

1926; 700 in 1931; 1,570 in 1936; and 2,369 in 1940. From 1940, the numbers increased annually to a peak of 8,199 in 1947, declining gradually since that year until in 1950 they were 5,373 or 34 p.c. lower than in 1947.

### 38.—Dissolutions of Marriage (Divorces), by Provinces, 1947-51

Item	Granted by Parliament of Canada		Granted by the Courts							Canada <sup>1</sup>	
	Nfld.	Que.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.		B.C.
<b>Numbers—</b>											
1947	...	348	18	207	236	3,509	665	509	881	1,826	8,199
1948	...	292	49	78 <sup>2</sup>	211	3,107	477	333	651	1,683	6,881
1949	...	350	20	181	202	2,396	411	289	594	1,491	5,934
1950	5	234	13	199	194	2,228	309	280	534	1,377	5,373
1951 <sup>p</sup>	4	289	10	187	156	2,002	361	226	589	1,339	5,163
<b>Percentages—</b>											
1947	...	4.2	0.2	2.5	2.9	42.8	8.1	6.2	10.7	22.3	100.0
1948	...	4.2	0.7	1.1 <sup>2</sup>	3.1	45.2	6.9	4.8	9.5	24.5	100.0
1949	...	5.9	0.3	3.1	3.4	40.4	6.9	4.9	10.0	25.1	100.0
1950	0.1	4.4	0.2	3.7	3.6	41.5	5.8	5.2	9.9	25.6	100.0
1951 <sup>p</sup>	0.1	5.6	0.2	3.6	3.0	38.8	7.0	4.4	11.4	25.9	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of the Territories.

<sup>2</sup> By a new rule adopted in August 1948, a *Decree Nisi* became absolute at the end of three months. As a result, a number of divorces did not become effective until the following year.

## Section 6.—Vital Statistics of the Yukon and Northwest Territories

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

### 39.—Vital Statistics of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, 1941-50, with Five-Year Averages, 1926-40

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 to 1950 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.

Year	Yukon Territory			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.....	224	61	77	625	111	376
1948.....	274	77	112	645	117	370
1949.....	309	76	86	644	134	434
1950.....	316	84	99	622	154	332

## Section 7.—Canadian Life Tables

Two official life tables for Canada and regions have been published: the first was calculated on the basis of the deaths of 1930-32 and the census population of 1931; the second on the basis of the deaths of 1940-42 and the census population of 1941. In addition, tables have been computed for Canada as a whole for the