

been highest in New Brunswick and, except in 1944, approximately equal in the other two provinces. Again, over the past 15 years, the death rate in British Columbia has been rising, while in Ontario it has been more or less stable, with the result that, whereas 15 years ago the death rate in Ontario was considerably higher than in British Columbia, at present they are about equal. This does not mean, however, that the rates of mortality at each age have risen in British Columbia. On the contrary, the life tables of 1941 show that the average expectation of life in 1940-42 was nearly 3 years longer for males and nearly 4 years longer for females than in 1932. This increase is only slightly less than that which occurred in Ontario, and the expectation of life for both sexes is approximately equal in the two provinces. The death rate in British Columbia has been rising because the increase in the proportion of the population in the higher age groups has more than outweighed the fall in the mortality rates at each age. In other words, the age distribution of the population has become less favourable to a low death rate.

The above remarks are also applicable to international comparisons of birth, death and marriage rates.

2.—Live Births and Births Rates, per 1,000 Population, by Provinces, by Place of Occurrence, 1926-40, and by Place of Residence, 1941-44

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
LIVE BIRTHS										
1926.....	1,752	10,980	10,340	82,165	67,617	14,661	20,716	14,456	10,063	232,750
1927.....	1,697	11,134	10,479	83,064	67,671	14,147	21,015	14,897	10,084	234,188
1928.....	1,806	10,981	10,047	83,621	68,510	14,504	21,261	15,692	10,385	236,757
1929.....	1,670	10,688	10,235	81,380	68,458	14,236	21,446	16,924	10,378	235,415
1930.....	1,749	11,346	10,534	83,625	71,263	14,411	22,051	17,649	10,867	243,495
1931.....	1,879	11,615	10,801	83,606	69,209	14,376	21,331	17,252	10,404	240,473
1932.....	2,027	11,629	10,810	82,216	66,842	14,124	20,814	16,990	10,214	235,666
1933.....	1,946	11,164	10,037	76,920	63,646	13,304	20,145	16,123	9,583	222,868
1934.....	1,943	11,407	10,164	76,432	62,234	13,310	19,764	16,236	9,813	221,303
1935.....	2,010	11,617	10,388	75,267	63,069	13,335	19,669	16,133	10,013	221,451
1936.....	1,977	11,808	10,513	75,285	62,451	12,855	19,125	15,786	10,571	220,371
1937.....	2,093	11,572	10,580	75,635	61,645	12,888	18,640	15,903	11,279	220,235
1938.....	1,974	12,241	11,447	78,145	65,564	13,478	18,230	15,891	12,476	229,446
1939.....	2,123	11,825	11,286	79,621	64,123	13,583	18,059	16,470	12,373	229,468
1940 ²	2,097	12,856	11,700	83,857	68,524	14,771	19,322	17,359	13,890	244,316
1941 ³	2,070	13,816	12,150	89,563	71,980	14,714	18,473	17,419	15,039	255,224
1942.....	2,150	15,204	12,549	95,439	77,810	15,601	18,283	18,386	16,762	272,184
1943.....	2,171	15,266	12,948	99,216	80,677	16,333	18,639	19,425	18,748	283,423
1944.....	2,286	15,598	13,467	102,262	78,090	16,008	18,138	19,372	18,999	284,220
RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION										
1926.....	20.1	21.3	26.1	31.6	21.4	22.9	25.2	23.8	16.6	24.7
1927.....	19.5	21.6	26.3	31.3	21.0	21.7	25.0	23.5	16.2	24.3
1928.....	20.5	21.2	25.1	30.8	20.9	21.8	24.7	23.8	16.2	24.1
1929.....	19.0	20.8	25.3	29.4	20.5	21.0	24.3	24.7	15.7	23.5
1930.....	19.9	22.1	25.9	29.6	21.0	20.9	24.4	24.9	16.1	23.9
1931.....	21.3	22.6	26.5	29.1	20.2	20.5	23.1	23.6	15.0	23.2
1932.....	22.8	22.4	26.1	28.1	19.2	20.0	22.5	23.0	14.4	22.5
1933.....	21.6	21.3	24.0	25.9	18.1	18.8	21.8	21.5	13.4	21.0
1934.....	21.4	21.5	24.0	25.3	17.6	18.8	21.3	21.4	13.5	20.6
1935.....	21.8	21.7	24.3	24.6	17.6	18.8	21.0	21.2	13.6	20.4
1936.....	21.3	21.7	24.3	24.3	17.3	18.1	20.5	20.4	14.2	20.2
1937.....	22.5	21.1	24.2	24.1	16.9	18.0	20.2	20.5	14.9	20.0
1938.....	21.0	22.1	25.9	24.6	17.9	18.7	19.9	20.3	16.1	20.6
1939.....	22.6	21.1	25.2	24.7	17.3	18.7	19.9	21.0	15.6	20.4
1940 ²	22.1	22.6	25.9	25.6	18.3	20.3	21.5	22.0	17.2	21.5
1941 ³	21.8	23.9	26.6	26.9	19.0	20.2	20.6	21.9	18.4	22.2
1942.....	23.9	25.7	27.0	28.2	20.0	21.5	21.6	23.7	19.3	23.4
1943.....	23.9	25.1	28.0	28.7	20.6	22.5	22.1	24.5	20.8	24.0
1944.....	25.1	25.5	29.1	29.2	19.7	21.9	21.4	23.7	20.4	23.8

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.
1941-44.

² By place of occurrence, 1926-40.

³ By place of residence,