

31.—Maternal Deaths in each Province, by Causes of Death, 1937—concluded.

Int. List No.	Cause of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada. ¹
142	Ectopic gestation.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	14	6	1	5	3	Nil	29
	(a) With septic conditions.....	"	"	"	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	"	4
	(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....	"	"	"	10	6	1	5	3	"	25
143	Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	1	"	"	3	10	3	Nil	1	"	18
144	Puerperal hæmorrhage.....	3	8	7	42	36	10	9	7	6	128
	(a) Placenta prævia.....	1	6	3	22	19	5	3	2	2	63
	(b) Other hæmorrhages.....	2	2	4	20	17	5	6	5	4	65
145	Puerperal septicæmia (not specified as due to abortion).....	4	6	7	109	65	5	22	20	9	247
	(a) Puerperal septicæmia and pyæmia.....	4	6	7	108	65	5	22	20	9	246
	(b) Puerperal tetanus.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
146	Puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia.....	2	11	10	92	67	9	15	9	7	222
147	Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	1	2	2	13	20	2	3	4	1	48
148	Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism, or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	Nil	5	1	30	36	5	8	6	6	97
	(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis.....	"	2	Nil	9	9	2	3	1	1	27
	(b) Embolism.....	"	3	1	13	22	2	2	3	2	48
	(c) Sudden death.....	"	Nil	Nil	8	5	1	3	2	3	22
149	Other accidents of childbirth.....	1	2	6	53	30	4	4	4	8	112
	(a) Cæsaean operation.....	Nil	1	Nil	5	9	Nil	1	1	4	21
	(b) Other surgical operations and instrumental delivery.....	"	Nil	"	2	4	1	1	Nil	Nil	8
	(c) Dystocia.....	1	1	1	21	4	1	1	1	2	33
	(d) Rupture of uterus in parturition.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	1	Nil	Nil	2	1	8
	(e) Others under this title.....	"	Nil	5	21	12	2	1	Nil	1	42
150	Other or unspecified conditions of the puerperal state.....	"	"	Nil	3	4	1	Nil	2	Nil	10
	(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....	"	"	"	Nil	Nil	Nil	"	Nil	"	Nil
	(b) Others under this title.....	"	"	"	3	4	1	"	2	"	10
	Totals.....	12	35	39	337	319	55	96	77	51	1,071

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

As compared with the previous year, the number of maternal deaths shows a decrease of 162, or 13 p.c., but the decrease from 1930 is over 23 p.c. Decreases are shown for all provinces except Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan as compared with 1936 and in the last-named province the figure was the same as in 1936. By far the most serious causes of maternal mortality are puerperal septicæmia, and puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia (Int. List Nos. 140, 142a, 145, and 146), and deaths from these causes decreased from 687 in 1936 to 607 in 1937, or by 11.6 p.c.

Section 4.—Natural Increase.

Summary statistics of the births, deaths, and natural increase (births minus deaths) per 1,000 of population are given for the years 1921 to 1937, by provinces, in Table 32. Statistics of marriages are also included in this table for convenience. The province of Quebec is regarded as having one of the highest rates of natural increase per 1,000 population of any civilized area. The rate was 17.1 in 1931 and, while it has been appreciably reduced in line with common experience, it stood at