

**Rates of Natural Increase in Various Countries.**— Canada compares quite favourably with most countries in the matter of rates of natural increase. In the Union of South Africa (Whites) in 1941 the rate was 15·6, in New Zealand 13·0, in Australia, 8·9 in Northern Ireland 5·6, in Eire 4·4, in Scotland 3·4 and 1·3 in England and Wales.

**Natural Increase in Canadian Cities and Incorporated Centres.**— Statistics of natural increase in urban centres of 10,000 population or over are given for the period 1926 to 1942 in Table 27. Rates per 1,000 population are not shown, though the census populations in 1931 and 1941 are given to furnish some guide to such rates.

**27.—Natural Increase in Urban Centres of 10,000 Population or Over, by Place of Residence, 1939-42, with Five-Year Averages, by Place of Occurrence, 1926-40**

Province and Urban Centre	Census Population		Aver-ages 1926-30	Aver-ages 1931-35	Aver-ages 1936-40	1939	1940	1941	1942
	1931	1941							
<b>P.E. Island—</b>									
Charlottetown.....	12,361	14,821	23	99	141	78	125	129	215
<b>Nova Scotia—</b>									
Dartmouth.....	9,100	10,847	75	78	57	92	112	193	291
Glace Bay.....	20,706	25,147	378	445	634	478	535	504	515
Halifax.....	59,275	70,488	573	732	877	537	706	986	1,313
Sydney.....	23,089	28,305	270	374	455	342	518	516	634
Truro.....	7,901	10,272	82	76	113	76	87	176	206
<b>New Brunswick—</b>									
Fredericton.....	8,830	10,062	59	39	83	46	55	69	121
Moncton.....	20,689	22,763	266	249	278	196	267	306	422
Saint John.....	47,514	51,741	432	536	613	341	330	604	725
<b>Quebec—</b>									
Cap-de-la-Madeleine	8,748	11,961	278	211	210	226	229	272	293
Chicoutimi.....	11,877	16,040	325	284	283	325	413	491	653
Drummondville.....	6,609	10,555	194	224	165	187	242	250	283
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Hull.....	29,433	32,947	647	515	487	501	552	719	792
Joliette.....	10,766	12,749	174	157	121	147	192	156	291
Jonquière.....	9,448	13,769	387	345	380	420	396	512	696
Lachine.....	18,630	20,051	228	212	189	109	186	197	301
Lévis.....	11,724	11,991	84	42	20	45	97	152	201
Montreal.....	818,577	903,007	8,945	9,194	8,278	7,304	8,831	9,107	11,262
Outremont.....	28,641	30,751	19	-66	-118	-52	6	-12	44
Quebec.....	130,594	150,757	2,110	2,146	1,919	1,863	2,208	2,100	2,462
St Hyacinthe.....	13,448	17,798	45	59	91	119	200	143	210
St Jean.....	11,256	13,646	204	170	132	160	214	235	253
St. Jérôme.....	8,967	11,329	213	186	169	143	164	209	344
Shawinigan Falls.....	15,345	20,325	459	413	368	370	419	500	654
Sherbrooke.....	28,993	35,965	336	310	395	382	477	613	806
Sorel.....	10,320	12,251	130	124	114	78	123	213	246
Thetford Mines.....	10,701	12,716	308	212	170	160	261	298	259
Three Rivers.....	35,450	42,007	773	577	538	665	774	866	858
Valleyfield.....	11,411	17,052	137	204	186	201	198	400	520
Verdun.....	60,745	67,349	659	561	306	624	773	855	959
Westmount.....	24,235	26,047	-33	64	-4	-129	-119	-94	-69