

31.—Maternal Deaths in Each Province, by Causes of Death, 1938.

Int. List No.	Cause of Death.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada. ¹
140	Abortion with septic conditions.....	Nil	3	7	24	26	7	8	10	17	102
	(a) Abortion.....		2	6	21	12	6	8	7	10	72
	(b) Self-induced abortion.....		1	1	3	14	1	Nil	3	7	30
141	Abortion without mention of septic conditions (hæmorrhage included).....	1	2	3	10	9	4	3	9	2	43
	(a) Abortion.....	1	2	2	10	8	3	3	7	1	37
	(b) Self-induced abortion.....	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	1	Nil	2	1	6
142	Ectopic gestation.....	Nil	1	3	15	11	3	1	5	1	40
	(a) With septic conditions.....	-	Nil	1	5	3	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
	(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....		1	2	10	8	2	1	5	1	30
143	Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	Nil	2	Nil	6	3	Nil	Nil	2	1	14
144	Puerperal hæmorrhage.....	Nil	8	10	66	22	9	8	10	1	134
	(a) Placenta prævia.....		3	2	30	10	2	1	3	Nil	51
	(b) Other hæmorrhages.....		5	8	36	12	7	7	7	1	83
145	Puerperal septicæmia (not specified as due to abortion).....	1	6	4	107	50	4	9	7	7	195
	(a) Puerperal septicæmia and pyæmia.....	1	6	4	107	50	4	9	7	7	195
	(b) Puerperal tetanus.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
146	Puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia.....	2	14	13	82	45	4	6	7	13	186
147	Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	1	5	2	24	9	2	Nil	3	1	47
148	Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism, or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	Nil	7	7	30	41	2	9	9	2	107
	(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis.....		3	1	10	13	1	1	1	1	31
	(b) Embolism.....	-	3	2	7	18	1	7	6	Nil	44
	(c) Sudden death.....		1	4	13	10	Nil	1	2	1	32
149	Other accidents of childbirth.....	Nil	3	3	43	35	4	2	5	1	96
	(a) Cæsarean operation.....	-	Nil	Nil	2	6	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	9
	(b) Other surgical operations and instrumental delivery.....		1	"	2	6	1	Nil	"	"	10
	(c) Dystocia.....	-	1	1	19	14	1	"	3	"	39
	(d) Rupture of uterus in parturition.....	-	Nil	Nil	5	Nil	Nil	1	1	1	8
	(e) Others under this title.....		1	2	15	9	2	Nil	1	Nil	30
150	Other or unspecified conditions of the puerperal state.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	2	4
	(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....				Nil				Nil	Nil	Nil
	(b) Others under this title.....				1				1	2	4
	Totals.....	5	51	52	408	251	39	46	68	48	968

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Section 4.—Natural Increase.

During recent years the rate of natural increase of the population of Canada has declined. In 1921 the rate was 17·8; it declined to 13·3 in 1926 and to 12·2 in 1929. After 1929 there was a temporary improvement but the rates for 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938—10·6, 10·3, 9·6, and 11·0, respectively—continued the downward trend. Among the provinces the trends generally follow that of Canada as a whole, except in the Maritime Provinces, for each of which the trend is not so regularly downward and has, in fact, been upward since 1934. Quebec shows the