

14.—Numbers of Marriages and Marriage Rates, by Provinces, 1931-33 with Averages for 1921-25 and 1926-30.

A.—NUMBERS OF MARRIAGES.

Year.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada.
Averages, 1921-25.	473	3,186	2,953	1	24,037	4,634	4,982	4,313	3,971	1
Averages, 1926-30.	473	3,224	2,970	18,731	25,449	4,951	6,036	5,265	4,786	71,885
1931.....	490	3,394	2,544	16,783	23,771	4,888	5,700	5,142	3,879	66,591
1932.....	456	3,197	2,380	15,115	22,224	4,729	5,772	5,034	3,604	62,531
1933.....	481	3,316	2,517	15,337	22,587	4,819	5,371	5,389	4,048	63,865

B.—MARRIAGE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION.

Averages, 1921-25.	5.4	6.1	7.6	1	8.0	7.5	6.4	7.3	7.1	1
Averages, 1926-30.	5.4	6.3	7.4	6.9	7.8	7.5	7.0	8.0	7.5	7.3
1931.....	5.6	6.6	6.2	5.8	6.9	7.0	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.4
1932.....	5.1	6.2	5.8	5.2	6.4	6.7	6.2	6.8	5.1	6.0
1933.....	5.4	6.4	6.0	5.2	6.4	6.7	5.6	7.1	5.7	6.0

¹Quebec was not included in the registration area prior to 1926.

Age at Marriage.—The average age of all bridegrooms in the Dominion in 1932 was 29.2 years and that of all brides 24.9 years. The average excess of the bridegroom's age was thus 4.3 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 1.6 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 in 1931 and 11.6 years in 1932. On the other hand, when the parties are grouped by the age of the bride, it is found that there is not the same regularity as is shown in the table by age of grooms. In the case of brides in the age groups 25-29 years and 50 years and over the bridegrooms approximate most closely in age to their brides. 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. Table 16 gives the average ages of brides and grooms by provinces.

15.—Differences in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1931 and 1932.

Year and Age Group of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Year and Age Group of Brides.	Average Age of Brides.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
1931.				1931.			
All bridegrooms....	29.2	24.9	4.3	All brides.....	24.9	29.2	4.3
Under 20 years.....	19.1	19.4	-0.3	Under 20 years.....	18.5	24.6	6.1
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.2	1.6	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.5	4.2
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.4	3.9	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.1	3.0
30-34 years.....	32.1	25.8	6.3	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.3	3.2
35-39 years.....	37.3	29.0	8.3	35-39 years.....	37.3	40.7	3.4
40-44 years.....	42.3	32.6	9.7	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.0	3.7
45-49 years.....	47.4	36.9	10.5	45-49 years.....	47.3	51.5	4.2
50 years and over..	59.7	48.5	11.2	50 years and over..	58.8	61.1	2.3
1932.				1932.			
All bridegrooms....	29.2	24.9	4.3	All brides.....	24.9	29.2	4.3
Under 20 years.....	19.1	19.4	-0.3	Under 20 years.....	18.5	24.7	6.2
20-24 years.....	22.8	21.2	1.6	20-24 years.....	22.3	26.6	4.3
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.3	4.0	25-29 years.....	27.1	30.1	3.0
30-34 years.....	32.1	25.7	6.4	30-34 years.....	32.1	35.4	3.3
35-39 years.....	37.2	28.6	8.6	35-39 years.....	37.3	41.0	3.7
40-44 years.....	42.3	32.7	9.6	40-44 years.....	42.3	47.0	4.7
45-49 years.....	47.4	36.7	10.7	45-49 years.....	47.3	50.8	3.5
50 years and over..	60.1	48.5	11.6	50 years and over..	59.1	61.9	2.8