

## 15.—Average Age of Contracting Parties, 1923.

Provinces.	Average age of Grooms.	Average age of Brides.	Average excess of Groom's age over Bride's.
Prince Edward Island.....	30.8	26.5	4.3
Nova Scotia.....	29.7	25.2	4.5
New Brunswick.....	29.3	24.9	4.4
Ontario.....	29.3	25.5	3.8
Manitoba.....	30.1	25.0	5.1
Saskatchewan.....	29.5	24.0	5.5
Alberta.....	30.1	24.6	5.5
British Columbia.....	31.8	26.7	5.1
<b>Canada (Registration Area).....</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>

**Nativity of Brides and Bridegrooms.**—In the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, in the years 1921 to 1923, the majority of the grooms were not of Canadian birth, while the same was true of brides in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the three Maritime Provinces, the Canadian-born brides and grooms show a marked predominance, exceeding 85 p.c. in each case, and in Ontario more than two-thirds of both brides and grooms were Canadian-born. For the registration area, in 1923, 59.9 p.c. of all grooms and 64.6 p.c. of the brides were Canadian-born.

Table 16 gives the number of marriages per 1,000 population in each province, as well as the percentage distribution of brides and grooms according to nativity.

## 16.—Nativity, by Provinces, of Persons Married in the Registration Area, 1921-1923.

Provinces.	Years.	Marriages.		Percentage distribution of Grooms and Brides by Nativity.					
		Total.	Per 1,000 population.	Born in provinces of residence.		Born in other provinces.		Born elsewhere.	
				Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.	Grooms	Brides.
P.E. Island.....	1921	518	5.8	92.3	94.6	5.0	1.9	2.7	3.5
	1922	579	6.6	91.9	93.3	4.7	2.6	3.4	4.1
	1923	454	5.2	90.1	94.5	3.7	2.4	6.2	3.1
Nova Scotia.....	1921	3,550	6.8	76.3	81.3	6.4	4.5	17.3	14.2
	1922	3,169	6.0	79.0	84.5	5.4	3.3	15.6	12.2
	1923	3,246	6.1	77.9	83.2	5.4	3.2	16.7	13.6
New Brunswick.....	1921	3,173	8.4	73.4	78.0	10.1	8.4	16.5	13.6
	1922	2,799	7.1	68.8	75.8	13.8	8.8	17.4	15.4
	1923	2,911	7.4	74.2	77.6	9.2	8.1	16.6	14.3
Ontario.....	1921	24,871	8.5	63.6	66.7	5.6	4.7	30.8	28.6
	1922	23,360	7.8	62.2	65.1	6.9	6.2	30.9	28.7
	1923	24,842	8.2	61.3	65.9	6.5	5.4	32.2	28.7
Manitoba.....	1921	5,310	8.7	26.4	37.2	18.1	14.1	55.5	48.7
	1922	4,808	7.7	26.8	38.8	16.8	12.9	56.4	48.3
	1923	4,544	7.1	27.8	40.1	17.2	13.8	55.0	46.2
Saskatchewan.....	1921	5,101	6.7	7.1	15.6	31.4	28.1	61.5	56.3
	1922	5,061	6.4	8.2	17.3	30.1	27.6	61.7	55.1
	1923	5,045	6.3	9.0	20.8	31.9	27.5	59.2	51.7
Alberta.....	1921	4,661	7.9	7.0	14.2	26.2	25.1	66.8	60.7
	1922	4,272	7.0	7.8	16.5	26.5	23.6	65.7	59.9
	1923	4,117	6.6	9.1	17.6	23.7	23.0	67.2	59.4
British Columbia.....	1921	3,889	7.4	13.7	18.3	22.6	20.5	63.7	61.2
	1922	3,763	7.0	16.6	21.1	23.1	20.7	60.3	58.2
	1923	3,943	7.2	17.6	22.3	22.2	21.6	60.2	56.2
<b>Canada (Registration Area).....</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>51,073</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>36.7</b>
	<b>1922</b>	<b>47,811</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>36.4</b>
	<b>1923</b>	<b>49,102</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>35.4</b>