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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 1908.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the several towns of the Island proclaimed under sections 31 to 36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895. The Registrars of these towns are qualified medical men. No death occurring there is registered unless the cause is ascertained by the Registrar's personal inspection of the deceased, or certified by a qualified medical man in attendance on the deceased, and no dead body is buried or cremated without registration being effected. This system was commenced on January 1, 1893, in the town of Colombo, under the Ordinance No. 20 of 1891, and has been gradually extended till it now embraces 31 towns, including the town of Weligama in Matara District, which was brought under the operation of the special provisions of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895, with effect from the beginning of the month under review.

2. Table I. in the Appendix shows the population at the last decennial Census of 1901, and the present estimated population and the births and deaths registered during the month, their rates, and the infantile mortality in each town, with mean temperature and rainfall of each town.

3. Table III. gives similar information as regards each ward in the Colombo Municipality.

4. The estimated population of the 31 towns is 476,265, or more than one-ninth of the total population of the Island. The population of Colombo (180,262) is a little less than two-thirds of the population of all the other towns taken together (296,003).

Births.

5. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,111—of which 570 were of males and 541 of females—and corresponded to an annual birth-rate per 1,000 of 27·54, as against 30·39 during the preceding month. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was observed in Hambantota (61·81) and the lowest in Weligama (16·69). In the other towns the birth-rate ranged from 49·51 in Mannar, 45·15 in Jaffna, 44·46 in Chilaw, and 42·97 in Puttalam to 19·44 in Anuradhapura, 19·12 in "Hatton and Dikoya," 18·37 in Kegalla, 17·71 in Nuwara Eliya, and 17·65 in Badulla.

6. The town of Colombo, where the births registered numbered 314—of which 170 were of males and 144 of females—records a birth-rate of 20·56 per mille per annum, as against 26·32 in the preceding month. The highest birth-rate was in Slave Island (20·81) and the lowest in Pettah (4·68). In the other wards the birth-rate ranged from 20·20 in Kotahena to 14·95 in Kollupitiya.

Deaths.

7. The number of deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month was 1,569—of which 857 were of males and 712 of females—and correspond to an annual death-rate of 32·58 per mille, as against 31·48 during the previous month. 505 of the total deaths, or a little less than one-third, occurred in hospitals (with 7 deaths in jails), and exaggerated the normal mortality of the towns.

8. Corrected death-rates as well as crude death-rates are shown. By a corrected rate is meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the Island, and also excluding from the total deaths those of estate coolies and other persons who are not town residents. The corrected rate should thus furnish a more satisfactory test of the comparative health of the towns than the crude rate.

9. Among the towns, the lowest corrected mortality during the month was recorded in Kegalla (4·78) and the highest in Gampola (56·91). In the other towns the death-rate ranged from 13·99 in Weligama, 17·41 in Nawalapitiya, 18·64 in Chilaw, and 23·20 in Nuwara Eliya to 40·00 in Trincomalee, 42·21 in Kalutara, 43·33 in Matale, 43·99 in Panadure, 44·00 in Puttalam, and 44·83 in Anuradhapura.

10. In the town of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 587—of which 301 were of males and 286 of females—corresponding to an annual death-rate of 39·29 per 1,000 per annum, as against 34·85 during the preceding month. In Table III., which gives the death-rates for the several wards of the town, I am able to give only the crude rates because the age- and sex-constitution of the ward populations at the last Census has not been recorded. Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, which contain a population mainly adult male and floating, St. Paul's shows this month the lowest crude death-rate (18·40) and Slave Island the highest rate (38·66). In the other wards the death-rate ranged from 25·35 in New Bazaar to 34·88 in St. Sebastian.

Infantile Mortality.

11. The infantile mortality for the 31 towns in the month was equal to a rate of 294 per 1,000 births registered. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more the mortality ranged from 430 in Colombo, 417 in Nuwara Eliya, 400 in Batticaloa, and 316 in Puttalam to 200 in Matale, 188 in Negombo, 172 in Trincomalee, and 159 in Matara.

12. The infantile mortality given in Table III. for each ward in the City of Colombo, enables a comparison to be made of the health of the various wards. The lowest mortality was observed in Kollupitiya (345 per 1,000) and the highest mortality was in Maradana exclusive of hospitals and in St. Sebastian (612 and 611 respectively), followed by St. Paul's (550).

Causes of Death.

13. Table II. in the Appendix gives for each town and race the principal causes of deaths registered during the month, and shows the infantile mortality separately from the other mortality.

14. Table IV. gives similar information for each ward and race of the Colombo Municipality.

15. *Infants*.—Out of the 1,569 deaths from all causes in the 31 towns, 327 or nearly one-fifth were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 104 *Convulsions* (of which 40 in Colombo, 11 in Galle, 8 in Kandy, 6 in Matara, and 5 each in Kalutara and Batticaloa), 68 *Debility* (of which 16 in Colombo, 11 in Jaffna, 7 in Kandy, 5 in Batticaloa, and 4 in Galle), 34 *Pneumonia* (of which 17 in Colombo, 5 in Kandy, 4 in Moratuwa, and 2 in Galle), 26 *Diarrhoea* (of which 18 in Colombo and 2 in Jaffna), 23 *Premature birth* (of which 4 each in Colombo, Moratuwa, and Jaffna, 3 in Nawalapitiya, and 2 each in Kalutara, Tangalla, and Trincomalee), 18 *Tetanus* (of which 12 in Colombo and 4 in Jaffna), and 17 *Bronchitis* (of which 14 in Colombo and 2 in Kandy).

16. In the town of Colombo, *Convulsions* accounted for the highest mortality, and the cases were distributed as follows:—13 in Kotahena, 10 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 5 in New Bazaar, 4 in St. Sebastian, 3 in Slave Island, 2 each in Pettah and St. Paul's, and 1 in Kollupitiya. The next highest mortality (18) was from *Diarrhoea* (4 each in Kotahena and Maradana hospitals, 3 each in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, Slave Island, and Kollupitiya, and 1 in St. Paul's), followed by *Pneumonia* 17 (6 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 4 in St. Paul's, 3 in Slave Island, 2 in Kotahena, 1 each in New Bazaar and Kollupitiya), *Debility* 16 (6 in Slave Island, 5 in Maradana hospitals, 2 each in Kollupitiya and New Bazaar, and 1 in St. Sebastian), *Bronchitis* 14 (4 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 3 each in St. Sebastian and New Bazaar, and 2 each in Kotahena and Kollupitiya), and *Tetanus* 12 (6 in Kotahena, 3 in St. Paul's, 2 in St. Sebastian, and 1 in New Bazaar).

17. *One year and over*.—Out of the 1,242 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 277 due to *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery*, of which 66 were in Colombo, 28 in Kandy, 21 each in Matale and Ratnapura, 17 in Hatton and Dikoya, 11 in Negombo, and 10 each in Galle and Matara; 124 due to *Pneumonia*, of which 46 were in Colombo, 12 in Kandy, 10 in Galle, 8 in Badulla, 7 in Kurunegala, 6 in Trincomalee, and 5 in Kalutara; 123 to *Phthisis*, of which 75 were in Colombo, 12 in Galle, and 7 each in Kandy and Jaffna; 61 to *Enteric Fever*, of which 50 were in Colombo, 4 in Kandy, and 3 in Moratuwa; 45 to *Malarial Cachexia*, of which 17 were in Matale, 7 in Kurunegala, and 4 in Trincomalee; 41 to *Dochmius Duodenalis*, of which 32 were among Tamils, almost all of whom were coolies; 37 to *Remittent Fever*, of which 7 were in Jaffna, 6 each in Galle and Batticaloa, and 3 each in Moratuwa and Anuradhapura; 30 to *Bronchitis*, of which 19 were in Colombo, and 3 in Kalutara; 24 to *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, of which 10 were in Colombo, and 2 each in Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, and Kurunegala; 18 to *Anæmia*, of which 5 were in Colombo, 4 in Negombo and 3 in Gampola; and 16 to *Simple Fever*, of which 7 were in Galle.

18. In the town of Colombo the highest mortality was from *Phthisis* (75), of which 16 were in Kotahena, 14 in Maradana hospitals, 13 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 10 in New Bazaar, 8 in St. Paul's, 7 in Kotahena, 4 in Slave Island, and 3 in St. Sebastian, followed by *Enteric Fever* (50), of which as many as 22 occurred in Maradana hospitals, 8 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals (including the 2 deaths that occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, whither the patients were removed), 7 in Slave Island, 6 in Kotahena, 5 in Kollupitiya (of which 1 occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta), and 2 in St. Paul's.

19. The other chief causes of deaths were *Diarrhoea* 48 (19 in Maradana hospitals, 8 in Kotahena, 6 in Slave Island), *Dysentery* 18 (9 in Maradana hospitals, 3 in Kollupitiya, and 2 each in St. Paul's and New Bazaar), *Pneumonia* 46 (17 in Kotahena, 11 in Maradana hospitals, and 7 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals), and *Bronchitis* 19 (5 in Kotahena, 3 in Kollupitiya).

20. *Cholera*.—6 deaths were registered as due to Cholera during the month in the town, all of which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta. Of these, 4 were patients from the Lunatic Asylum, Colombo, 1 a Tamil cooly from Tuticorin who showed symptoms of the disease on the day of his arrival and was removed from Slave Island, and the other also a recent arrival from India removed from Van Rooyen's street in St. Paul's. The origin of the epidemic in the Lunatic Asylum remains a mystery. The patients were old residents of the Institution, which is well protected from risk of infection in the ordinary way.

21. *Smallpox*.—5 deaths were registered in the town as due to Smallpox. Of these, as many as 4 were residents of Slave Island and the other of Maradana, but in this case too infection was traced to Slave Island, where there has been an outbreak of the disease. The origin of the epidemic has not been ascertained, but is believed to be infection from an imported case.

22. *Percentage of principal causes of death at all ages*.—Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the towns *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery* accounted for more than 19 per cent., *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* more than 13 per cent., *Debility* and *Infantile Convulsions* each more than 8 per cent., *Phthisis* nearly 8 per cent., and various kinds of fever more than 7 per cent.

23. Of the total number of deaths at all ages in the town of Colombo, *Bronchitis* and *Pneumonia* accounted for more than 16 per cent., *Diarrhoea* and *Dysentery* more than 14 per cent., *Phthisis* nearly 13 per cent., various kinds of fever nearly 9 per cent., *Infantile Convulsions* more than 8 per cent., and *Debility* more than 4 per cent.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during July, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall observed in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Towns.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1908 by Inter-censal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths excluding Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths, excluding Deaths of Estate Coolies and non-residents.	Per Mille per Annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches †		
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.	Corrected Death-rate.*						
All 31 Towns	423,109	476,265	570	541	1,111	857	712	1,569	512§	1,244	27.54	30.84	32.55	827	294	79.3	1.41 0.64
<i>Western Province.</i>																	
Colombo	155,869	180,262	170	144	314	301	286	587	154	539	20.56	35.30	39.29	135	430	79.3	1.41
Negombo	19,819	20,495	31	38	69	25	22	47	6	44	39.74	25.34	25.83	13	188	—	0.64
Moratuwa	29,600	34,139	40	33	73	34	39	73	—	73	25.24	25.24	23.83	20	274	—	—
Kalutara	11,500	11,990	16	18	34	24	22	46	5	44	33.47	43.32	42.21	8	235	—	5.81
Panadura	3,845	4,275	3	6	9	18	6	24	10	15	24.85	41.42	43.99	4	444	—	—
<i>Central Province.</i>																	
Kandy	26,511	29,437	37	50	87	58	42	100	51	66	34.89	26.47	27.75	23	264	75.6	5.24
Gampola	3,791	4,608	6	5	11	15	11	26	14	21	28.18	53.81	56.91	5	455	—	8.22
Navalapitiya	3,454	4,043	4	4	8	16	11	27	22	5	23.36	14.60	17.41	7	889	—	—
Hatton and Dikoya	2,858	3,705	1	5	6	10	19	29	27	2	19.12	6.37	—	3	500	—	18.61
Matale	4,951	5,589	7	8	15	25	32	57	42	18	31.68	38.02	43.33	3	200	—	5.00
Nuwara Eliya	5,072	7,997	5	7	12	12	5	17	6	12	17.71	17.71	23.20	5	417	58.3	10.76
<i>Northern Province.</i>																	
Jaffna	33,879	35,295	71	64	135	50	41	91	5	88	45.15	29.43	31.01	29	215	83.1	0.31
Mannar	3,338	3,338	8	6	14	6	2	8	1	8	49.51	28.29	32.30	1	71	83.1	0.00
Mullaitivu	1,308	1,404	2	2	4	2	1	3	—	3	33.62	25.21	27.61	—	Return not received	—	—
Yavuniya	566	595	1	1	2	9	—	9	6	3	39.70	59.55	71.62	—	—	—	2.09
<i>Southern Province.</i>																	
Galle	37,165	40,026	44	43	87	60	44	104	23	89	25.66	26.25	25.66	18	207	78.5	4.32
Matara	11,848	13,242	23	21	44	17	20	37	3	34	39.22	30.31	29.34	7	159	—	3.40
Welligama	7,430	9,903	7	7	14	5	8	13	—	13	16.69	15.50	13.99	—	—	—	—
Hambantota	2,843	3,056	4	12	16	5	3	8	—	7	61.81	27.04	28.31	4	250	83.1	0.74
Tangalla	2,333	2,629	5	2	7	3	3	6	1	6	31.43	26.94	28.46	2	286	—	1.97
<i>Eastern Province.</i>																	
Batticaloa	9,969	10,433	12	13	25	19	13	32	3	29	28.29	32.81	33.84	10	400	85.1	1.72
Trincomalee	11,887	11,295	16	13	29	14	19	33	1	33	30.31	34.49	40.00	5	172	85.0	0.25
<i>North-Western Province.</i>																	
Kurunegala	6,483	8,068	12	8	20	29	11	40	30	21	29.26	30.73	36.20	6	300	81.6	1.69
Puttalam	5,115	5,219	11	8	19	14	10	24	5	19	42.97	42.97	44.00	6	316	82.0	0.00
Kalpitiya	1,487	1,631	2	1	3	1	1	2	—	2	21.71	14.47	—	1	—	—	—
Chilaw	4,168	4,514	12	5	17	3	4	7	3	7	44.46	18.30	18.64	1	59	No records	—
<i>North-Central Province.</i>																	
Aruvadhapura	3,672	4,856	3	5	8	17	6	23	15	16	19.44	38.89	44.83	4	500	84.2	0.00
<i>Province of Uva.</i>																	
Badulla	5,924	6,686	4	6	10	18	7	25	16	14	17.65	24.72	25.28	3	300	75.4	1.14
Lunugala	—	416*	1	1	2	8	5	13	13	—	56.76	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Province of Sabaragamuwa.</i>																	
Ratnapura	4,084	4,548	8	5	13	28	15	43	36	12	33.75	31.15	32.24	3	231	79.9	7.61
Kegalle	2,340	2,571	4	—	4	11	4	15	14	1	18.37	4.59	4.78	1	—	—	—

* By "corrected rate" is here meant the rate calculated for the population of each town on the basis that its age- and sex-constitution is the same as for the whole Island, and also excluding the deaths of estate coolies and other non-residents.

† Infantile death-rates have been omitted where the number of births is less than five.

‡ In each of these columns blanks appear against towns which do not possess observatories or rain gauges.

§ Includes 12 deaths of Colombo town residents (all adults), which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

|| The population of "Hatton and Dikoya," Kalpitiya, and Lunugala towns at the Census of 1901 not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

¶ The death-rate given for "All Towns" is, therefore, independent of these three towns, but is scarcely affected by their rates owing to the smallness of their population.

** The population of Mannar and Trincomalee towns at the Census of 1891 not being available, no estimate can be made of the rate of growth 1891-1900 or 1901-1908. Their population estimated for 1908 is the Census population of 1901, less (in the case of Trincomalee) the Military, who are no longer stationed there.

*** The population of Lunugala town (as now constituted) was not enumerated at the Census of 1901. The figure given is of the population estimated at the beginning of October, 1907.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during July, 1908, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 31 Towns.				Western Provinces.			Central Province.			Northern Province.			Southern Province.			Eastern Province.		North-Western Province.			North-Central Provinces.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.														
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Penadure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Matara.	Weligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kapitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalle.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhaleses.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.		
All Causes	47	13	20	8	24	100	26	27	29	57	17	91	8	3	9	104	37	13	8	6	32	33	40	24	2	7	23	25	13	43	15	10	48	713	524	209	40	25		
I.—Infantile Mortality	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135	327	135
A.—One Week and under.	20	3	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1. Prematurity	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Debility	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3. Convulsions	37	11	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	13	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5. Tetanus	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6. Bronchitis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7. Pneumonia	7†	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8. Other causes	7†	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1. Prematurity	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Debility	32	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3. Convulsions	67	29	3	5	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	26	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5. Tetanus	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6. Bronchitis	17	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7. Pneumonia	33	16	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8. Other causes	30†	13	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,242	452	34	53	38	20	77	21	20	26	54	12	62	7	3	9	86	30	13	4	4	22	28	34	18	1	6	19	23	13	40	14	9	38	553	446	150	27	19	
1. Smallpox	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Simple Fever	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* This includes 12 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanakata. *vide* Table IV. footnote marked (*).
 † Here are included 1 death from Rickets in Colombo, 1 from Spina Bifida in Negombo, 1 from Congenital Obstruction of Bowels in Panadura, 2 from Malnutrition or Starvation (1 in Gampola and 1 in Puttalam), 1 from Congenital Syphilis in Nawalapitiya, and 1 from Fever in Jaffna.
 ‡ This includes, besides the 13 deaths described in Table IV. footnote (†), 3 deaths from Whooping Cough (1 in Negombo and 2 in Moratuwa), 3 from FEVER (1 in Matale and 2 in Jaffna), 3 from Erysipelas in Jaffna, 2 from Worms (1 in Negombo and 1 in Moratuwa), 1 each from Starvation, Measles, and Malarial Remittent Fever in Negombo, 1 from Thrush in Moratuwa, 1 from Nephritis in Jaffna and 1 from Tabes Mesenterica in Puttalam.

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of July, 1908, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population, and the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, in each Ward of the Colombo Municipality.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1901.	Population estimated to the middle of 1908 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Births registered.		Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths registered in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Deaths excluding Deaths (if any) of Estate Coolies and Non-residents.	Per mille per annum.			Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births registered.†	
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.			Persons.	Birth-rate.	Crude Death-rate.			Corrected Death-rate.*
Colombo Town	155,869	180,262	170	144	314	301	286	587	154‡	539	20.56	35.30	39.29	135	430
Fort and Galle Face	2,285	2,285§	1	2	3	1	—	1	—	1	15.50	5.16	—	—	—
Pettah	7,561	7,561§	1	2	3	3	3	6	—	6	4.68	9.37	—	2	—
St. Sebastian	9,349	10,536	8	10	18	19	12	31	—	31	20.17	34.88	—	11	611
St. Paul's	20,260	23,740	12	8	20	17	20	37	1	37	9.94	18.40	—	11	550
Kotahena	33,355	37,987	32	33	65	54	53	107	1	107	20.20	33.25	—	29	446
New Bazaar	17,470	20,027	18	12	30	24	19	43	—	43	17.68	25.35	—	12	400
Maredana Hospitals	30,381	36,606	34	28	62	82	59	141	141	93	—	—	—	11	—
Maredana (exclusive of Hospitals)	16,927	19,804	29	20	49	42	53	95	3	95	15.80	30.64	—	30	612
Slave Island	18,281	22,896	19	16	35	31	34	65	3	65	20.81	38.66	—	19	543
Kollupitiya	18,281	22,896	16	13	29	28	33	61	5	61	14.95	31.45	—	10	345

* For explanation of "corrected death-rate" vide Table I. footnote marked (*). The population of the several wards of the town at the Census of 1901 not being available by age and sex-consistency, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

† Infantile death-rates have been omitted where the number of births is less than five.

‡ Includes twelve deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta, and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar.

§ The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their estimated population cannot be calculated. Hence the Census figures are retained.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of July, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality.

Causes of Deaths.	Ward.										Deaths among all Races.						
	Fort and Galle Face	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes	1	6	31	37	107	43	141	95	65	61	9	38	308	98	91	23	20
I.—Infantile Mortality	—	2	11	11	29	12	11	30	19	10	—	8	73	18	27	6	3
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	—	1	2	3	3	1	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	5	1	1	—	—	6	3	1	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	3	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	3	1	—	1	4	1	1	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	2	4	2	9	5	—	5	2	3	—	1	20	4	4	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	1	4	—	4	3	3	3	—	2	13	1	1	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	3	4	2	3	—	4	—	2	—	—	8	1	5	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	4	2	1	—	5	3	1	—	1	5	5	4	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	5	3	—	—	1	4	—	5	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1	4	20	26	78	31	130	65	46	51	9	30	235	80	64	17	17
1. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Includes 12 deaths of town residents, which occurred in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kanatta (outside the town), and were registered by an extra-urban Registrar, viz: 6 deaths from Cholera (4 of patients in the Lunatic Asylum, Colombo; 1 of Slave Island and the other of St. Paul's); 3 deaths from Smallpox, (2 of residents of Slave Island and 1 of Maradana), and 3 from Enteric Fever, (2 of residents of Maradana and 1 of Bambalapitiya).

† This is a death from Rickets of a Sinhalese in Slave Island.

‡ 2 deaths from Inanition (in Kotahena), 2 from Tabes Mesenterica (in Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals), 2 from Worms (in Slave Island) and 1 each from Tuberculosis, Enteritis, Syphilis, Abscess, Peritonitis and Mal-nutrition and Gastro-intestinal caerrh (in St. Sebastian, St. Paul's, Maradana Hospitals, Maradana, exclusive of Hospitals, and Slave Island respectively.)

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of July, 1908, in each Ward and Race of the Colombo Municipality—*contd.*

Causes of Death.	Wards.										Deaths among all Races.								
	Colombo Town.	Port and Calle Race.	Pettah.	St. Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kothahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)— <i>contd.</i>																			
5. Simple Fever	50				2	6		22	8	7	5	1	4	28	10	4	3		
6. Enteric Fever	2					1		1	1					2					
7. Remittent Fever																			
8. Ague	1																		
9. Malarial Cachexia	6				1			19	3	1	4	1	1	3	1	4			
10. Cholera	48				2	8	4	9	3	6	4		3	31	7	1			
11. Diarrhoea	18				2	1	2	7			3			9	5	1			
12. Dysentery	7							1						3	4				
13. Doehmin Duodenalis	1							14						1					
14. Cancer	75				3	16	10	1	13	4	7	1	4	32	16	18	2		
15. Phthisis	4						1		1	1	2			3	2	1			
16. Other Tubercular Diseases	5				2	1	1		1	1	1			1	1	1			
17. Anæmia	4													3					
18. Diabetes Mellitus	4													4		2			
19. Convulsions	8													1	1	1			
20. Tetanus	2													1	1	1			
21. Bronchitis	19													1	3	4	1		
22. Pneumonia	46							11	2	2	3		3	26	8	8	1		
23. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	10				2	5	2	1	7	2	1		2	5	2	1			
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	1							4	1	1	1		1	1					
25. Puerperal Convulsions	1																		
26. Puerperal Fever	1																		
27. Miscarriage																			
28. Other and undefined Accidents of Child-birth	1					1								1					
29. Starvation	1																		
30. Accidents or Negligence	10							8	1			1		5	1	1	1		
31. Homicide	1							1						1					
32. Suicide	2							2						1					
33. Execution																			
34. All other Causes	*124	1		6	2	19	5	30	26	17	18	4	11	64	19	13	7		6

* Here are included 24 deaths from Old Age, 12 from Worms, 11 from Paralysis, 7 from Peritonitis, 5 from General Dropsy, 4 from Diseases of Liver, 3 from Apoplexy, 2 from Tumour, and 1 from Beri-beri.