

31.—Maternal Deaths in Each Province, by Causes of Death, 1939

Int. List No.	Cause of Death	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada ¹
140	Abortion with septic conditions.....	Nil	6	7	18	42	5	5	13	12	108
	(a) Abortion.....	"	5	6	16	24	5	2	10	8	76
	(b) Self-induced abortion	"	1	1	2	18	Nil	3	3	4	32
141	Abortion without mention of septic conditions (hæmorrhage included).....	1	1	1	10	10	1	2	2	4	32
	(a) Abortion.....	1	1	Nil	10	6	1	2	1	4	26
	(b) Self-induced abortion	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	6
142	Ectopic gestation.....	Nil	2	2	2	11	1	4	1	2	25
	(a) With septic conditions	"	1	1	Nil	1	Nil	1	1	Nil	5
	(b) Without mention of septic conditions.....	"	1	1	2	10	1	3	Nil	2	20
143	Other accidents of pregnancy (hæmorrhage excluded).....	1	1	Nil	6	4	Nil	Nil	1	1	14
144	Puerperal hæmorrhage....	3	9	11	67	38	9	5	11	7	160
	(a) Placenta prævia....	1	3	1	12	11	1	2	1	Nil	32
	(b) Other hæmorrhages.	2	6	10	55	27	8	3	10	7	128
145	Puerperal septicæmia (not specified as due to abortion).....	2	4	8	100	50	8	15	7	3	197
	(a) Puerperal septicæmia and pyæmia.....	2	4	8	100	50	8	15	7	3	197
	(b) Puerperal tetanus....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
146	Puerperal albuminuria and eclampsia.....	3	13	10	81	42	11	15	7	2	184
147	Other toxæmias of pregnancy.....	3	5	5	12	13	3	Nil	5	2	48
148	Puerperal phlegmasia alba dolens, embolism, or sudden death (not specified as septic).....	2	2	6	28	44	3	9	6	1	101
	(a) Phlegmasia alba dolens and thrombosis..	Nil	2	Nil	4	8	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	16
	(b) Embolism.....	1	Nil	6	13	25	1	5	2	1	54
	(c) Sudden death.....	1	"	Nil	11	11	2	2	4	Nil	31
149	Other accidents of childbirth.....	1	4	4	43	21	4	4	5	2	88
	(a) Cæsarean operation..	Nil	2	1	5	10	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	19
	(b) Other surgical operations and instrumental delivery....	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	2	2	2	"	10
	(c) Dystocia.....	1	"	1	17	5	1	Nil	2	"	27
	(d) Rupture of uterus in parturition.....	Nil	1	Nil	6	3	1	1	Nil	"	12
	(e) Others under this title	"	1	2	11	3	Nil	Nil	1	2	20
150	Other or unspecified conditions of the puerperal state.....	Nil	2	Nil	2	1	2	Nil	1	2	10
	(a) Puerperal diseases of the breast.....	"	1	"	Nil	Nil	Nil	"	Nil	Nil	1
	(b) Others under this title	"	1	"	2	1	2	"	1	2	9
	Totals.....	16	49	54	369	27	47	59	59	38	967

¹ Exclusive of the Territories.

Section 4.—Natural Increase

During recent years the rate of natural increase of the population of Canada has declined. In 1921 the rate was 17·8; it declined to 13·3 in 1926 and to 12·2 in 1929. After 1929 there was a temporary improvement but the rates for 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939—10·6, 10·3, 9·6, 11·0, and 10·7, respectively—irregularly continued the downward trend. Among the provinces the trends generally