

**Natural Increase in Urban Centres.**—The classification of births and deaths by place of residence makes it possible to compile the natural increase in the population of urban centres; the figures are presented in Table 2, pp. 199-200.

## Section 5.—Marriages and Divorces\*

### Subsection 1.—Marriages

Table 20 shows the number of marriages and the marriage rates per 1,000 population in Canada and the provinces, and percentages of brides and bridegrooms, according to place of birth. For the country as a whole in 1956, and as has been the case for several years, 83 p.c. of the grooms were born in Canada—nearly 68 p.c. in the province in which they were married; over 87 p.c. of the brides were born in Canada—nearly 75 p.c. in the province in which they were married. However there are wide variations from this pattern as between provinces; as might be expected, in the older Atlantic Provinces and Quebec there is a greater tendency than in the other provinces to marry native Canadians, both partners often being born in the same province.

\* For international comparisons, see Section 7, pp. 230-231.

### 20.—Marriages and Marriage Rates by Province with Percentage Distribution of Bridegrooms and Brides by Nativity 1921-56

Province and Year	Total Marriages	Rate per 1,000 Population	Born in Province Where Married		Born in Other Provinces		Born Outside Canada		
			Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	Grooms	Brides	
			p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	
Newfoundland.....	1951	2,517	7.0	85.2	96.7	2.4	1.9	12.4	1.4
	1952	2,730	7.3	87.5	97.0	2.1	1.0	10.3	2.1
	1953	2,771	7.2	86.5	96.4	2.5	1.5	11.1	2.1
	1954	2,952	7.5	85.1	96.0	3.3	1.6	11.5	2.4
	1955	3,211	7.9	85.3	96.4	2.4	1.7	12.3	2.0
	1956	3,073	7.4	84.3	96.4	3.3	1.6	12.4	2.0
Prince Edward Island.....	1921	518	5.8	92.3	94.6	5.0	1.9	2.7	3.5
	1931	490	5.6	89.4	91.8	5.1	4.1	5.5	4.1
	1941	673	7.1	78.8	86.6	15.0	9.4	6.2	4.0
	1951	583	5.9	82.3	91.1	12.9	6.0	4.8	2.9
	1952	613	6.1	81.4	91.5	13.9	5.4	4.7	3.1
	1953	647	6.4	80.4	91.8	15.3	6.0	4.3	2.2
	1954	605	6.0	79.2	90.7	16.7	6.8	4.1	2.5
	1955	667	6.7	82.6	94.5	12.9	4.3	4.5	1.2
	1956	649	6.6	80.7	92.8	14.8	4.8	4.5	2.5
Nova Scotia.....	1921	3,550	6.8	76.3	81.3	6.4	4.5	17.3	14.2
	1931	3,394	6.6	80.3	86.7	5.4	3.6	14.3	9.7
	1941	6,596	11.4	73.2	83.8	16.8	9.5	10.0	6.7
	1951	5,094	7.9	78.2	86.7	15.9	9.0	6.0	4.3
	1952	5,390	8.3	77.2	86.3	16.5	10.0	6.3	3.7
	1953	5,378	8.1	75.8	86.6	18.7	9.6	5.5	3.7
	1954	5,265	7.8	73.9	86.5	20.1	9.7	5.9	3.8
	1955	5,288	7.7	72.6	86.0	20.9	10.2	6.5	3.7
	1956	5,543	8.0	74.8	88.1	18.9	9.1	6.4	2.9
New Brunswick.....	1921	3,173	8.4	73.4	78.0	10.1	8.4	16.5	13.6
	1931	2,544	6.2	77.7	81.8	10.1	9.2	12.2	9.0
	1941	4,941	10.8	78.5	84.4	13.3	9.7	8.2	5.9
	1951	4,386	8.5	80.0	86.9	10.1	6.7	9.8	6.4
	1952	4,276	8.1	78.7	85.2	10.7	7.5	10.6	7.3
	1953	4,232	7.9	74.8	85.3	12.6	7.2	12.6	7.5
	1954	4,278	7.9	76.8	85.4	11.8	7.2	11.4	7.4
	1955	4,359	8.0	74.8	86.1	12.8	6.9	12.3	7.0
	1956	4,591	8.3	75.9	86.8	12.2	6.3	11.9	6.9
Quebec.....	1931	16,783	5.8	79.7	83.4	4.2	3.7	16.0	13.0
	1941	32,782	9.8	86.1	89.3	6.7	5.9	7.2	4.8
	1951	35,704	8.8	86.7	89.5	6.1	5.5	7.2	5.0
	1952	35,374	8.5	84.9	87.9	6.1	5.6	9.1	6.4
	1953	35,968	8.4	85.6	89.0	5.6	5.0	8.8	5.9
	1954	35,516	8.1	85.4	89.6	5.9	4.4	8.7	6.0
	1955	35,356	7.8	85.2	88.6	5.8	5.2	9.0	6.2
	1956	37,290	8.1	85.6	88.8	5.7	5.0	8.7	6.2