are about equal. This does not mean, however, that the mortality rates at each age have risen in British Columbia. On the contrary, they have been falling. The death rate for the population as a whole has been rising because the increasing proportion of population in the higher age groups has more than outweighed the fall in the mortality rates at each age.

1.—Live Births and Rates per 1,000 Population, by Provinces, 1945-48, with Averages, 1941-45

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
					LIVE BIRTHS					
Av. 1941–45....	2,187	15,082	12,961	98,153	77,506	15,782	18,492	18,908	17,685	276,756
1945..........	2,258	15,527	13,693	104,283	78,974	16,253	18,926	19,939	18,877	288,730
1946..........	2,793	17,914	16,274	111,285	97,446	18,794	21,433	22,184	22,609	330,732
1947..........	2,992	19,265	17,771	115,553	108,853	20,409	23,334	24,631	26,286	359,094
1948..........	2,842	17,791	17,279	114,709	104,195	18,870	21,562	24,075	25,984	347,307
				RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION						
Av. 1941–45....	23·8	25·1	28·0	28·5	19·8	21·6	21·6	23·6	19·8	23·5
1945..........	24·5	25·0	29·3	29·3	19·7	22·1	22·4	24·1	19·9	23·9
1946..........	29·7	29·3	33·9	30·7	23·8	25·9	25·7	27·6	22·5	26·9
1947..........	31·8	31·0	36·2	31·1	26·0	27·5	27·7	30·0	25·2	28·6
1948..........	30·6	28·0	34·4	30·3	24·2	24·9	25·2	28·5	24·0	27·0

2.—Deaths and Rates per 1,000 Population, by Provinces, 1945-48, with Averages, 1941-45

(Exclusive of the Territories)

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada
					DEATHS					
Av. 1941–45....	967	6,313	5,009	34,312	39,715	6,601	6,504	6,346	9,330	115,097
1945..........	888	5,625	4,865	33,348	39,499	6,550	6,429	6,454	9,756	113,414
1946..........	874	6,046	4,866	33,690	39,758	6,537	6,422	6,601	10,137	114,931
1947..........	1,020	6,009	4,832	33,708	41,619	6,771	6,610	6,543	10,613	117,725
1948..........	887	6,097	4,959	33,603	42,364	6,675	6,496	6,987	11,316	119,384
				RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION						
Av. 1941–45....	10·5	10·5	10·8	10·0	10·2	9·0	7·6	7·9	10·4	9·8
1945..........	9·7	9·1	10·4	9·4	9·9	8·9	7·6	7·8	10·3	9·4
1946..........	9·3	9·9	10·1	9·3	9·7	9·0	7·7	8·2	10·1	9·4
1947..........	10·9	9·7	9·8	9·1	9·9	9·1	7·9	8·0	10·2	9·4
1948..........	9·5	9·6	9·9	8·9	9·9	8·8	7·6	8·3	10·5	9·3