By the age of 52, according to the life table, the number of males and females will have become equal.

Infant mortality figures and rates per 1,000 live births by sex are given for Canada and the provinces in Table 26. The rates vary considerably between the provinces. One of the principal causes of these variations appears to be the different proportions of births which take place in hospitals under proper medical care. Examples of these differences have been given earlier on p. 148. Along with this increased hospitalization has come better and more wide-spread pre-natal and postnatal care. Other factors, particularly the supervision of water supplies, improved sanitation and the pasteurization of milk have also been important. Further extension of public-health services to provide for all the population will, no doubt, further reduce infant mortality, particularly in the areas where it is still high.

26.—Infant Mortality and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Sex and by Provinces, 1941-45

Province and Year	Total Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Males		Females	
			Number of Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Male Births	Number of Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Female Births
Prince Edward Island	163 106 98 102 102	80 50 45 45 45 45	102 52 56 58 58 54	95 48 50 50 46	61 54 42 44 48	63 51 40 39 44
Nova Scotia	908	65	545	77	363	53
	884	58	485	62	399	54
	898	58	507	64	391	52
	838	54	480	60	358	47
	823	53	479	59	344	46
New Brunswick	936	76	515	83	421	69
	978	77	564	86	414	68
	886	68	490	73	396	63
	1,035	77	593	85	442	68
	966	71	527	75	439	66
Quebec	6,770	76	3,916	85	2,854	66
	6,657	70	3,854	78	2,803	61
	6,642	67	3,827	75	2,815	59
	6,918	68	3,936	75	2,982	60
	6,464	62	3,659	68	2,805	55
Ontario	3,294	46	1,910	51	1,384	40
	3,139	40	1,790	44	1,349	36
	3,390	42	1,935	47	1,455	37
	3,346	43	1,933	48	1,413	38
	3,209	41	1,813	44	1,396	37
Manitoba	788	53	447	59	341	47
	807	51	441	55	366	48
	909	55	492	58	417	52
	786	49	425	51	361	47
	781	48	445	53	336	43
Saskatchewan	946 788 873 858 824	51 43 47 47 47 44	531 455 499 484 489	56 48 52 52 52 50	415 333 374 374 335	46 38 42 42 37
Alberta	879	51	506	57	373	44
	696	38	402	43	294	33
	810	42	468	48	342	36
	889	46	517	52	372	40
	862	43	511	50	351	36

NOTE.-Figures for 1944 and 1945 are by place of residence; for previous years by place of occurrence.