

10,000 births delivered alive) to an all-time low of 191 in 1962. Since 1951 the rate of maternal mortality has been under 10 and since 1959 it has been under five. Despite this improvement, Canada's maternal death rate (4.1 in 1962) is higher than the rates for several other countries such as Sweden (3.7), England and Wales (3.4) and the United States (3.2). Mortality among unmarried mothers is higher than among married mothers.

**Causes of Maternal Deaths.**—Table 24 shows the main causes of maternal deaths during the years 1960-62. Of the 191 maternal deaths in the latest year, 52 resulted from complications arising during pregnancy, a little less than half of these from some type of toxæmia; 78 resulted from a complication of delivery, 37 from a post-delivery complication and 24 from abortive delivery. There has been an encouraging drop in maternal deaths caused by toxæmia during the past three or four years.

24.—Maternal Mortality and Rates per 100,000 Live Births, by Cause, 1960-62

Inter- national List No.	Cause of Death	Numbers of Deaths			Rates per 100,000 Live Births		
		1960	1961	1962	1960	1961	1962
	<b>Complications of Pregnancy</b> .....	69	53	52	14	11	11
640, 641	Infections of the genito-urinary tract during pregnancy.....	1	1	3	--	--	1
642	Toxæmias of pregnancy.....	36	29	23	8	6	5
643	Placenta prævia noted before delivery.....	3	—	—	1	—	—
644	Other hæmorrhage of pregnancy.....	3	3	—	1	1	—
645	Ectopic pregnancy.....	7	5	6	1	1	1
646-649	Other complications of pregnancy.....	19	15	20	4	3	4
	<b>Abortion</b> .....	24	26	24	5	5	5
650, 652	Abortion without mention of sepsis.....	6	10	9	1	2	2
651	Abortion with sepsis.....	18	16	15	4	3	3
	<b>Complications of Delivery</b> .....	83	96	78	17	20	17
660	Delivery (without complication).....	1	—	—	--	—	—
670	Delivery complicated by placenta prævia or antepartum hæmorrhage.....	14	18	21	3	4	4
671	Delivery complicated by retained placenta....	4	3	3	1	1	1
672	Delivery complicated by other postpartum hæmorrhage.....	20	20	21	4	4	4
673, 674	Delivery complicated by abnormality of bony pelvis or malposition of foetus.....	5	8	6	1	2	1
675	Delivery complicated by prolonged labour of other origin.....	6	3	5	1	1	1
676, 677	Delivery with laceration or other trauma.....	18	27	8	4	6	2
678	Delivery with other complications of childbirth.....	15	17	14	3	4	3
	<b>Complications of the Puerperium</b> .....	39	44	37	8	9	8
681	Sepsis of childbirth and the puerperium.....	8	13	13	2	3	3
682-684	Puerperal phlebitis, thrombosis, pyrexia, pulmonary embolism.....	15	13	12	3	3	3
685, 686	Puerperal eclampsia and toxæmia.....	5	3	1	1	1	--
687-689	Other.....	11	15	11	2	3	2
	<b>Totals, All Puerperal Causes</b> .....	215	219	191	45	46	41