

25.—Maternal Deaths by Age Groups and Rates per 1,000 Live Births by Provinces, 1940-42, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

Age Group and Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
Maternal Deaths—										
Under 20 years.....1940	1	3	2	17	21	1	2	Nil	2	49
1941	Nil	1	3	14	13	3	6	4	3	47
1942	1	1	4	14	13	4	4	3	2	46
20-24.....1940	Nil	7	14	53	31	9	15	16	12	157
1941	"	16	10	64	36	8	9	13	4	160
1942	1	5	16	48	36	5	8	10	6	135
25-29.....1940	2	15	14	81	58	15	17	10	11	223
1941	3	14	5	89	60	14	9	10	13	217
1942	4	11	6	73	52	8	9	13	19	195
30-39.....1940	2	23	21	174	115	30	19	34	15	433
1941	2	13	20	180	88	17	28	24	15	387
1942	3	14	20	141	86	17	30	13	15	339
40 or over.....1940	1	6	5	52	29	2	9	9	3	116
1941	1	5	5	39	22	4	6	3	5	90
1942	1	10	11	38	19	6	11	4	3	103
Totals.....1940	6	54	56	377	254	57	62	69	43	978
1941	6	49	43	386	219	46	58	54	40	901
1942	10	41	57	314	206	40	62	43	45	818
Averages.....1926-30	8	61	64	433	398	81	126	105	63	1,339
1931-35	10	59	57	405	344	60	91	75	53	1,153
1936-40	10	48	54	400	291	54	68	73	46	1,043
Rates per 1,000 Live Births—										
Totals.....1940	2.9	4.2	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.9	3.2	4.0	3.1	4.0
1941	2.9	3.5	3.5	4.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.5
1942	4.7	2.7	4.5	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.3	2.7	3.0
Averages.....1926-30	4.6	5.5	6.2	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.1	5.7
1931-35	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.0
1936-40	4.9	4.0	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.0	3.6	4.5	3.8	4.6

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Maternal Deaths by Causes of Death.—The chart facing p. 174 reveals that while from 1926 to 1942 the two chief causes of maternal deaths were puerperal sepsis and toxæmias of pregnancy, since the introduction of sulpha drugs in 1936 there has been a very marked decline in the death rates from these two causes of death.

26.—Maternal Deaths in Each Province, by Causes of Death, 1941 and 1942

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 mention of infection.....	1941	Nil	7	2	16	33	7	5	13	4	87
		1942	"	7	Nil	19	34	5	7	7	4	83
141	Abortion without mention of infection.....	1941	Nil	1	3	19	8	1	2	3	2	39
		1942	"	1	4	4	9	3	4	2	7	34
142	Ectopic gestation.....	1941	Nil	2	2	9	9	1	1	4	2	30
		1942	"	1	Nil	7	10	2	4	2	2	28
143	Hæmorrhage of pregnancy—death prior to delivery.....	1941	Nil	2	1	6	2	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	12
		1942	1	2	2	2	1	2	Nil	"	"	10
144	Toxæmias of pregnancy—death prior to delivery.....	1941	1	2	2	34	21	1	4	5	4	74
		1942	Nil	2	3	18	18	5	4	2	2	54

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.