

medical care, as pointed out previously on p. 179. Along with increased hospitalization has come better and more widespread pre-natal and post-natal care. Other factors, particularly the supervision of water supplies, improved sanitation and the pasteurization of milk, have also been important.

**20.—Distribution of Infant Deaths, by Sex and Province, 1921, 1931, 1941 and 1949-51**

Province and Year	Males	Fe-males	Rate per 1,000 Male Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Fe-male Live Births	Province and Year	Males	Fe-males	Rate per 1,000 Male Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Fe-male Live Births
Newfoundland.....1949	363	288	58	48	Manitoba.....1921	868	665	92	74
1950	408	350	60	55	1931	535	389	74	55
1951	361	276	60	48	1941	447	341	59	47
P. E. Island.....1921	95	85	89	78	1949	451	343	45	37
1931	78	50	78	57	1950	394	279	40	30
1941	102	61	95	63	1951	369	289	36	30
1949	79	56	54	41	Saskatchewan.....1921	1,048	766	90	70
1950	54	51	37	35	1931	851	612	78	59
1951	60	30	44	23	1941	531	415	56	46
Nova Scotia.....1921	738	573	110	91	1949	456	378	41	36
1931	510	404	86	71	1950	391	299	35	28
1941	545	363	77	53	1951	353	323	32	30
1949	434	316	47	37	Alberta.....1921	808	583	95	72
1950	396	297	45	35	1931	675	522	76	63
1951	344	250	39	30	1941	506	373	57	44
New Brunswick....1921	740	559	125	101	1949	462	361	36	30
1931	565	379	102	72	1950	470	361	36	29
1941	515	421	83	69	1951	531	358	39	27
1949	603	390	70	48	British Columbia....1921	343	259	62	51
1950	533	394	63	50	1931	292	222	55	44
1951	472	363	58	46	1941	316	236	41	32
Quebec.....1931	5,417	4,026	126	99	1949	516	342	37	26
1941	3,916	2,854	85	66	1950	460	345	33	26
1949	3,474	2,557	58	45	1951	487	352	34	26
1950	3,456	2,635	56	46	Canada (exclusive of the Territories) 1921 <sup>1</sup>	8,558	6,335	98	77
1951	3,335	2,486	54	42	1931	11,667	8,693	94	74
Ontario.....1921	3,918	2,845	102	79	1941	8,788	6,448	67	52
1931	2,744	2,089	77	62	1949	9,075	6,768	48	38
1941	1,910	1,384	51	40	1950	8,773	6,551	46	36
1949	2,237	1,737	41	34	1951	8,322	6,262	43	34
1950	2,211	1,540	40	29					
1951	2,010	1,535	34	28					

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the Province of Quebec.

**Infant Mortality in Urban Centres.**—Because of the relatively small numbers of infant deaths in individual cities and towns, the rates for these centres usually vary widely from year to year. As is evident from Table 21, many cities and towns have, however, maintained consistently low rates as compared with the national rate or the rates for the province in which they are situated.

**Causes of Infant Deaths.**—Of the 14,584 infant deaths in 1951, almost 15 p.c. were due to immaturity; 14 p.c. to congenital malformations; over 10 p.c. each to pneumonia among infants over four weeks of age and injury at birth; and about 8 p.c. to post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis. These specific causes accounted for 57 p.c. of the total infant deaths.