a year. The rate of maternal mortality is now less than 2 per 1,000 live births. The last two columns of the table show that mortality among unmarried mothers is much higher than among married mothers.

29.—Maternal Deaths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1944-46

NOTE.—Figures are by place of residence.

Item	Maternal Deaths										Maternal Deaths of Unmarried Mothers	
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada[1]	No.	P.C. of Total
Totals— 1944	12	33	43	318	198	49	42	31	50	776	48	6·19
1945	6	24	25	256	171	31	49	48	50	660	38	5·76
1946	6	28	34	229	160	32	36	32	38	595	39	6·55
Rates per 1,000 Live Births—											Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	
1944	5·2	2·1	3·2	3·1	2·5	3·1	2·3	1·6	2·6	2·7	4·0	
1945	2·7	1·5	1·8	2·5	2·2	1·9	2·6	2·4	2·6	2·3	2·9	
1946	2·1	1·6	2·1	2·1	1·6	1·7	1·7	1·4	1·7	1·8	2·9	

[1] Exclusive of the Territories.

Age at Maternal Death.—Table 30 shows the distribution of maternal deaths by age, together with the average age at death. The latter is slightly more than two years higher than the average age of all mothers at the time of childbirth. The rates per 1,000 live births by age groups show that age is a most important factor in maternal mortality. Though all the rates are much lower than they used to be, the inequalities between the age groups remain. The rate at 30-34 years is nearly twice as high as the rate at 20-24 years, and above the age of 40 it is over four times as high. The slightly higher rate in the first age group shown in Table 30, compared with the second, is due to the high proportion of illegitimate children born to young mothers.

30.—Maternal Mortality and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Age Groups, 1945 and 1946, with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42

NOTE.—Figures for 1945 and 1946 are by place of residence.

Age Group	Maternal Deaths								Rates per 1,000 Live Births			
	Averages 1930–32		Averages 1940–42		1945		1946		Average 1930–32	Average 1940–42	1945	1946
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.				
Under 20 years........	76	6·0	47	5·2	28	4·2	27	4·5	5·03	2·80	1·65	1·39
20 – 24 "	216	17·0	151	16·8	110	16·7	90	15·1	3·56	2·13	1·40	0·97
25 – 29 "	271	21·4	212	23·6	161	24·4	142	23·9	4·16	2·77	1·95	1·46
30 – 34 "	278	21·9	206	22·9	136	20·6	130	21·8	5·66	4·03	2·21	1·90
35 – 39 "	263	20·8	180	20·0	135	20·5	121	20·3	7·80	6·14	3·79	3·17
40 – 44 "	140	11·0	91	10·1	81	12·3	72	12·1	10·56	8·72	6·98	5·91
45 – 49 "	23	1·8	11	1·2	8	1·2	13	2·2	16·73	10·00	7·14	10·99
50 years or over......	Nil	–	1	0·1	1	0·2	Nil	–	–	[1]	[1]	–
Totals, Stated Ages...	1,267	100·0	899	100·0	660	100·0	595	100·0	–	–	–	–
Totals, All Ages......	1,267	–	899	–	660	–	595	–	5·28	3·51	2·29	1·80
Average Ages of Mothers...........	31·3		31·1		31·5		31·7		–	–	–	–

[1] The number of cases in this age group is too small to justify the calculation of a rate.