

**Age Distribution of Decedents.**—The numbers of males and females dying in the nine provinces in 1931 and 1932 are given by single years of age up to 5 and by quinquennial age groups from 5 to 90 years and over in Table 21, together with the percentage of deaths occurring in each group in each of these years. In the eight provinces that have been in the registration area since 1921, the number of males under 1 year dying in 1932 was only 14.0 p.c. of the total number of male deaths, as against 23.6 p.c. in 1921, and of females, 12.6 p.c. as against 20.3 p.c. Similarly, deaths under 5 years of age among males fell from 29.8 p.c. of the total number of deaths in 1921 to 17.3 p.c. in 1932 and among females, from 26.5 p.c. to 15.9 p.c.

**21.—Distribution of Deaths in Canada by Sex and Certain Age Groups, Numbers and Percentages, 1931-32.**

Age Group.	Numbers.				Percentages.			
	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Under 1 year.....	11,667	9,867	8,693	7,386	20.7	17.6	18.1	15.3
1 year.....	1,418	1,185	1,260	1,016	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.1
2 years.....	643	618	532	485	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
3 years.....	471	373	421	358	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
4 years.....	312	330	320	246	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5
<b>Totals, Under 5 years.....</b>	<b>14,511</b>	<b>12,373</b>	<b>11,226</b>	<b>9,501</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>
5-9 years.....	1,239	1,084	963	843	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.7
10-14 years.....	820	835	806	766	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6
15-19 years.....	1,309	1,230	1,132	1,101	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3
20-24 years.....	1,500	1,440	1,453	1,397	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.9
25-29 years.....	1,386	1,293	1,414	1,389	2.5	2.3	2.9	2.9
30-34 years.....	1,299	1,263	1,432	1,377	2.3	2.3	3.0	2.9
35-39 years.....	1,509	1,569	1,574	1,555	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.2
40-44 years.....	1,885	1,820	1,493	1,644	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.4
45-49 years.....	2,310	2,216	1,738	1,831	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.8
50-54 years.....	2,851	2,860	1,993	2,137	5.0	5.1	4.2	4.4
55-59 years.....	3,052	3,196	2,245	2,374	5.4	5.7	4.7	4.9
60-64 years.....	3,577	3,720	2,854	2,833	6.3	6.6	5.9	5.9
65-69 years.....	4,241	4,475	3,346	3,595	7.5	8.0	7.0	7.5
70-74 years.....	4,858	5,284	4,070	4,406	8.6	9.4	8.5	9.1
75-79 years.....	4,359	4,885	4,028	4,387	7.7	8.7	8.4	9.1
80-89 years.....	4,993	5,692	5,189	5,904	8.8	10.1	10.8	12.2
90 years and over.....	759	855	1,022	1,172	1.3	1.5	2.1	2.4
Stated ages.....	56,458	56,090	47,978	48,212	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ages not stated.....	71	63	10	12	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>56,529</b>	<b>56,153</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>48,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The quartile and decile ages of decedents for the years 1926, 1931 and 1932 are given for each sex and for the two sexes combined in Table 22. The fifth decile and second quartile (or the median) both mark the middle points of the arrays, and the deciles, dividing each half into five groups, give a more detailed picture of the age distribution in each half than do the quartiles. It is shown very definitely that the average ages of decedents have been increasing steadily. This is true for each quartile and each decile. Moreover the improvement between 1931 and 1932, while notable for each sex, is more marked in the case of males. In the case of the