

Illegitimacy.—The ratio of illegitimate to total births is, generally speaking, low in Canada as compared with other countries.

Out of 168,979 living births in the registration area of Canada 3,347, or 2 p.c., were returned in 1921 as the issue of unmarried mothers. Preliminary statistics for 1922 show that out of 162,552 births reported in the registration area, 3,308 or 2 p.c., were illegitimate. Statistics are given in Table 43.

43.—Illegitimate Births in Registration Area by Age of Mother and by Provinces, 1921 and 1922.

Age of mother.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total.
1921.									
Under 15 years.....	1	-	3	11	4	5	-	2	26
15-19.....	14	151	72	551	144	106	1	50	1,089
20-24.....	19	168	84	528	154	66	1	45	1,065
25-29.....	7	43	26	208	56	31	1	13	385
30-34.....	3	16	7	112	30	30	-	14	212
35-39.....	-	9	7	63	19	11	-	2	111
40-44.....	-	5	3	15	9	5	-	2	39
45-49.....	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	6
Not given.....	5	4	3	100	2	4	296	-	414
Male.....	16	201	113	796	222	122	154	68	1,692
Female.....	33	195	92	796	198	136	145	60	1,655
Total births.....	49	396	205	1,592	420	258	299	128	3,347
Per cent of total births...	2.3	3.0	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.1	1.8	1.2	2.0
1922.									
Under 15 years.....	-	2	3	20	5	1	6	2	39
15-19.....	14	182	89	544	140	105	105	51	1,230
20-24.....	16	171	78	479	145	75	104	29	1,097
25-29.....	10	58	26	192	56	27	36	15	420
30-34.....	5	24	8	102	37	21	22	9	228
35-39.....	-	12	8	58	20	13	17	3	131
40-44.....	-	5	5	14	6	3	4	-	37
45-49.....	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
Not given.....	4	-	4	98	-	2	15	-	123
Male.....	23	236	115	822	210	131	169	45	1,751
Female.....	26	219	106	686	200	116	140	64	1,557
Total births.....	49	455	221	1,508	410	247	309	109	3,308
Per cent of total births...	2.4	3.6	1.9	2.1	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.1	2.0

NOTE.—The figures for 1922 are subject to revision.