

16.—Number of Births, Marriages and Deaths, by Principal Cities, 1913-1919.
—concluded.

Cities.	Year.	Popula- tion.	Births.	Mar- riages.	Deaths.	Excess of Births over Deaths.	Natural Increase per 1,000 of Popu- lation.
British Columbia—concluded.							
Vancouver—concluded	1915	100,000	2,311	1,274	1,127	1,184	11.84
	1916	100,000	1,992	1,252	1,240	752	7.52
	1917	102,550	2,008	1,191	1,307	701	6.84
	1918-19	123,050	2,724	1,272	2,294	430	3.49
	1919-20	123,050	2,921	2,029	1,712	1,209	9.83
Victoria.....	1913	-	986	851	569	417	-
	1914	-	772	770	459	313	-
	1915	50,000	820	480	464	356	7.12
	1916	50,000	836	420	533	303	6.06
	1917	55,000	744	382	476	268	4.87
	1918-19	50,000	1,019	405	652	367	7.34
	1919-20	50,000	1,304	612	577	727	14.54
New Westminster.....	1913	17,198	855	378	491	364	21.16
	1914	15,000	536	222	302	234	15.60
	1915	15,000	289	173	225	64	4.26
	1916	15,000	304	167	212	92	6.13
	1917	15,000	322	164	243	79	5.27
	1918-19	16,000	421	128	367	54	3.37
	1919-20	16,000	436	225	255	181	11.31
Nanaimo.....	1913	8,000	318	120	149	169	21.12
	1914	8,500	340	98	133	207	24.35
	1915	8,500	304	88	162	142	16.70
	1916	8,500	261	72	114	147	17.29
	1917	8,500	220	63	99	121	14.24
	1918-19	8,500	312	79	224	88	10.35
	1919-20	8,500	303	101	108	195	22.94

IMMIGRATION.

The Census of 1911 showed an increase of 34.17 p.c. in the population of Canada in the preceding decade. Of this 34 p.c. scarcely more than 12 p.c., certainly not 15 p.c., can have been due to natural increase, so that immigration was undoubtedly the chief factor in increasing Canadian population during this period. Indeed, the gross immigration in the period from June 30, 1901 to May 31, 1911, (the Census was taken as of June 1, 1911), was 1,828,481, a figure nearly equal to the total increase of Canadian population in the decade, 1,835,328. Unfortunately, we have no statistics of emigration, but on the assumption of a normal natural increase not exceeding 15 per thousand per annum, we may estimate that the larger part of the increase of the decade was due to immigration. Again, in the first three normal pre-war years of the present decade (the fiscal years 1912 to 1914), the total gross immigration was 1,141,537, 15.8 p.c. of our total 1911 population. Gross immigration was thus at the rate of over 5 p.c. of our population per annum, while natural increase was certainly not over 1.5 p.c.

Immigration, which has been at a low ebb during the war period, may once more, when normal conditions are restored, become the