

The above-mentioned causes tended to increase the number of divorces granted in Canada, which grew steadily from 114 in 1918 to 875 in 1930. The numbers are those of final decrees, which alone really constitute divorces. In 1931 the number decreased to 692, this being largely due to the transfer of jurisdiction in Ontario divorces from the Parliament of Canada to the Supreme Court of the province, with the consequent delay between the granting of the decree *nisi* and the decree absolute. Since 1931 there has been an increase of almost 100 p.c. in the total number of divorces granted. All provinces except Quebec show increases over that year. The statistics of divorces granted in the years from 1911 to 1936 inclusive will be found in Table 15. (For divorces in each year prior to 1911 see the 1921 Year Book, p. 825.)*

15.—Statistics of Divorces Granted in Canada, 1911-36.

NOTE.—Only three divorces have been granted in Prince Edward Island since Confederation, one in 1913, one in 1931 and one in 1935. In consequence of a decision of the British Privy Council, divorces in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta have, subsequently to 1918, been granted by the courts of these provinces.

Year.	Granted by the Dominion Parliament.					Granted by the Courts.			Total for Canada.
	Ontario.	Quebec.	Alberta.	Saskatchewan.	Manitoba.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	British Columbia.	
1911.....	13	4	2	Nil	3	10 ¹	6	19	57
1912.....	9	3	2	1	1	4	4 ²	11	35
1913.....	20	4	4	1	6	Nil	4	20	60 ³
1914.....	18	7	4	2	2	10	12	15	70
1915.....	10	3	3	1	1	13	6	16	53
1916.....	18	1	1	2	Nil	14	11	18	67
1917.....	10	4	2	1	Nil	8	6	23	54
1918.....	10	2	2	1	Nil	24	10	65	114
1919.....	49	4	36 ³	3 ⁴	88 ³	36	13	147	376
1920.....	91	9	65 ⁴	26 ⁴	42 ⁴	45	15	136	429
1921.....	101	9	84 ⁴	50 ⁴	122 ⁴	41	13	128	548
1922.....	90	6	129 ⁴	37 ⁴	97 ⁴	35	12	138	544
1923.....	105	11	87 ⁴	41 ⁴	81 ⁴	22	19	139 ³	505
1924.....	114	13	118 ⁴	28 ⁴	77 ⁵	42	15	136 ³	543
1925.....	121	13	101 ⁴	42 ⁴	79 ⁴	30	15	150	551
1926.....	113	10	154 ⁴	48 ³	85 ⁴	19	12	167	608
1927.....	182	13	148 ⁴	60 ⁴	102 ³	29	17	197	748
1928.....	213	25	168 ⁴	55 ⁴	79 ⁴	28	14 ³	203	785
1929.....	208	30	147 ⁴	69 ⁴	89 ⁴	30	21	222	816
1930.....	207	40	151 ⁴	62 ⁴	114 ⁴	19	27	255	875
1931.....	90 ⁴	38	154 ⁴	51 ⁴	94 ⁴	36	20	208	692 ⁶
1932.....	341 ⁷	24	149 ⁴	61 ⁴	114 ⁴	35	26	245	995
1933.....	304 ³	23	135 ⁴	48 ⁴	116 ⁴	27	12	258	923
1934.....	358 ⁵	36	168 ⁴	62 ⁴	126 ⁴	33	17	306	1,106
1935.....	463 ⁷	26	209 ⁴	60 ⁴	145 ⁴	52	36	384	1,376 ⁶
1936.....	511 ⁸	36	209 ⁴	79 ⁴	179 ⁴	41	38	433	1,526

¹ Includes one judicial separation. ² Includes one not effective till court costs are paid. ³ One by Parliament, remainder by courts. ⁴ Granted by courts. ⁵ Two granted by Parliament, remainder by courts. ⁶ Includes one in Prince Edward Island. ⁷ Three granted by Parliament, remainder by courts. ⁸ Four granted by Parliament, remainder by courts.

Section 3.—Deaths.

Within the past century, and more especially within the past generation, there has occurred throughout the countries of the white world a notable decline in the death rate, except where man has brought death upon himself through wars and the aftermath of wars. How far this decline has been due to advances in medical science, how far to better sanitation and how far to the improvement in the general conditions of living, as a result of the increase in the productive power of humanity, is in dispute, but concerning the facts there is no doubt.

* The General Statistics Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes a bulletin on Divorce showing the sex of applicants and the number of persons re-married together with comparisons with certain other countries. Application for this bulletin should be made to the Dominion Statistician.