

AREA AND POPULATION.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Vital Statistics by Provinces.—In Canada the registration of births, marriages and deaths is under provincial control, and at present divergent methods, with, in New Brunswick, entire lack of statistics, render impossible the deduction for any series of years of annual birth-, marriage and death-rates for the Dominion as a whole.

Table 34 shows, however, by provinces (New Brunswick excepted) the number of births, marriages and deaths in each of the years 1911 to 1914, according to the latest returns of the provincial registrars. Using the census figures of population for 1911, and estimates of the Census and Statistics Office for 1912, 1913, and 1914, crude birth-, marriage-, and death-rates per 1,000 of the population living have been calculated for each year, as well as the excess of births over deaths. For Prince Edward Island no data for the year 1912 are available. The figures by provinces in this table are not strictly comparable, owing to the diversity of practice which at present prevails as between the different provincial registrars. Not only is the statistical year not uniform for all the provinces, but there is no uniformity in the practice as regards the inclusion or exclusion of still-births. Thus, in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario still-births are eliminated from the calculations; but in Prince Edward Island, the Northwest provinces and British Columbia they are included, and for these provinces the numbers of still-births, which are too small to affect materially the birth- and death-rates calculated, are given in a note at the foot of the table.

Vital Statistics of Cities.—Table 35 records the number of births, marriages and deaths by principal cities for the years 1913 and 1914 in continuation of the tables given in previous editions. In this table the natural increase per 1,000 of the population is based upon the locally estimated population in all cases where given.

34.—Number of Births, Marriages and Deaths, by Provinces, 1911-1914.

Provinces.	Births.	Birth-rate per 1,000 living.	Marriages.	Marriage-rate per 1,000 living.	Deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 living.	Excess of Births over Deaths.
P. E. Island ¹ ...	1911 1,497	15.97	470	5.01	1,114	11.89	383
	1912		(not published in 1912.)				
	1913 1,628	17.37	478	5.10	983	10.49	645
	1914 1,511	16.12	544	5.80	1,012	10.80	499
Nova Scotia...	1911 12,322	25.03	3,004	6.10	8,237	16.73	4,085
	1912 12,681	25.52	2,937	5.91	7,126	14.34	5,555
	1913 12,553	25.22	3,259	6.55	7,225	14.52	5,328
	1914 12,771	25.46	3,643	7.26	7,527	15.01	5,244
Quebec.....	1911 74,475	37.18	15,254	7.61	35,904	17.92	38,571
	1912 76,647	37.53	16,055	7.86	32,980	16.15	43,667
	1913 79,089	37.70	17,253	8.13	36,200	17.33	42,889
	1914 80,361	38.00	16,121	7.62	36,002	17.02	44,359

¹Including still-births as follows: 4 in 1911, 1 in 1913, 3 in 1914.