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# VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1909.

## REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS Report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 31 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31 to 36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

#### Births.

2. The births registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,085 (566 males and 519 females), and were equal to an annual rate of  $26 \cdot 38$  per 1,000, against  $26 \cdot 52$  during the preceding month,  $27 \cdot 92$  in the corresponding month of last year, and  $30 \cdot 37$  the monthly average for the 24 months July, 1907, to June, 1909. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was in Hambantota (57 \cdot 22, average  $35 \cdot 54$ ), and the lowest in Kegalla (9 \cdot 04, average  $27 \cdot 77$ ).

3. In the city of Colombo the births numbered 356 (197 males and 159 females), and were equal to an annual rate of  $22 \cdot 80$  per 1,000, against  $25 \cdot 18$  in the preceding month,  $22 \cdot 33$  in the corresponding month of last year, and  $25 \cdot 18$  the monthly average. Of the wards (omitting Fort and Galle Face and the Pettah, which contain a population mainly adult and floating), the highest birth-rate was in Slave Island (30.18, average  $25 \cdot 30$ ), and the lowest in St. Paul's ( $12 \cdot 62$ , average  $18 \cdot 31$ ).

#### Deaths.

4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,417 (809 males and 608 females), and were equal to an annual rate of  $27 \cdot 77$  per 1,000, against  $29 \cdot 85$  during the preceding month,  $31 \cdot 23$  in the corresponding month of last year, and  $32 \cdot 29$  the monthly average. The health of the towns was thus better than usual. Excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, the highest death-rate was in Puttalam (66<sup>.79</sup>, average 41<sup>.70</sup>), followed by Panadure (63<sup>.42</sup>, or more than double the average 28<sup>.45</sup>), and the lowest in Kegalla (4<sup>.71</sup>, average 23<sup>.48</sup>)). The death-rate of the Panadure town this month has risen abruptly from the preceding month's rate (40<sup>.36</sup>), and is unprecedented so far as this town is concerned. The heavy mortality from Pneumonia and Dysentery in the Batticaloa town referred to in my report for last month now appears to have been due to a severe epidemic of Measles, a neglect of which resulted in those disease. The rate this month (46<sup>.26</sup>) shows a considerable fall from the previous month (80<sup>.95</sup>), but is still above the mean 36<sup>.16</sup>.

5. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 495 (295 males and 200 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 29.65 per 1,000, against 32.35 during the preceding month, 35.35 in the corresponding month of last year, and 35.04 the monthly average. The city was thus healthier than usual Omitting the Fort and Galle Face Ward, and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in Kollupitiya (14.46, average 21.67), and the highest in Slave Island (29.02, average 28.42).

#### Infantile Mortality.

6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 275 per 1,000 births registered, against 271 in the previous month, 275 in the corresponding month of last year, and 254 the monthly average. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the infant mortality ranged from 714 in Trincomalee (average 269) to 108 in Matara (average 174), and nil in Anuradhapura (average 405). The heavy mortality in the Trincomalee town is attributed to complications following measles and to the weather having been very wet and temperature unusually low, during the month.

7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 317 per 1,000 births registered, against 364 in the previous month, 340 in the corresponding month of last year, and 329 the monthly average, and ranged from 666 in Pettah (average 440) to 242 in Kollupitiya (average 314).

#### Causes of Death.

8. Infants.—Out of the 1,417 deaths from all causes at all ages in the 31 towns, 300 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 79 *Convulsions* (24 in Colombo, 13 in Kandy, 7 in Galle); 59 *Debility* (13 in Colombo, 10 in Jaffna, 7 in Batticaloa); 30 *Pneumonia* (15 in Colombo, 5 in Negombo). 10. General Mortality (One Year and over).—Out of the 1,117 deaths of persons one year and over in age, there were 161 from *Diarrhea*; 126 from *Pneumonia* (53 in Colombo, 9 in Kandy, 8 in Kurunegala, 7 each in Jaffna and Trincomalee); 113 from *Phthisis* (65 in Colombo, 9 in Kandy, 8 in Kurunegala, 7 in Galle, 6 in Jaffna); 111 from *Dysentery*; 55 from *Dochmius Duodenalis*; 34 from *Enteric Fever* (19 in Colombo, 4 in Galle).

11. The highest mortality in the town of Colombo was from *Phthisis* (17 per cent. of all deaths one year and over), followed by *Pneumonia* (14 per cent.) and *Enteric Fever* (5 per cent.). Maradana, even exclusive of the hospitals, contributed more deaths from these causes than any other wards: 16 *Phthisis*, 12 *Pneumonia*, and 3 *Enteric Fever*.

12. Taking all the towns together, Diarrhœa and Dysentery contributed the highest mortality (21 per cent.), followed by Bronchitis and Pneumonia (13 per cent.), Phthisis (8 per cent), and Infantile Convulsions (7 per cent.).

13. For detailed information see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and Tables III. and IV. for the city of Colombo, in the Appendix.

Registrar-General's Office, Colombo, September 14, 1909.

P. ARUNACHALAM, Registrar-General. Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during August, 1909, their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates and Infantile Mortality from July, 1907, to June, 1909, and the

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Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of August, 1909, 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, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates and Infantile Mortality from January, 1908, to June, 1909, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

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