

In 1938 the Vital Statistics Branch inaugurated a series of reports, classifying deaths in Canada by place of residence, based upon 1935 figures. The first report of this series has been issued in two parts, Part I containing 4 tables showing: (1) Deaths according to place of residence and place of occurrence, for cities and towns of 5,000 population or over, and for the remaining parts of counties or census divisions; (2) Deaths according to residence and cause of death, by provinces; (3) The same information as in (2), for cities of 40,000 population or over; (4) The same information for places of 5,000 population or over but under 40,000. Part II shows deaths according to residences and causes for counties and census divisions, exclusive of places of 5,000 population or over. This report may be obtained from the Dominion Statistician, at a price of 25 cents for each Part.

The series has been extended to cover live births, stillbirths, and deaths under one year and under one month for the year 1936. This material is now (March, 1939) on press.

Yukon and Northwest Territories.—The vital statistics of Yukon and the Northwest Territories have been collected and compiled since 1924. They are not, however, presented with those of the nine provinces in the tables of this chapter because the figures are not regarded as complete, the details are in many cases not available, and the small and varying population is not known with sufficient accuracy for each year to enable the rates to be calculated. As these territories contain less than 1/700th of the population of Canada, their vital statistics are a negligible factor in the total. Births, marriages, and deaths in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, for the years 1924-37 are summarized in the statement herewith:—

VITAL STATISTICS OF YUKON AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, 1924-37.

Year.	Yukon.			Northwest Territories.		
	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
1924.....	31	5	33	95	39	47
1925.....	22	17	63	57	35	32
1926.....	27	12	68	75	3	51
1927.....	29	19	33	126	20	133
1928.....	30	13	46	222	30	267
1929.....	35	10	54	135	29	168
1930.....	45	17	69	232	36	206
1931.....	40	24	66	141	36	106
1932.....	44	26	62	195	33	122
1933.....	58	15	60	179	26	128
1934.....	44	29	48	203	47	154
1935.....	58	27	60	231	63	175
1936.....	38	26	82	229	68	177
1937 ¹	74	37	77	210	45	147

¹ Preliminary figures.

The vital statistics of the provinces are taken up in the following order: births, marriages, deaths, and finally natural increase.

Section 1.—Births.

Throughout almost the whole of the civilized world the birth rate has, in the past generation, been on the decline, though the consequent reduction in the rate of natural increase has been partly offset by the synchronous decline in the death rate.

The crude birth rate of England and Wales, for example, was 35.4 per 1,000 population for the average of the decennium 1871-80, 32.5 in 1881-90, and 29.9 in