

Multiple Births in Canada.—During the ten-year period 1926-35, out of a total of 2,367,336 recorded confinements 28,685 or 1 in 82.5 were multiple confinements. Of these 28,400 were twin and 283 were triplet confinements, while one, in British Columbia in 1931, was a quadruplet confinement from which all the children died within a few hours of birth. The remaining multiple confinement resulted in the birth of the Dionne Quintuplets (May 28, 1934).

Table 4 shows the incidence of multiple births in each year from 1926 to 1935. In 1935 one in every 87 confinements was a twin confinement, a proportion which is fairly representative for the other years as well. There were only 34 triplet confinements in 1935. Of the children born alive or dead one in every 43 was the product of a multiple confinement. For children born alive the proportion was one in 45 and for children stillborn one in 21. In the multiple confinements stillborn children formed 5.9 p.c. of the total births as against 2.8 p.c. in single confinements.

4.—Live Births and Stillbirths Classified as Single and Multiple, by Sex, 1926-35.

Year and Sex.	Total Births.		Single Births.		Twins. No.	Triplets.				
	Born Alive.	Still-born.	Born Alive.	Still-born.		Children.		No.	Children.	
						Born Alive.	Still-born.		Born Alive.	Still-born.
1926—										
Total.....	232,750	7,105	227,084	6,723	2,970	5,562	378	36	104	4
Male.....	119,863	4,116	117,081	3,899	-	2,726	217	-	56	-
Female.....	112,887	2,989	110,003	2,824	-	2,836	161	-	48	4
1927—										
Total.....	234,188	7,336	228,578	6,952	2,940	5,502	378	38	106	6
Male.....	120,655	4,232	117,854	4,019	-	2,754	210	-	47	3
Female.....	113,533	3,104	110,724	2,933	-	2,748	168	-	61	3
1928—										
Total.....	236,757	7,577	231,188	7,114	2,965	5,480	450	34	89	13
Male.....	121,595	4,417	118,674	4,154	-	2,786	254	-	45	9
Female.....	115,252	3,160	112,514	2,960	-	2,694	196	-	44	4
1929—										
Total.....	235,415	7,566	229,848	7,150	2,939	5,474	404	35	93	12
Male.....	120,891	4,354	118,105	4,104	-	2,751	241	-	35	9
Female.....	114,524	3,212	111,743	3,046	-	2,723	163	-	58	3
1930—										
Total.....	243,495	7,707	238,056	7,283	2,900	5,386	414	21	53	10
Male.....	124,852	4,397	122,053	4,146	-	2,769	246	-	30	5
Female.....	118,643	3,310	116,003	3,137	-	2,617	168	-	23	5
1931— ¹										
Total.....	240,473	7,619	234,845	7,248	2,966	5,568	364	21	56	7
Male.....	123,622	4,339	120,853	4,125	-	2,741	210	-	28	4
Female.....	116,851	3,280	113,992	3,123	-	2,827	154	-	28	3
1932—										
Total.....	235,666	7,284	230,302	6,960	2,817	5,311	323	18	53	1
Male.....	121,082	4,130	118,396	3,949	-	2,666	181	-	20	-
Female.....	114,584	3,154	111,906	3,011	-	2,645	142	-	33	1
1933—										
Total.....	222,868	6,848	217,812	6,510	2,655	4,979	331	28	77	7
Male.....	114,388	3,887	111,807	3,695	-	2,537	191	-	44	1
Female.....	108,480	2,961	106,005	2,815	-	2,442	140	-	33	6
1934— ²										
Total.....	221,303	6,452	216,230	6,150	2,658	5,018	298	18	50	4
Male.....	113,323	3,636	110,776	3,470	-	2,525	165	-	22	1
Female.....	107,980	2,816	105,454	2,680	-	2,493	133	-	28	3
1935—										
Total.....	221,451	6,449	216,482	6,136	2,590	4,872	308	34	97	5
Male.....	113,293	3,646	110,763	3,468	-	2,473	175	-	57	3
Female.....	108,158	2,803	105,719	2,668	-	2,399	133	-	40	2

¹ Including 4 females born alive in a quadruplet confinement. all females, born alive.

² Including Dionne quintuplets,