

that four causes present at birth, viz., premature birth, injury at birth, congenital debility, and congenital malformations, accounted for over 46 p.c. of the infant deaths of 1938. In 1926 the percentage was 41.4 and in 1930, 42.3, and, since the decline in rate of infant deaths has decreased by 38 p.c. in the interval between 1926 and 1938, great improvement in the post-natal care of infants is indicated. In the years 1937 and 1938, 45.1 p.c. and 50.1 p.c., respectively, of all infants who died were less than one month old, and 32.5 p.c., and 37.4 p.c., respectively, were less than one week old, as is shown in Table 25.

24.—Infantile Mortality in Canada by Principal Causes of Death, 1926, 1937-38.

NOTE.—Figures for the former registration area for the years 1921-25 will be found at pp. 182-183 of the 1927-28 Year Book and figures for the whole of Canada for years from 1926 in the corresponding tables of previous Year Books commencing with the 1932 edition.

International List No.	Cause of Death.	Year.	Numbers.			Rates per 100,000 Live Births.			Percentage Distribution by Cause of Death.
			Males.	Females.	Both.	Males.	Females.	Both.	
7	Measles.....	1926	141	122	263	118	108	113	1.1
		1937	158	110	268	140	103	122	1.6
		1938	53	38	91	45	34	40	0.6
8	Scarlet fever.....	1926	13	12	25	11	11	11	0.1
		1937	6	5	11	5	5	5	0.1
		1938	8	5	13	7	4	6	0.1
9	Whooping-cough.....	1926	358	415	773	299	368	332	3.3
		1937	216	269	485	191	251	220	2.9
		1938	154	180	334	131	161	146	2.3
10	Diphtheria.....	1926	24	23	47	20	20	20	0.2
		1937	10	14	24	9	13	11	0.1
		1938	15	5	20	13	4	9	0.1
11	Influenza ¹	1926	576	374	950	481	331	408	4.0
		1937	545	394	939	482	368	426	5.6
		1938	298	221	519	253	198	226	3.6
15	Erysipelas.....	1926	51	50	101	43	44	43	0.4
		1937	13	9	22	11	8	10	0.1
		1938	8	9	17	7	8	7	0.1
16	Poliomyelitis and polio encephalitis (acute).....	1926	6	3	9	5	3	4	0.3
		1937	7	2	9	6	2	4	0.1
		1938	2	2	4	2	2	2	1 ²
18	Epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis.....	1926	33	24	57	28	21	24	0.2
		1937	12	12	24	11	11	11	0.1
		1938	12	9	21	10	8	9	0.1
23-32	Tuberculosis ¹	1926	131	102	233	109	90	100	1.0
		1937	85	64	149	75	60	68	0.9
		1938	85	59	144	72	53	63	1.0
34	Syphilis.....	1926	68	60	128	57	53	55	0.5
		1937	121	81	202	107	76	92	1.2
		1938	54	49	103	46	44	45	0.7
86	Convulsions.....	1926	263	177	440	219	157	189	1.9
		1937	83	56	139	73	52	63	0.8
		1938	82	58	140	70	52	61	1.0
106	Bronchitis.....	1926	90	60	150	75	53	64	0.6
		1937	34	32	66	30	30	30	0.4
		1938	40	27	67	34	24	29	0.5
107-109	Pneumonia.....	1926	1,410	1,077	2,487	1,176	954	1,069	10.5
		1937	1,105	809	1,914	977	755	869	11.5
		1938	1,078	765	1,843	915	686	803	12.7
116-118	Diseases of the stomach	1926	156	126	282	130	112	121	1.2
		1937	52	43	95	46	40	43	0.6
		1938	37	41	78	31	37	34	0.5

¹ For this cause the comparability between the figure for the year 1926 and the figures for 1937 and 1938 is not exact, owing to changes in classification.

² Less than one-tenth of one per cent.