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THE VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN MONTH OF **FEBRUARY, 1911.**

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 1,373 (703 males and 670 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 35.29 per 1,000, against 38.85 during the preceding month, 32.80 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29 60 the monthly average for the forty-two months July, 1907, to December, 1910. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was in Mullaittivu (108 19, average 34 40), and the lowest in Hatton and Dikoya (12 64, average 15 33).

In the city of Colombo* the births numbered 497 (263 males and 234 females), and were equal to an annual 3. rate; of 32.79 per 1,000, against 36.05 in the preceding month, 30.16 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25.23 the monthly average. Of the wards (omitting Fort and Galle Face and the Pettah, which contain a population mainly floating), the highest birth-rate was in New Bazaar (40.63, average 23.30), and the lowest in St. Paul's (15.95, average 17.43).

Deaths.

• 4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1.440 (792 males and 648 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 30.83 per 1,000, against 29.27 during the preceding month, 28.89 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30.28 the monthly average. Excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, the highest death-rate was in Mullaittivu (98.69, average 49.02), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (14.17, average 13.71).

5. In the city of Colombo* the deaths registered numbered 536 (299 males and 237 females), and were equal to an annual rate† of 33.62 per 1,000, against 29.84 during the preceding month, 29.93 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32.35 the monthly average. The health of the city was slightly worse than usual. Omitting Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in Kollupitiya (21.38, average 19.64), and the highest in St Paul's and New Bazaar (each 31.39, against their respective averages 23.60 and 28.64).

Infantile Mortality.

6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 232 per 1,000 births registered, against 216 in the preceding month, 220 in the or sounding month of last year, and 254 the monthly average. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the infantile mortality ranged from 444 in Batticaloa (average 335), 400 in Nuwara Eliya (average 297), 400 in Kurunegala (average 359), to 167 each in Anuradhapura and Badulla (average 410 and 243 respectively), 160 in Trincomalee (average 274), 156 each in Negombo and Galle (average 164 and 207 respectively).

7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 247 per 1,000 births registered, against 217 in the previous month, 286 in the corresponding month of last year, and 317 the monthly average, and ranged from 600 in Pettah (average 346) to 197 in New Bazaar (average 388).

Causes of Death.

8. Infan's.—Out of the 1,440 deaths from all causes at all ages in the 31 towns, 319 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 82 Convulsions (including 32 in Colombo, 7 in Moratuwa, 6 in Batticaloa, 5 in Kalutara); 57 Debility (17 in Colombo, 12 in Jaffna, 4 in Kandy); 52 Premature Birth (11 in Colombo, 7 in Jaffna, 6 each in Kandy and Galle, 5 in Moratuwa); 27 Tetanus (13 in Colombo, 7 in Galle); 17 Pneumonia (9 in Colombo); 16 Diarrhæa (6 in Colombo); 16 Enteritis (13 in Colombo); 11 Bronchitis (7 in Colombo).

* Consequent on the extension of the limits of the Colombo Municipality in February, 1910, by adding about 49 acres to Kotahena Ward, 531go Maradana Ward, and 1,013 to Kollupitiya Ward, it became necessary to alter the limits of these registra-tion divisions to make them co-terminous with the Municipal divisions, and this was done with effect from October 1, 1910, by Proclamation of September 13, 1910. The population of the town was increased but slightly, as the added parts are not populous. An additional Registrar has from October 1 been appointed to Kollupitiya Ward, owing to the large area of the ward as enlarged, the set the divided into two registration divisions. the ward being divided into two registration divisions, north and south. † The city-rate is worked out independently of the ward-rates and on a different basis of population, and takes into

account hospital events, &c., not assignable to wards.

9. In the city of Colombo, out of the 536 deaths from all causes at all ages, 123 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 32 Convulsions (13 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 8 in Kollupitiya, 4 in St. Paul's, 3 in Slave Island); 17 Debility (4 in Slave Island, 3 each in New Bazaar and Maradana hospitals); 13 Enteritis (7 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 2 each in St. Paul's and Kotahena); 13 Tetanus (7 in Kotahena, 3 in New Bazaar); 11 Premature Birth (3 each in Kotahena and Kollupitiya, 2 each in Maradana hospitals and Slave Island); 9 Pneumonia (5 in Kotahena, 2 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals); 7 Bronchitis (4 in New Bazaar); 6 Diarrhæa (2 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals).

★ 10. General Mortality (One Year and over).—Out of the 1,121 deaths of persons one year and over in age in the 31 towns, there were 139 from *Pneumonia* (60 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa, 6 each in Batticaloa and Kegalla, 5 each in Kalutara, Jaffna, Kurunegala, and Kalpitiya); 122 from *Diarrhœa* (19 in Ratnapura, 10 in Kandy, 9 each in Colombo, Matale, and Lunugala, 8 each in Jaffna and Matara); 113 from *Phthisis* (64 in Colombo, 10 in Galle, 7 in Kandy, 6 in Moratuwa); 61 from *Dysentery* (20 in Colombo, 9 in Ratnapura, 6 in Badulla); 61 from *Dochmius Duodenalis* or *Anchylostomiasis* (14 in Colombo, 8 in Kandy, 6 each in Matale and Kegalla); 42 from *Enteritis* (31 in Colombo, 5 in Badulla, 3 in Galle); 40 from *Malarial Cachexia* (5 each in Matale and Trincomalee, 4 each in Moratuwa, Batticaloa, and Badulla); 39 from *Remittent Fever* (8 each in Colombo and Jaffna, 5 in Chilaw, 4 in Matara); 38 from *Enteric Fever* (9 in Colombo, 2 each in Negombo and Anuradhapura); 19 from *Bronchitis* (15 in Colombo, 2 in Colombo, 2 each in Negombo and Anuradhapura); 19 from *Bronchitis* (15 in Colombo).

11. The highest mortality in the city of Colombo was from *Phthisis* (15 per cent. of all deaths one year and over), followed by *Pneumonia* (14 per cent.), *Enteritis* (7 per cent.), *Enterico Fever* (6 per cent.), *Dysentery* (5 per cent). Out of the 113 deaths from *Phthisis* in all towns at all ages, 64 occurred in Colombo. *Phthisis* and *Pneumonia* were together responsible for 133 deaths at all ages in the city, or nearly 25 per cent. of the deaths from all causes.

12. Taking all the towns together, Diarrhaa and Dysentery contributed the highest mortality (nearly 14 per cent.), followed by Bronchitis and Pneumonia (13 per cent.), Phthisis (8 per cent.), and Infantile Convulsions (7 per cent.).

Meteorology.

13. Rainfall.—Kalutara records the highest rainfall (6.54 inches), as in the previous month. The next highest, 4.39 inches, was in Tangalla. Colombo records 0.45 inches. In Negombo, Mannar, and Kurunegala there was no rainfall at all.

14. Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from 69.4 in Badulla to 80.6° in Ratnapura, and was 78.0° in Colombo, 76.0° in Kandy, and 75.9° in Anuradhapura. Information in respect of Nuwara Eliya, which usually records the lowest temperature, has not been received.

+ 15. 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, March 14, 1911. N. W. MORGAPPAH, for Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during February, 1911, 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 December, 1910, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in the month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1895. *

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† This includes, besides the 13 deaths mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 each from Thrush, (in Moratuwa), Fever and Congential Syphilis (in Randy), Asthma (in Jafina), Worms (1 in Negombo, 1 in Panadure), Inanition (in Puttalam), Abscess (1 in Jafina, 1 in Weligama), and 1 each from Imperforate Anus (in Kalutara), Stomatitis (in Gampola), Intussusception of Intestine (in Nawalapitiya), Congestion of Lungs, (in Galle), Malaria (in Tangalla), Malaria (in Batricaloa), and Erysipelas (in Jafina).

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during February, 1911, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

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Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February. 1911, 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 December, 1919, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

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New Bazaar	17,470	21,178	30	36	66	25	. 26	51	ł	51	23-30	40.63	28.64	31-39	1	13	388	- 161
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Slave Island	16,927	21,187	25	19	44	20	16	36	ł	36	24.17	27-07	26 · 14	22.15		13	380	295
Kollupitiya	18,281	28,662‡	27	22	49	28	19	47	.	47	17.04	22 · 59	19-64	21.38	1	13	275	265

death-rates cannot be calculated. † Infantile death-rates omitted where number of births is less than five. ‡ This includes the population estimated as added on the extension of the town limits. See note *, p. 1. § The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their estimated population cannot be calculated. Hence the Census figures are retainen.

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