

5.—Specific Fertility Rates of Married Women 15-49 Years of Age, by Provinces 1921, 1922, 1930-32 and 1940-42—concluded

Province and Year	Fertility Rates per 1,000 Women of Ages Specified							
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
Registration area as of 1921.....	1921 ²	461.1	362.8	260.6	190.3	130.9	55.9	8.3
	1922	446.9	340.6	250.0	183.4	126.6	56.1	6.8
	1930	488.4	340.6	231.9	160.8	105.4	44.5	4.9
	1931	478.4	330.7	225.4	153.2	100.2	40.8	4.9
	1932	464.1	317.4	219.3	146.3	96.5	40.7	5.0
	1940	437.1	294.7	200.0	133.5	80.6	30.6	3.5
	1941	442.0	311.6	207.6	133.8	78.9	29.1	3.2
	1942	447.8	332.1	219.2	141.9	82.8	29.7	3.2
Canada ¹ (Exclusive of the Territories).....	1930	499.7	370.4	261.7	186.5	128.0	55.9	6.6
	1931	485.0	357.6	257.7	180.9	123.1	52.5	6.5
	1932	462.9	340.9	251.2	174.3	119.1	52.2	6.6
	1940	433.2	316.7	228.2	156.8	99.9	40.4	4.7
	1941	453.1	340.2	237.8	158.3	99.1	38.9	4.5
	1942	455.1	360.9	250.7	167.9	103.6	39.8	4.4

¹ Data for Province of Quebec not available for 1921 and 1922. are estimated.

² The figures for Alberta for 1921

Multiple Births in Canada.—During the eighteen-year period 1926-43, out of a total of 4,348,866 recorded confinements, 51,258 or one in 84.8 were multiple confinements. Of these 50,791 were twin and 463 were triplet confinements, while one, in British Columbia in 1931, was a quadruplet confinement from which all the children died within a few hours of birth. A multiple confinement resulted in the birth of quintuplets in 1934. In 1937 there were 2 quadruplet confinements in Quebec, all children being born alive.

In the years 1942 and 1943 one confinement in every 92 and 91, respectively, was a twin confinement, a proportion that is fairly representative for the other years of the period. There were 26 triplet confinements in 1942 and the same number in 1943. In 1942 and also in 1943, of the children born (alive or dead), one child in every 46 was a unit of a multiple birth. Children born alive numbered one in 47 in both years, while for stillborn children the proportions were one in 26 and one in 21, respectively. Stillborn children resulting from multiple confinements formed 4.5 p.c. in 1942 and 5.1 p.c. in 1943 of the total children born, as against 2.5 p.c. and 2.3 p.c. in single confinements.

6.—Live Births and Stillbirths Classified as Single and Multiple, by Sex, 1942 and 1943

NOTE.—Statistics for the years 1926-41 will be found in previous Year Books commencing with the 1938 edition.

Year and Sex	Total Births		Single Births		Twins			Triplets		
	Born Alive	Still-born	Born Alive	Still-born	Total	Children		Total	Children	
						Born Alive	Still-born		Born Alive	Still-born
1942—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Totals.....	272,313	7,132	266,475	6,856	3,018	5,770	266	26	68	10
Male.....	140,584	3,891	137,649	3,754	-	2,902	134	-	33	3
Female....	131,729	3,241	128,826	3,102	-	2,868	132	-	35	7
1943—										
Totals.....	283,580	6,801	277,529	6,474	3,150	5,984	316	26	67	11
Male.....	145,725	3,822	142,654	3,630	-	3,037	181	-	34	11
Female....	137,855	2,979	134,875	2,844	-	2,947	135	-	33	-