

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 170 p.c. in the total number of divorces granted. All provinces except Nova Scotia show increases over that year. The statistics of divorces granted in the years 1918 to 1937, inclusive, will be found in Table 15. The figures in this table have been revised since the publication of the 1937 Year Book, as in some cases those of Dominion divorces for the earlier years included annulments, which are not included in the provincial figures. A redistribution as between provinces has also been made, the present figures being according to the domicile of the husband, whereas those previously published were arranged according to the residence of the petitioner.*

15.—Statistics of Divorces Granted in Canada, 1918-37.

NOTE.—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. The statistics shown here have been revised since the publication of the 1937 Year Book. For divorces in each year prior to 1918, see the 1921 Year Book, p. 825.

| Year. | Granted by the Dominion Parliament. | | | Granted by the Courts. | | | | | | Total for Canada. |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | P. E. Island. | Quebec. | Ontario. | Nova Scotia. | New Brunswick. | Manitoba. | Saskatchewan. | Alberta. | British Columbia. | |
| 1918..... | Nil | 2 | 10 | 24 | 10 | Nil | 1 ¹ | 2 ¹ | 65 | 114 |
| 1919..... | Nil | 4 | 46 | 36 | 13 | 88 ² | 3 | 36 ² | 147 | 373 |
| 1920..... | Nil | 9 | 89 | 45 | 15 | 42 | 26 | 65 | 136 | 427 |
| 1921..... | Nil | 10 | 96 | 41 | 13 | 122 | 50 | 84 | 128 | 544 |
| 1922..... | Nil | 6 | 91 | 35 | 12 | 97 | 37 | 129 | 138 | 545 |
| 1923..... | Nil | 10 | 102 | 22 | 19 | 81 | 41 | 87 | 139 ² | 501 |
| 1924..... | Nil | 13 | 113 | 42 | 15 | 77 ³ | 28 | 118 | 136 ² | 542 |
| 1925..... | Nil | 13 | 119 | 30 | 15 | 79 | 42 | 101 | 150 | 549 |
| 1926..... | Nil | 10 | 111 | 19 | 12 | 85 | 48 ² | 154 | 167 | 606 |
| 1927..... | Nil | 13 | 181 | 29 | 17 | 101 | 60 | 148 | 197 | 746 |
| 1928..... | Nil | 24 | 213 | 28 | 13 | 79 | 55 | 168 | 203 | 783 |
| 1929..... | Nil | 30 | 207 | 30 | 21 | 89 | 69 | 147 | 222 | 815 |
| 1930..... | Nil | 41 | 204 | 19 | 27 | 114 | 62 | 151 | 255 | 873 |
| 1931..... | 1 | 38 | 90 ⁴ | 36 | 20 | 94 | 51 | 154 | 208 | 692 |
| 1932..... | Nil | 27 | 338 ⁴ | 35 | 26 | 114 | 61 | 149 | 245 | 995 |
| 1933..... | Nil | 24 | 303 ⁴ | 27 | 12 | 116 | 48 | 135 | 258 | 923 |
| 1934..... | Nil | 38 | 356 ⁴ | 33 | 17 | 126 | 62 | 168 | 306 | 1,106 |
| 1935..... | 2 | 28 | 460 ⁴ | 52 | 36 | 145 | 60 | 209 | 384 | 1,376 |
| 1936..... | Nil | 40 | 507 ⁴ | 41 | 38 | 179 | 79 | 209 | 433 | 1,526 |
| 1937..... | 2 | 43 | 596 ⁴ | 36 | 54 | 200 | 109 | 241 | 589 | 1,870 |

¹ Granted by Parliament.

² One granted by Parliament.

³ Two granted by Parliament.

⁴ Granted by the 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

* 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.