

## 11.—Order of Birth of Live Born Children by Age of Mother 1953 and 1954—concluded

Order of Birth of Child	Age of Mother									
	Under 15	15-29	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 or Over	Age Not Stated	All Ages
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>1954</b>										
1st child.....	131	22,014	52,719	27,301	10,104	3,411	791	44	556	117,071
2nd ".....	3	5,534	37,615	34,798	17,353	5,653	1,166	66	56	102,244
3rd ".....	—	1,010	17,215	27,054	19,380	7,522	1,708	64	32	73,985
4th ".....	—	130	6,624	16,041	14,536	7,089	1,747	89	26	46,282
5th ".....	—	23	2,310	8,929	9,561	5,590	1,552	101	11	28,077
6th ".....	—	6	709	4,776	6,370	4,222	1,356	90	12	17,541
7th ".....	—	—	187	2,411	4,462	3,243	1,179	87	4	11,573
8th ".....	—	—	58	1,046	2,912	2,634	1,034	68	3	7,755
9th ".....	—	—	11	463	1,918	2,131	897	88	1	5,509
10th ".....	—	—	5	182	1,161	1,643	806	82	—	3,879
11th ".....	—	—	3	59	627	1,143	660	71	—	2,563
12th ".....	—	—	1	20	315	844	562	81	—	1,823
13th ".....	—	—	—	3	146	518	463	72	—	1,202
14th ".....	—	—	—	5	51	283	355	64	—	758
15th ".....	—	—	—	1	35	159	237	47	—	479
16th ".....	—	—	—	—	7	104	185	39	—	335
17th ".....	—	—	—	—	3	39	102	17	—	161
18th ".....	—	—	—	1	1	19	57	10	—	88
19th ".....	—	—	—	—	1	10	34	7	—	52
20th or over.....	—	—	—	—	—	3	29	8	4	44
Not stated.....	—	—	2	8	9	12	5	—	32	68
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>28,717</b>	<b>117,459</b>	<b>123,098</b>	<b>88,952</b>	<b>46,272</b>	<b>14,925</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>421,489</b>

## Section 3.—Deaths\*

Since 1931 the Canadian death rate has fluctuated between 10·3 and 8·2 per 1,000 of the population, declining in recent years to a record low of 8·2 in 1954. Table, 1 pp. 199-201, shows that this decline has been apparent in varying degrees in all provinces. The generally low rates in the Prairie Provinces are partly the result of their younger average population; the uniformly higher rate in British Columbia is the result of the increasing proportion of people in the older age groups.

## Subsection 1.—General Mortality

**Sex and Age Distribution of Deaths.**—Despite reductions in infant mortality over the past 25 or 30 years more deaths still occur in the first year of life than in any other single year. Of the 107,000 deaths occurring in 1926, 31,000 or almost 30 p.c. were of children under five years of age and three-quarters of those were of children under one year of age. Of approximately 124,500 deaths in 1954, over 16,000 or nearly 13 p.c. were of children under five years of age and over 83 p.c. of those were under one year. Most of the reduction took place among children over the age of one month but there was a notable decrease in all childhood ages up to five years.

Tremendous reductions have taken place in the mortality pattern since the early 1920's, with the most important reductions in the childhood and early adult ages. In 1926 over 19 p.c. of all male deaths were of persons five to 45 years of age; in 1954 these accounted for less than 11 p.c. of total deaths. The reduction in mortality among females in this age group is equally remarkable, the proportion dropping from 22 p.c. to approxi-

\* For international comparisons see Section 8, pp. 234-35.