

1,000 brides, 950 were spinsters, 41 widows, 9 divorced women. The first year in which as many as 1 p.c. of those marrying had previously been divorced was 1928. The comparison between the figures of divorces granted, as shown in Table 15 of this chapter, and the number of divorced persons re-married is of some interest. Thus 1,376 divorces were granted in 1935, while 814 divorced males and 696 divorced females married again. This of course does not mean that these were the same persons. Table 12 gives the average ages of brides and grooms by provinces.

### 11.—Differences in Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides, 1934.

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.
All bridegrooms....	29.1	24.9	4.2	All brides.....	24.9	29.1	4.2
Under 20 years.....	19.1	19.4	-0.3	Under 20 years....	18.5	24.7	6.2
20-24 years.....	22.9	21.3	1.6	20-24 years.....	22.4	26.6	4.2
25-29 years.....	27.3	23.6	3.7	25-29 years.....	27.1	29.9	2.8
30-34 years.....	32.1	26.0	6.1	30-34 years.....	32.1	34.9	2.8
35-39 years.....	37.3	28.7	8.6	35-39 years.....	37.2	40.5	3.3
40-44 years.....	42.3	32.3	10.0	40-44 years.....	42.3	46.6	4.3
45-49 years.....	47.3	36.0	11.3	45-49 years.....	47.4	51.8	4.4
50 years or over....	60.0	48.4	11.6	50 years or over....	57.9	62.0	4.1

### 12.—Average Ages of Parties Contracting Marriage, by Provinces, 1933 and 1934.

Province.	1933.			1934.		
	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Bridegrooms.	Average Age of Brides.	Excess of Average Age of Bridegrooms.
Prince Edward Island.....	29.2	24.9	4.3	29.7	24.8	4.9
Nova Scotia.....	28.5	24.1	4.4	28.6	24.4	4.2
New Brunswick.....	28.6	24.1	4.5	28.7	24.2	4.5
Quebec.....	29.5	25.7	3.8	29.2	25.5	3.7
Ontario.....	28.9	25.0	3.9	28.9	25.0	3.9
Manitoba.....	29.7	24.8	4.9	29.3	24.6	4.7
Saskatchewan.....	28.8	23.5	5.3	28.7	23.4	5.3
Alberta.....	29.2	23.8	5.4	29.3	23.9	5.4
British Columbia.....	30.8	26.1	4.7	30.3	25.6	4.7
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories).....	29.2	24.9	4.3	29.1	24.9	4.2

**Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.**—The majority of marriages contracted in the western provinces in past years were between persons born outside Canada. This condition, however, is being quickly changed and such percentages in all the western provinces show a general reduction over the past few years. (See Table 13.) Both Canadian-born brides and bridegrooms are now in the majority in each province, and in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec they show a marked predominance. Taking Canada as a whole, over 76 p.c. of all grooms and 84 p.c. of all brides in 1935 were born in Canada; these are the highest percentages shown for the period covered by the statistics.