

which made it easier to obtain divorce was a further factor. At present, Quebec is the only province in which applicants for divorce must secure a private Act of Parliament.

There were 114 divorces in Canada in 1918 and 608 in 1926; the number had increased to 700 by 1931, 1,570 by 1936 and 2,369 by 1940. In every year since then the number has been higher than in the year before. The figures for the most part cover only final decrees of dissolution of marriage which alone constitute divorces; annulments and legal separations are excluded.

The statistics of dissolutions of marriage were revised in 1941 with the co-operation of the provincial authorities and the Clerk of the Divorce Committee of the Senate of Canada.

39.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces), by Provinces, 1944-47

Item	Granted by Parliament of Canada		Granted by the Courts								Canada ¹
	P.E.I.	Que.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	
Numbers—											
1944	3	108	...	93	78	1,471	316	226	484	1,009	3,788
1945	2	177	...	158	171	1,940	405	282	575	1,366	5,076
1946	2	290	4	260	382	2,639	636	505	962	2,005	7,683
1947	2	348	18	207	236	3,509	665	509	881	1,826	8,199
Percentages—											
1944	0.1	2.8	...	2.5	2.1	38.8	8.3	6.0	12.8	26.6	100.0
1945	-	3.5	...	3.1	3.4	38.2	8.0	5.6	11.3	26.9	100.0
1946	2	3.8	0.1	3.4	5.0	34.4	8.3	6.6	12.5	26.1	100.0
1947	2	4.2	0.2	2.5	2.9	42.8	8.1	6.2	10.7	22.3	100.0

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

² A Divorce Court was established in Prince Edward Island in 1945 and figures for 1946 and 1947 are shown in the third column.

Section 8.—Vital Statistics of Yukon and the Northwest Territories

The vital statistics of Yukon and the Northwest Territories have been collected since 1924. These statistics are not presented with those of the nine provinces in the tables of this Chapter, because the figures are not considered complete. The details are in many cases not available, and the small and varying population of each year is not accurately known.

40.—Vital Statistics of Yukon and the Northwest Territories, 1941-47, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 to 1946 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Year	Yukon			Northwest Territories		
	Births	Marriages	Deaths	Births	Marriages	Deaths
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Averages, 1926-30.....	33	14	54	158	24	185
Averages, 1931-35.....	49	24	61	190	41	137
Averages, 1936-40.....	67	36	72	228	72	177
1941.....	72	36	67	314	82	306
1942.....	96	36	108	369	109	222
1943.....	99	67	120	403	94	304
1944.....	136	94	100	316	66	349
1945.....	123	69	87	511	122	478
1946.....	146	66	80	593	177	347
1947.....	218 ^P	61 ^P	77 ^P	602 ^P	100 ^P	311 ^P