

rate of infant deaths has declined by about 45 p.c. in the interval between 1926 and 1940, great improvement in the post-natal care of infants is indicated. In the years 1939 and 1940, 50.5 p.c. and 52.6 p.c., respectively, of all infants who died were less than one month old, and 37.3 p.c., and 39.2 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 and 1938-40

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.

Inter-national List No.	Cause of Death	Year	Numbers			Rates per 100,000 Live Births			Percent-age Distribu-tion by Cause of Death
			Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
7	Measles.....	1926	141	122	263	118	108	113	1.1
		1938	53	38	91	45	34	40	0.6
		1939	30	39	69	26	35	30	0.5
		1940	35	33	68	28	28	28	0.5
8	Scarlet fever.....	1926	13	12	25	11	11	11	0.1
		1938	8	5	13	7	4	6	0.1
		1939	6	8	14	5	7	6	0.1
		1940	3	3	6	2	3	2	1
9	Whooping-cough.....	1926	358	415	773	299	368	332	3.3
		1938	154	180	334	131	161	146	2.3
		1939	200	182	382	170	163	166	2.7
		1940	228	244	472	182	205	193	3.4
10	Diphtheria.....	1926	24	23	47	20	20	20	0.2
		1938	15	5	20	13	4	9	0.1
		1939	11	20	31	9	18	14	0.2
		1940	9	3	12	7	3	5	0.1
11	Influenza <sup>2</sup> .....	1926	576	374	950	481	331	408	4.0
		1938	298	221	519	253	198	226	3.6
		1939	442	307	749	376	274	326	5.4
		1940	345	253	598	275	213	245	4.3
15	Erysipelas.....	1926	51	50	101	43	44	43	0.4
		1938	8	9	17	7	8	7	0.1
		1939	6	9	15	5	8	7	0.1
		1940	3	7	10	2	6	4	0.1
16	Poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis (acute)..	1926	6	3	9	5	3	4	0.3
		1938	2	2	4	2	2	2	1
		1939	4	2	6	3	2	3	1
		1940	1	Nil	1	1	Nil	1	1
18	Epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis.....	1926	33	24	57	28	21	24	0.2
		1938	12	9	21	10	8	9	0.1
		1939	9	10	19	8	9	8	0.1
		1940	10	8	18	8	7	7	0.1
23-32	Tuberculosis <sup>2</sup> .....	1926	131	102	233	109	90	100	1.0
		1938	85	59	144	72	53	63	1.0
		1939	52	56	108	44	50	47	0.8
		1940	46	42	88	37	35	36	0.6
34	Syphilis.....	1926	68	60	128	57	53	55	0.5
		1938	54	49	103	46	44	45	0.7
		1939	60	26	86	51	23	37	0.6
		1940	40	36	76	32	30	31	0.6
86	Convulsions.....	1926	263	177	440	219	157	189	1.9
		1938	82	58	140	70	52	61	1.0
		1939	80	58	138	68	52	60	1.0
		1940	96	57	153	77	48	63	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of one per cent.  
the year 1926 and the figures for 1938-40 is not exact, owing to changes in classification.

<sup>2</sup> For this cause the comparability between the figure for the year 1926 and the figures for 1938-40 is not exact, owing to changes in classification.

<sup>3</sup> Less than one per 100,000 live births.