁴ | 61 ⁴ | 114 ⁴ | 35 | 25 | 887 |

¹ Includes one judicial separation. ² Includes one not effective till court costs are paid. ³ One by Parliament, remainder by courts. ⁴ Granted by courts. ⁵ Two granted by Parliament, remainder by courts. ⁶ Includes one in P.E. Island. ⁷ Three by Parliament, remainder by courts.

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 27.4 per 1,000 in the decade 1751-60 to 14.3 in the decade 1911-20 and to 11.7 in 1930.

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 15.4 in the first decade of the present century and 12.1 in the third, rising to 12.3 in 1931. In Scotland, again, the average rate was 22.1 in the '60's, 21.8 in the '70's, 18.6 in the '90's, 13.9 in 1921-25, 13.6 in 1926-30, and 13.3 in 1931.