That is to say, while the number of male children born exceeded the females by 5,289, yet, owing to the higher mortality among males as compared to females, 98:77, the net increase for the year of the male over the female population in the registration area was reduced to 189.

51.—Excess of Births over Deaths, by Provinces, for each Sex and by Totals, 1921.

| Provinces.   |  | Males.  | _   |  | Both sexes.   |  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|  | Births.  | Deaths.   | Excess of births over deaths.                                       | Births.  | Deates.   | Excess of births over deaths.                              | Excess of<br>births over<br>all deaths.                                |
| Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia New Brunswick Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia | 1,073<br>6,695<br>5,942<br>38,307<br>9,455<br>11,620<br>8,493<br>5,549 | 619<br>3,372<br>2,858<br>18,062<br>2,964<br>3,078<br>2,858<br>2,600 | 454<br>3,323<br>3,084<br>20,245<br>6,491<br>8,542<br>5,635<br>2,949 | 1,083<br>6,326<br>5,523<br>35,845<br>9,023<br>10,873<br>8,068<br>5,104 | 590<br>3,048<br>2,552<br>16,489<br>2,424<br>2,518<br>2,082<br>1,608 | 493<br>3,278<br>2,971<br>19,356<br>6,595<br>5,986<br>3,496 | 947<br>6,601<br>6,055<br>39,601<br>13,090<br>16,897<br>11,621<br>6,445 |
| Total  | 87,134   | 36,411  | 50,723  | 81,845   | 31,311  | 50,534   | 101,257  |

Mortality by Cause.—In Table 52 are shown the deaths in the registration area in 1921 and 1922 by twenty leading causes. In both years diseases of the heart headed the list with 8.9 p.c. in 1921 and 9.6 p.c. in 1922—a significant increase. Pneumonia came second with 8.8 p.c. in 1921 and 9.3 p.c. in 1922, cancer in third place with 7.13 p.c. in 1921 and 7.47 p.c. in 1922, and tuberculosis in fourth place with 7.07 p.c. in 1921 and 6.76 p.c. in 1922. While a comparison covering only two consecutive years must be considered as of a very tentative nature, the increases in heart disease and cancer must be regarded as very significant, especially since similar increases are occurring in other countries. On the other hand, the decline in tuberculosis must be considered as altogether satisfactory.

52.—Deaths in the Registration Area of Canada from Twenty Leading Causes, 1921 and 1922.

| Causes of Death.           | P.E.I. | N.S.  | N.B.  | Ont.   | Man.     | Sask. | Alta. | B.C.  | Total.                  |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| 1921.                      |        |       |       |        |          |       |       |       |                         |
| Diseases of heart          | 96     | 563   | 420   | 3,394  | 429      | 339   | 308   | 472   | 6,021                   |
| Pneumonia                  | 97     | 505   | 500   | 3,005  | 563      | 498   | 446   | 352   | 5.966                   |
| Cancer                     | 77     | 480   | 279   | 2,585  | 427      | 309   | 281   | 388   | 4.826                   |
| Tuberculosis, lungs        | 112    | 579   | 344   | 1,731  | 305      | 256   | 260   | 316   | 3.903                   |
| Tuberculosis, other organs |        | 123   | 69    | 352    | 115      | 66    | 53    | 92    | 886                     |
| Premature birth            | 20     | 195   | 141   | 1,630  | 330      | 460   | 3i0   | 164   | 3,250                   |
| Diarrhoea and enteritis    | 42     | 241   | 295   | 1.619  | 377      | 326   | 243   | 75    | 3,218                   |
| Senility                   | 126    | 614   | 389   | 1,404  | 82       | 136   | 98    | 65    | 3,218<br>2,914          |
| Cerebral haemorrhage,      |        |       | }     |        |          |       |       |       | i                       |
| anoniexv                   | 47     | 211   | 175   | 1,553  | 177      | 143   | 97    | 197   | 2,600                   |
| apoplexy                   | 15     | 161   | 88    | 1.824  | 127      | 99    | 84    | 157   | 2.555                   |
| Congenital debility        | 27     | 291   | 149   | 1,029  | 185      | 247   | 252   | 85    | 2,265<br>2,041<br>1,297 |
| Nephritis                  | 44     | 196   | 126   | 1,145  | 116      | 140   | 111   | 163   | 2,041                   |
| Diphtheria                 | 16     | 63    | 56    | 653    | 148      | 172   | 156   | 33    | 1,297                   |
| Influenza                  | 20     | 70    | 84    | 509    | 57       | 69    | 67    | 64    | l 940                   |
| Bronchitis                 | 15     | 87    | 46    | 510    | 71       | 83    | 47    | 46    | 905<br>862              |
| Bronchitis                 | 9      | 49    | 35    | 493    | 81       | 90    | 60    | 45    | 862                     |
| Paralysis                  | 36     | 144   | 96    | 382    | 52<br>72 | 18    | 48    | 33    | 809                     |
| Paralysis                  | 11     | 56    | 47    | 344    | 72       | 123   | 107   | 56    | 816                     |
| Anaemia, chlorosis         | 9      | 44    | 37    | 511    | 34       | 34    | 31    | 35    | 735                     |
| Drowning                   | 6      | 39    | 30    | 358    | 54       | 47    | 33    | 111   | 678                     |
| Drowning                   | 368    | 1,709 | 2,004 | 9,520  | 1,586    | 1,941 | 1,848 | 1,259 | 20, 235                 |
| Total                      | 1,209  | 6,420 | 5,410 | 34,551 | 5,388    | 5,596 | 4,940 | 4,208 | 67,722                  |