Stillbirths.—Table **12** shows the number of children born dead in Canada and the provinces, together with the rates per 1,000 live births. It is evident that the rate of stillbirths has declined steadily over the years, and that a similar, though unequal, decline has been recorded in all the provinces.

Stillbirths to unmarried mothers form a higher percentage of the total than is the case with live births. Consequently, the rate of stillbirths per 1,000 illegitimate live births is considerably higher than the over-all rate. The difference, however, has been getting smaller.

13.—Stillbirths, and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1941-44, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 are by place of residence.

Item	Born to All Mothers										Born to Unmarried Mothers	
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada¹	No.	P.C. of Total
Totals— Av. 1926-30	43	365	283	2,212	2,761	479	551	467	297	7,458	356	4·77
Av. 1931-35	67	401	302	2,337	2,284	383	488	421	247	6,930	381	5·50
Av. 1936-40	61	334	282	2,386	2,008	340	393	359	248	6,410	337	5·26
1941	59	401	315	2,677	2,084	385	350	324	287	6,882	364	5·29
1942	57	413	312	2,904	2,088	356	361	337	304	7,132	378	5·30
1943	51	396	299	2,655	2,060	344	351	328	317	6,801	329	4·84
1944	42	405	283	2,814	1,866	315	344	335	301	6,705	369	5·50
											Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	
Rates per 1,000 Live Births— Av. 1926-30	24·8	33·1	27·4	26·7	40·2	33·3	25·9	29·3	28·7	31·5	49·9	
Av. 1931-35	34·2	34·9	28·9	29·6	35·1	28·0	24·0	25·4	24·7	30·3	45·7	
Av. 1936-40	29·7	27·7	25·4	30·4	31·2	25·2	21·0	22·0	20·5	28·0	37·3	
1941	28·8	28·8	25·7	30·0	28·8	26·0	19·0	18·7	19·1	27·0	36·0	
1942	26·7	27·0	24·6	30·6	26·7	22·7	19·8	18·4	18·1	26·2	34·1	
1943	23·5	25·7	22·8	26·9	25·4	21·0	19·0	17·0	16·9	24·0	28·7	
1944	18·4	26·0	21·0	27·5	23·9	19·7	19·0	17·3	15·8	23·6	30·5	

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Multiple Births.—Approximately one confinement in 85 in Canada results in the birth of more than one child. In the nineteen years 1926-44, there have been 54,425 multiple confinements, of which 53,931 gave birth to twins and 489 triplets. There have been four quadruplet confinements, one in British Columbia in 1931, from which all the children died within a few hours of birth, two in Quebec in 1937 and one in Alberta in 1944 of which all the children died within a few hours of birth. A multiple confinement in 1934 resulted in the birth of the Dionne quintuplets.

It can be seen from Table **14** that the proportion of stillbirths is higher in multiple than in single confinements. It is about twice as high in the case of twins, and in some years as much as six times as high in the case of triplets.