

decline in rate of infant deaths has decreased by 40 p.c. in the interval between 1926 and 1939, great improvement in the post-natal care of infants is indicated. In the years 1938 and 1939, 50.1 p.c. and 50.5 p.c., respectively, of all infants who died were less than one month old, and 37.4 p.c., and 37.3 p.c., respectively, were less than one week old, as is shown in Table 25.

24.—Infantile Mortality in Canada by Principal Causes of Death, 1926, 1938-39

NOTE.—Figures for the former registration area for the years 1921-25 will be found at pp. 182-183 of the 1927-28 Year Book and figures for the whole of Canada for years from 1926 in the corresponding tables of previous Year Books commencing with the 1932 edition.

International List No.	Cause of Death	Year	Numbers			Rates per 100,000 Live Births			Percentage Distribution by Cause of Death
			Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
7	Measles.....	1926	141	122	263	118	108	113	1.1
		1938	53	38	91	45	34	40	0.6
		1939	30	39	69	26	35	30	0.5
8	Scarlet fever.....	1926	13	12	25	11	11	11	0.1
		1938	8	5	13	7	4	6	0.1
		1939	6	8	14	5	7	6	0.1
9	Whooping-cough.....	1926	358	415	773	299	368	332	3.3
		1938	154	180	334	131	161	146	2.3
		1939	200	182	382	170	163	166	2.7
10	Diphtheria.....	1926	24	23	47	20	20	20	0.2
		1938	15	5	20	13	4	9	0.1
		1939	11	20	31	9	18	14	0.2
11	Influenza ¹	1926	576	374	950	481	331	408	4.0
		1938	298	221	519	253	198	226	3.6
		1939	442	307	749	376	274	326	5.4
15	Erysipelas.....	1926	51	50	101	43	44	43	0.4
		1938	8	9	17	7	8	7	0.1
		1939	6	9	15	5	8	7	0.1
16	Poliomyelitis and polio- encephalitis (acute)...	1926	6	3	9	5	3	4	0.3
		1938	2	2	4	2	2	2	?
		1939	4	2	6	3	2	3	?
18	Epidemic cerebro- spinal meningitis.....	1926	33	24	57	28	21	24	0.2
		1938	12	9	21	10	8	9	0.1
		1939	9	10	19	8	9	8	0.1
23-32	Tuberculosis ¹	1926	131	102	233	109	90	100	1.0
		1938	85	59	144	72	53	63	1.0
		1939	52	56	108	44	50	47	0.8
34	Syphilis.....	1926	68	60	128	57	53	55	0.5
		1938	54	49	103	46	44	45	0.7
		1939	60	26	86	51	23	37	0.6
86	Convulsions.....	1926	263	177	440	219	157	189	1.9
		1938	82	58	140	70	52	61	1.0
		1939	80	58	138	68	52	60	1.0
106	Bronchitis.....	1926	90	60	150	75	53	64	0.6
		1938	40	27	67	34	24	29	0.5
		1939	36	14	50	31	13	22	0.4
107-109	Pneumonia.....	1926	1,410	1,077	2,487	1,176	954	1,069	10.5
		1938	1,078	765	1,843	915	686	803	12.7
		1939	1,024	729	1,753	871	652	764	12.6
116-118	Diseases of the stomach	1926	156	126	282	130	112	121	1.2
		1938	37	41	78	31	37	34	0.5
		1939	36	37	73	31	33	32	0.5
119	Diarrhoea and enteritis ¹	1926	2,451	1,867	4,318	2,045	1,654	1,855	18.2
		1938	1,009	742	1,751	856	665	763	12.1
		1939	948	642	1,590	806	574	693	11.4
122	Hernia, intestinal obstruction.....	1926	68	39	107	57	35	46	0.5
		1938	44	21	65	37	19	28	0.4
		1939	40	19	59	34	17	26	0.4
157	Congenital malformations.....	1926	777	635	1,412	648	563	607	6.0
		1938	679	619	1,298	576	555	566	8.9
		1939	742	583	1,325	631	521	577	9.5
158	Congenital debility....	1926	1,353	1,000	2,353	1,129	886	1,011	9.9
		1938	659	484	1,143	559	434	498	7.9
		1939	641	483	1,124	545	432	490	8.1
159	Premature birth.....	1926	2,936	2,147	5,083	2,449	1,902	2,184	21.5
		1938	1,895	1,405	3,300	1,608	1,259	1,438	22.7
		1939	1,680	1,322	3,002	1,429	1,182	1,308	21.5

¹ For this cause the comparability between the figure for the year 1926 and the figures for 1937 and 1938 is not exact, owing to changes in classification. ² Less than one-tenth of one per cent.