

## 37.—Marriages in Canada, by Age and Marital Status of Contracting Parties, 1913 and 1944, with Three-Year Average, 1940-42—concluded

Ages	BRIDES											
	Av. 1940-42				1943				1944			
	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total	Spin- sters	Wid- ows	Di- vorced	Total
NUMBERS												
Under												
20 years..	23,977	11	3	23,991	23,279	8	6	23,293	21,822	21	6	21,849
20-24 "	53,111	96	108	53,315	48,197	106	156	48,459	43,791	184	220	44,195
25-29 "	26,525	245	321	27,091	20,087	234	322	20,643	16,952	284	436	17,672
30-34 "	9,177	367	343	9,887	7,674	349	346	8,369	6,671	409	486	7,566
35-39 "	3,541	425	216	4,182	3,379	393	275	4,047	3,013	476	356	3,845
40-44 "	1,518	483	146	2,147	1,605	482	133	2,220	1,375	599	212	2,186
45-49 "	806	461	81	1,348	835	457	106	1,398	766	645	132	1,543
50-54 "	408	413	38	859	407	495	47	949	347	575	69	991
55-59 "	223	325	16	564	207	395	17	619	201	484	18	703
60-64 "	115	255	5	375	122	318	8	448	89	358	9	456
65 years of over.....	70	309	2	381	99	369	4	472	60	410	3	473
Totals, Stated Ages	119,471	3,390	1,279	124,140	105,891	3,606	1,420	110,917	95,087	4,445	1,947	101,479
Ages not stated.....	36	1	Nil	37	20	Nil	Nil	20	17	Nil	Nil	17
<b>Totals, All Ages.....</b>	<b>119,507</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>124,177</b>	<b>105,911</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>110,937</b>	<b>95,104</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>101,496</b>
Average age	24.7	46.4	34.4	25.4	24.5	47.6	34.5	25.4	24.4	46.9	34.4	25.6
PERCENTAGES												
Under												
20 years..	20.1	0.3	0.3	19.3	22.0	0.2	0.4	21.0	22.9	0.5	0.3	21.5
20-24 "	44.5	2.8	8.5	42.9	45.5	2.9	11.0	43.7	45.1	4.1	11.3	43.6
25-29 "	22.2	7.2	25.1	21.8	19.0	6.5	22.7	18.6	17.8	6.4	22.4	17.4
30-34 "	7.7	10.8	26.8	8.0	7.2	9.7	24.4	7.5	7.0	9.2	25.0	7.5
35-39 "	3.0	12.5	16.9	3.4	3.2	10.9	19.4	3.6	3.2	10.7	18.3	3.8
40-44 "	1.3	14.2	11.4	1.7	1.5	13.4	9.3	2.0	1.4	13.5	10.9	2.2
45-49 "	0.7	13.6	6.3	1.1	0.8	12.7	7.4	1.3	0.8	14.5	6.8	1.5
50-54 "	0.3	12.2	3.0	0.7	0.4	13.7	3.3	0.9	0.4	12.9	3.5	1.0
55-59 "	0.2	9.6	1.3	0.5	0.2	11.0	1.2	0.6	0.2	10.9	0.9	0.7
60-64 "	0.1	7.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	8.8	0.6	0.4	0.1	8.1	0.5	0.4
65 years of over.....	0.1	9.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	10.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	9.2	0.2	0.5
Totals, Stated Ages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percentage.	96.2	2.7	1.0	100.0	95.5	3.3	1.3	100.0	93.7	4.4	1.9	100.0

**Religious Denominations of Contracting Persons.**—The distribution of marriages according to the religious denominations of the contracting parties is roughly the same as that for the population as a whole. The figures in Table 38 indicate the very strong influence that religious belief has on brides and grooms. Approximately 70 p.c. of all marriages are between persons of the same religious denomination. The ratio of grooms marrying brides of the same denomination is above 60 p.c. for all denominations with the exception of Anglicans, Lutherans, Baptists and Presbyterians, which showed percentages in 1940-42 of 54, 50, 46 and 44, respectively. The highest percentage of grooms marrying brides of the same