

According to the Census returns of 1891 for Canada, the birth rate in British Columbia was 23·16 per thousand of the population, and the death rate was 13·94 per thousand. In Manitoba the birth rate was 32·53 per thousand and the death rate 19·36 per thousand. In New Brunswick the birth rate was 27·70 per thousand and the death rate 13·36 per thousand. In Nova Scotia the birth rate was 25·41 per thousand and the death rate 14·57 per thousand. In Ontario the birth rate was 24·50 per thousand and the death rate was 11·30 per thousand. In Quebec the birth rate was 36·86 per thousand and the death rate 18·91 per thousand. In Prince Edward Island the birth rate was 24·45 per thousand and the death rate 12·26 per thousand. In the North-west Territories the birth rate was 24·98 per thousand and the death rate 7·32.

Manitoba is the banner province, having the second largest birth rate and the second lowest death rate, the result being that the prairie province has the largest excess of births over deaths.

The following table gives the births, deaths and marriages in each of the respective countries, 1895:—

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1895.

Countries.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Still-Births.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Norway . . . . .	62,600	32,300	13,300	1,750
Sweden (1894) . . . . .	131,499	79,444	27,831	3,457
Denmark . . . . .	68,871	38,573	16,147	1,723
German Empire—				
Prussia . . . . .	1,167,927	689,629	253,729	40,288
Saxony . . . . .	146,160	90,656	33,693	5,313
Bavaria . . . . .	208,855	145,813	43,273	6,908
Württemberg (1894) . . . . .	69,123	50,629	14,878	2,553
Baden . . . . .	56,652	37,513	13,046	1,568
Total German Empire . . . . .	1,877,278	1,151,488	414,218	64,366
Holland . . . . .	158,130	90,007	35,598	7,611
Belgium . . . . .	183,015	125,148	49,712	8,627
France . . . . .	834,173	851,986	282,018	41,572
Switzerland . . . . .	84,973	59,747	22,982	3,211
Spain (1894) . . . . .	632,707	556,355	141,933	*
Italy . . . . .	1,092,102	783,813	228,152	45,896
Austria proper . . . . .	936,543	681,294	200,168	*
Hungary . . . . .	756,843	538,768	153,929	17,740
Bulgaria (1893) . . . . .	116,319	92,440	21,967	612
Roumania (1894) . . . . .	227,708	177,147	50,580	2,641
Uruguay . . . . .	30,403	12,119	4,154	755
Japan . . . . .	1,246,427	852,422	363,633	117,215
United Kingdom . . . . .	1,154,859	735,257	279,704	*

NOTE.—Births and deaths are exclusive of still-births in all cases.

\* No record.