

For comparison with the Canadian figures, the gross reproduction rate of England and Wales was 0.850 in 1940; it was 1.092 in the United States in 1939-41 and 1.063 in Germany in 1936. These are countries of relatively low fertility. In Italy the gross reproduction rate was 1.425 in 1935-37, in Poland 1.705 in 1931-32, and in Bulgaria 1.673 in 1933-36. In Australia and New Zealand the rate was 1.075 and 1.074, respectively, in 1937 and 1.154 and 1.370, respectively, in 1941.\*

Apart from the wartime 'boom' in births, fertility in Canada has been declining. Nevertheless, it is still comparatively high, and the Canadian population is a long way from the point of actual decline. Fertility in British Columbia and Ontario is, however, much nearer the level of an eventually declining population.

\*Figures from the Statistical Year Book of the League of Nations, 1942-44, pp. 56-57.

**15.—Specific Fertility Rates of Women 15-49 Years of Age, by Provinces, 1943-45 with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42**

Province and Year	Fertility Rates per 1,000 Women by Age Groups							Total Fertility	Gross Reproduction Rate <sup>1</sup>	
	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49			
P.E. Island.....	Av. 1930-32	28.1	138.1	182.6	174.0	127.0	52.3	4.7	3,534	1.667
	Av. 1940-42	31.5	153.3	174.8	145.6	104.6	45.4	5.9	3,306	1.620
	1943	36.0	141.3	210.7	165.0	112.5	49.5	5.5	3,602	1.762
	1944	34.0	163.9	215.7	181.1	123.2	51.4	6.8	3,880	1.914
	1945	40.0	150.3	206.7	170.3	126.1	56.7	5.0	3,775	1.824
Nova Scotia.....	Av. 1930-32	44.3	154.0	172.3	144.4	106.6	48.2	5.7	3,377	1.631
	Av. 1940-42	50.0	163.3	163.8	130.2	82.6	32.7	3.3	3,129	1.530
	1943	51.9	168.3	165.3	131.6	86.6	32.1	3.1	3,195	1.558
	1944	53.3	159.9	170.5	132.9	85.7	35.4	3.4	3,205	1.549
	1945	54.6	154.0	156.2	134.4	92.8	32.4	3.1	3,138	1.504
New Brunswick.....	Av. 1930-32	42.9	161.7	204.5	174.3	133.1	67.7	7.9	3,961	1.932
	Av. 1940-42	47.1	169.7	188.0	157.3	116.9	49.6	6.4	3,675	1.788
	1943	46.8	181.1	212.9	161.1	120.8	50.1	4.9	3,888	1.881
	1944	46.1	183.9	211.2	174.2	128.9	57.3	5.8	4,037	1.954
	1945	52.3	176.7	203.4	174.4	133.9	53.5	6.1	4,001	1.956
Quebec.....	Av. 1930-32	20.4	136.5	210.2	193.2	154.1	72.6	9.6	3,984	1.933
	Av. 1940-42	20.8	135.6	190.5	159.7	115.7	51.5	6.3	3,401	1.648
	1943	24.0	145.6	205.1	165.1	119.6	48.8	5.8	3,570	1.731
	1944	24.6	154.0	206.3	169.2	121.3	50.0	5.8	3,656	1.773
	1945	23.9	155.3	205.0	168.5	121.6	50.8	6.4	3,657	1.778
Ontario.....	Av. 1930-32	35.0	127.7	144.9	114.4	74.4	29.2	3.3	2,645	1.290
	Av. 1940-42	37.1	133.5	137.9	98.9	57.0	19.5	1.9	2,429	1.180
	1943	36.8	139.5	150.4	106.9	62.8	19.8	1.8	2,590	1.263
	1944	34.5	127.8	138.8	108.2	63.8	19.9	1.6	2,473	1.192
	1945	33.7	127.8	135.1	107.5	66.3	21.0	1.8	2,467	1.192
Manitoba.....	Av. 1930-32	25.3	121.4	155.8	128.7	87.4	37.4	4.9	2,805	1.374
	Av. 1940-42	27.6	125.8	144.4	112.8	70.2	27.6	3.0	2,557	1.246
	1943	27.7	139.4	159.3	125.2	75.7	30.1	3.6	2,805	1.358
	1944	28.7	129.6	156.1	121.0	77.0	27.6	2.9	2,715	1.303
	1945	29.1	132.3	151.5	120.2	78.3	29.3	3.3	2,720	1.310

For footnote, see end of table, p. 155.