

36.—Maternal Deaths in each Province, by Causes of Death, 1931.

NOTE.—For totals in 1930 and previous years, see Table 35.

Cause of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
Abortion with septic conditions..	-	2	5	29	49	7	12	15	5	124
(a) Abortion.....	-	1	5	28	41	6	8	15	4	108
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	1	-	1	8	1	4	-	1	16
Abortion without mention of septic conditions (hæmorrhage included).....	-	1	2	17	11	3	4	4	7	49
(a) Abortion.....	-	1	2	14	7	3	2	4	7	40
(b) Self-induced abortion.....	-	-	-	3	4	-	2	-	-	9
Ectopic gestation.....	-	4	-	6	13	5	5	1	5	39
(a) With septic conditions.....	-	2	-	3	2	-	1	1	-	9
(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....	-	2	-	3	11	5	4	-	5	30
Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	-	-	-	3	5	-	2	-	1	11
Puerperal hæmorrhage.....	1	4	6	50	40	5	15	12	4	137
(a) Placenta prævia.....	1	-	1	25	22	1	6	4	2	62
(b) Other hæmorrhage.....	-	4	5	25	18	4	9	8	2	75
Puerperal septicæmia (not specified as consequent upon abortion).....	4	13	10	131	78	25	20	19	10	310
(a) Puerperal septicæmia or pyæmia.....	4	13	10	131	74	25	20	19	10	306
(b) Puerperal tetanus.....	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia.....	5	11	19	75	69	12	15	11	12	229
Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	1	2	4	19	18	4	2	10	1	61
Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	1	10	6	43	51	5	10	5	10	141
(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis.....	-	1	-	6	8	1	-	1	2	19
(b) Embolism.....	-	4	3	14	29	3	8	2	7	70
(c) Sudden death.....	1	5	3	23	14	1	2	2	1	52
Other accidents of childbirth.....	1	7	4	18	31	2	7	8	9	87
(a) Cesarean section.....	-	4	2	1	16	-	1	2	2	28
(b) Dystocia.....	-	1	-	8	3	1	3	4	1	21
(c) Instrumental delivery.....	-	1	-	3	4	-	1	1	1	11
(d) Rupture of uterus in parturition.....	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	5
(e) Other accidents of labour.....	1	1	1	4	7	1	1	1	5	22
Other or not specified condition of the puerperal state.....	-	1	4	9	7	1	1	2	2	27
(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
(b) Others under this title.....	-	1	4	9	7	1	-	2	2	26
Totals.....	13	55	69	499	372	69	93	87	66	1,215

As compared with the previous year, the number of maternal deaths shows a decrease of 190 or about 13 p.c. All provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and British Columbia show substantial decreases compared with 1930. In fact, for the first time since 1921, when statistics covered the provinces other than Quebec, and since 1926, when figures were made available for all provinces, a significant decrease of such deaths is shown. An analysis by causes is not possible, since the 1929 "Revision of the International List of Causes" was used in 1931 and comparability with previous years has thereby been disturbed.