11.—Male and Female Populations, by Age Periods, Census Years 1921-41

Note.—For comparable data for census years 1891-1911, see the 1943-44 Year Book, p. 95.

Age Group	1921			1931			1941		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year 1 year 2 years 3 " 4 "	105, 941 104, 562 105, 801 108, 415 108, 671	103,725 103,209 104,144 106,203 106,878	209,666 207,771 209,945 214,618 215,549	102,930 102,879 111,910 113,021 112,432	99,738 101,486 109,668 111,110 109,241	202,668 204,365 221,578 224,131 221,673	109,165 99,921 113,693 107,526 103,598	105,635 96,600 110,157 104,653 100,906	214, 800 196, 521 223, 850 212, 179 204, 504
Totals, Under 5 Years	533,390	524,159	1,057,549	543,172	531,243	1,074,415	533,903	517,951	1,051,854
5- 9 years	528, 663 461, 282 403, 235 350, 971 347, 622 343, 237 342, 230 286, 451 236, 884 195, 133 126, 397 90, 615 60, 579 35, 583 18, 136 7, 142 1, 800 412 90 11, 588	451, 805 398, 545 360, 198 338, 852 309, 608 290, 066 240, 651 198, 193, 163 112, 881 81, 381 56, 846 35, 767 19, 465 2, 380 565 93	977 183	572, 507 542, 930 525, 250 463, 722 409, 976 368, 135 359, 081 347, 763 321, 513 267, 332 199, 160 156, 912 120, 695 88, 581 50, 017 23, 877 8, 665 2, 051 417 74 2, 711	531, 121	171,600 98,629 49,171 19,129 4,932 1,073 163	529, 092 556, 304 565, 212 517, 956 488, 340 431, 591 396, 453 348, 616 332, 503 315, 866 275, 234 218, 557 162, 517 111, 152 67, 200 34, 083 12, 621 2, 805 457 74 Nil	516, 728 544, 573 554, 823 554, 823 514, 42, 255 412, 255 363, 101 327, 929 302, 643 231, 658 188, 594 145, 207 105, 949 68, 495 37, 431 15, 015 3, 937 770 102 Nil	635, 146 591, 704 506, 892 407, 151 307, 724 217, 101 135, 695 71, 514 27, 636 6, 742 1, 227
Totals	4,529,643	4,258,306	8,787,949	5,374,541	5,002,245			5,606,119	11,506,655

Between 1931 and 1941 a more pronounced general ageing of the population is shown owing to practically non-existent migration and a lower birth rate—factors that were emphasized during the depression years. In 1921 the number per 1,000 of total population between 40 and 59 years of age was 183·0; it was 201 1 in 1931 and 209·5 in 1941. Greater proportional increases, however, are shown by the group 60 years of age or over; this group represented 75·1 per 1,000 of the total population in 1921, 83·9 in 1931 and no less than 102·1 per 1,000 in 1941.

More detailed tables on this subject are given at pp. 94-96 of the 1943-44 edition of the Year Book.

Section 6.—Conjugal Condition

Next to the sex and age distribution of a population, that of conjugal condition is probably the most fundamental. Its incidence is twofold: 'vital' and 'economic and social'

The vital basis lies in the influence of the marriage state on the fertility of a population and, from this angle, close analyses of conjugal condition, by age, are important. The ages of females (see Table 11), between 15 and 45 years have more significance than those of males; if the proportion of females in this group is small, the expected proportion of births will also be small. It has been shown that for the Canadian population the combined influences of age of the population, age of the married females, and proportion of females married has become steadily more favourable to the birth rate from 1871 to 1921 but that, since the latter date, the trend has been less favourable.