

Nativity of Mothers.—Table 3 shows, by provinces, the percentages of legitimate children born alive to Canadian-born, British-born, and foreign-born mothers, respectively, for the years 1936, 1937, and 1938. The influence of the limited immigration in recent years is reflected in the figures. In the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, where the percentages born to foreign-born mothers in 1933 were 25.9, 36.3, and 40.4, respectively, they were 16.4, 23.9, and 27.7, respectively, in 1938. Thus more and more of the children of the West are coming within the class of third generation Canadian.

3.—Percentages of Legitimate Children Born Alive to Canadian-Born, British-Born, or Foreign-Born Mothers, by Provinces, 1936-38.

Province.	Nativity of Mothers.								
	Canadian Born.			British Born.			Foreign Born.		
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Prince Edward Island.....	94.3	94.5	95.8	1.5	1.6	0.7	4.1	3.8	3.4
Nova Scotia.....	89.2	90.7	90.8	7.4	6.4	6.2	3.3	2.9	2.9
New Brunswick.....	93.7	94.3	94.5	2.5	2.3	2.0	3.8	3.5	3.5
Quebec.....	95.3	95.6	96.1	1.8	1.7	1.4	2.9	2.7	2.5
Ontario.....	77.8	79.8	81.3	12.9	11.5	10.5	9.3	8.8	8.2
Manitoba.....	71.6	75.3	77.1	8.0	6.7	6.5	20.4	18.0	16.4
Saskatchewan.....	64.8	68.6	70.7	6.6	5.8	5.4	28.6	25.7	23.9
Alberta.....	58.1	60.9	64.4	9.9	9.1	7.9	32.0	30.0	27.7
British Columbia.....	63.1	66.5	69.9	18.3	15.9	14.3	18.6	17.6	15.8
Canada¹.....	81.7	83.4	84.8	7.4	6.6	6.0	10.9	10.0	9.2

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Fertility Rates.—The crude birth rate of a young country is subject to influences that vitiate comparison with older lands. These influences are the result, to some extent, of differences in age or sex constitution or in conjugal condition. For this reason birth rates are frequently based on the number of births per thousand women within suitably-chosen age groups. Such rates are commonly known as fertility rates. At pp. 150-152 of the 1936 Year Book specific fertility rates of married women between the ages of 15 and 49 years are given, by provinces, for 1921, 1922, and 1930-32. Such statistics will not again be compiled until 1941 census data are available.

Multiple Births in Canada.—During the thirteen-year period 1926-38, out of a total of 3,044,777 recorded confinements, 36,641 or one in 83.1 were multiple confinements. Of these 36,280 were twin and 359 were triplet confinements, while one, in British Columbia in 1931, was a quadruplet confinement from which all the children died within a few hours of birth. A multiple confinement resulted in the birth of the Dionne quintuplets on May 28, 1934. In 1937 there were 2 quadruplet confinements in Quebec, all children being born alive.

Table 4 shows the incidence of multiple births in each year from 1934 to 1938. In 1938 one in every 87 confinements was a twin confinement, a proportion that is fairly representative for the other years as well. There were only 22 triplet