a year. The rate of maternal mortality is now less than 3 per 1,000 live births. The last two columns of the table show that mortality among unmarried mothers is much higher than among married mothers.

30.—Maternal Deaths and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Provinces, 1941-45

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

| Item | Maternal Deaths | | | | | | | | | | Maternal Deaths of Unmarried Mothers | |
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada[1]	No.	P.C. of Total
Totals—												
1941	6	49	43	386	219	46	58	54	40	901	61	6·77
1942	10	41	57	314	206	40	62	43	45	818	53	6·48
1943	9	57	41	315	189	40	48	52	47	798	63	7·89
1944	12	33	43	318	198	49	42	31	50	776	48	6·19
1945	6	24	25	256	171	31	49	48	50	660	38	5·76
Rates per 1,000 Live Births—											Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	
1941	2·9	3·5	3·5	4·3	3·0	3·1	3·1	3·1	2·7	3·5	6·0	
1942	4·7	2·7	4·5	3·3	2·6	2·6	3·4	2·3	2·7	3·0	4·8	
1943	4·1	3·7	3·1	3·2	2·3	2·4	2·6	2·7	2·5	2·8	5·5	
1944	5·2	2·1	3·2	3·1	2·5	3·1	2·3	1·6	2·6	2·7	4·0	
1945	2·7	1·5	1·8	2·5	2·2	1·9	2·6	2·4	2·6	2·3	2·9	

[1] Exclusive of the Territories.

Age at Maternal Death.—Table **31** shows the distribution of maternal deaths by age, together with the average age at death. This average is slightly more than two years greater than the average age of all mothers at the time of childbirth. The rates per 1,000 live births by age groups show that age is a most important factor in maternal mortality. Though all the rates are much lower than they used to be, the inequalities between the age groups remain. The rate at 30-34 years is nearly twice as high as the rate at 20-24 years, and above the age of 40 it is over four times as high. The slightly higher rate in the first age group shown in Table **31**, compared with the second, is due to the high proportion of illegitimate children born to young mothers.

31.—Maternal Mortality and Rates per 1,000 Live Births, by Age Groups, 1944 and 1945, with Three-Year Averages, 1930-32 and 1940-42

NOTE.—Figures for 1944 and 1945 are by place of residence.

| Age Group | Maternal Deaths | | | | | | | | Rates per 1,000 Live Births | | | |
| | Averages 1930–32 | | Averages 1940–42 | | 1944 | | 1945 | | Average 1930–32 | Average 1940–42 | 1944 | 1945 |
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.				
Under 20 years.......	76	6·0	47	5·2	30	3·9	28	4·2	5·03	2·80	1·78	1·65
20 – 24 "	216	17·0	151	16·8	146	18·8	110	16·7	3·56	2·13	1·87	1·40
25 – 29 "	271	21·4	212	23·6	186	24·0	161	24·4	4·16	2·77	2·26	1·95
30 – 34 "	278	21·9	206	22·9	200	25·8	136	20·6	5·66	4·03	3·34	2·21
35 – 39 "	263	20·8	180	20·0	141	18·2	135	20·5	7·80	6·14	4·17	3·79
40 – 44 "	140	11·0	91	10·1	70	9·0	81	12·3	10·56	8·72	6·23	6·98
45 – 49 "	23	1·8	11	1·2	3	0·4	8	1·2	16·73	10·00	2·99	7·14
50 years or over......	Nil	–	1	0·1	Nil	–	1	0·2	–	[1]	–	[1]
Totals, Stated Ages...	1,267	100·0	899	100·0	776	100·0	660	100·0	–	–	–	–
Totals, All Ages......	**1,267**	–	899	–	776	–	660	–	5·28	3·51	2·73	2·29
Average Age.	31·3		31·1		30·8		31·5		–	–	–	–

[1] The number of cases in this age group is too small to justify the calculation of a rate.