In a country with a fairly young population such as Canada, in which immigration has been large, an excess of males is to be expected. The higher rate of natural increase for females is the means by which this excess is gradually reduced. Eventually, there will, no doubt, be an excess of females in the total population as there now is in most European countries.

33.—Natural Increase and Rates of Natural Increase, by Sex and by Provinces, 1944-47

Province and Year	Excess of Births Over Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population	Males		Females	
			Number	Rate per 1,000 Males	Number	Rate per 1,000 Females
Prince Edward Island 1944	1,360	14·9	670	14·2	690	15·6
1945	1,370	14·8	712	14·9	658	14·9
1946	1,919	20·4	968	20·0	951	20·9
1947	1,972	20·9	989	20·5	983	21·5
Nova Scotia 1944	9,369	15·3	4,698	15·1	4,671	15·6
1945	9,902	15·9	4,996	15·8	4,906	16·1
1946	11,868	19·4	5,867	18·8	6,001	20·0
1947	13,256	21·3	6,484	20·6	6,772	22·2
New Brunswick 1944	8,336	18·0	4,177	17·6	4,159	18·5
1945	8,828	18·9	4,364	18·2	4,464	19·5
1946	11,408	23·8	5,682	23·2	5,726	24·3
1947	12,939	26·4	6,438	25·8	6,501	26·9
Quebec 1944	67,449	19·3	34,104	19·4	33,345	19·2
1945	70,935	19·9	35,580	19·9	35,355	20·0
1946	77,595	21·4	39,218	21·5	38,377	21·2
1947	81,845	22·0	40,827	21·9	41,018	22·2
Ontario 1944	38,309	9·7	18,826	9·4	19,483	9·9
1945	39,475	9·8	19,254	9·5	20,221	10·2
1946	57,688	14·1	28,536	13·8	29,152	14·3
1947	67,234	16·1	32,825	15·5	34,409	16·6
Manitoba 1944	9,307	12·7	4,487	11·8	4,820	13·7
1945	9,703	13·2	4,650	12·3	5,053	14·2
1946	12,257	16·9	5,910	15·8	6,347	17·9
1947	13,659	18·4	6,450	17·0	7,209	19·8
Saskatchewan 1944	11,684	13·8	5,500	12·1	6,184	15·8
1945	12,497	14·8	5,927	13·1	6,570	16·8
1946	15,011	18·0	7,108	16·1	7,903	20·2
1947	16,724	19·8	7,979	17·9	8,745	22·1
Alberta 1944	13,052	16·0	6,155	14·1	6,897	18·1
1945	13,485	16·3	6,408	14·6	7,077	18·3
1946	15,583	19·4	7,253	17·1	8,330	22·0
1947	18,088	22·0	8,764	20·2	9,324	24·0
British Columbia 1944	9,302	10·0	3,722	7·6	5,580	12·5
1945	9,121	9·6	3,670	7·5	5,451	11·9
1946	12,472	12·4	5,244	10·1	7,228	15·0
1947	15,673	15·0	6,779	12·5	8,894	17·7
Canada (Exclusive of the Territories) **1944**	**168,168**	**14·1**	**82,339**	**13·5**	**85,829**	**14·7**
1945	**175,316**	**14·5**	**85,561**	**13·8**	**89,755**	**15·2**
1946	**215,801**	**17·5**	**105,786**	**16·9**	**110,015**	**18·2**
1947	**241,390**	**19·2**	**117,535**	**18·4**	**123,855**	**20·1**

Natural Increase in Urban Centres.—The classification of births and deaths by place of residence makes it possible to calculate rates of natural increase for urban centres; the figures are given in Table **34**. In most of the larger cities the rate is lower than in their respective provinces. Urban population is also increased by the influx of people from the rural areas.