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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 1911:

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

Thus 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 1,135 (600 males and 535 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 26.56 per 1,000, against 26.20 during the preceding month, 25.18 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29.89 the monthly average for the forty-eight months, July, 1907, to June, 1911. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was, as in the previous month, in Mannar (65.46, average 41.48), and the lowest in Kegalla (4.64, average 28.44).
- 3. In the city of Colombo* the births numbered 408 (277 males and 181 females), and were equal to an annual rate† of 22.63 per 1,000, against 24.04 in the preceding month, 21.85 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25.61 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 Slave Island (24.64, average 24.08), and the lowest was, as in the four previous months, in St. Paul's (15.71, average 17.04).

Deaths.

- 4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 2.026 (1.096 males and 930 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 36.93 per 1,000, against 30.47 during the preceding month, 27.29 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30.06 the monthly average. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala), the highest birth-rate was, as in the previous month, in Ratnapura (140.19, average 40.50), and the lowest in Nuwara Eliya (14.40, average 13.44), followed by Negombo (18.40, average 23.19).
- 5. In the city of Colombo* the deaths registered numbered 731 (406 males and 325 females), and were equal to an annual rate† of 37.34 per 1,000, against 35.08 during the preceding month, 31.72 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32.18 the monthly average. Omitting Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in Kotahena (24.26, average 21.43), and the highest in San Sebastian (44.87, average 24.32).

Infantile Mortality.

- 6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 325 per 1,000 births registered, against 283 in the preceding month, 275 in the corresponding month of last year, and 251 the monthly average. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the infantile mortality ranged from 833 in Ratnapura (average 239), 636 in Puttalam (average 272), 542 in Kandy (average 234), to 105 in Weligama (average 101), 100 in Galle (average 202), 94 in Negombo (average 175), and 91 in Chilaw (average 188).
- 7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 426 per 1,000 births registered, against 391 in the previous month, 352 in the corresponding month of last year, and 311 the monthly average, and ranged from 576 in St. Paul's (average 412) to 275 in Kollupitiya (average 268).

Causes of Death.

- 8. Infants.—Out of the 2,026 deaths from all causes at all ages in the 31 towns, 369 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 90 Convulsions (including 45 in Colombo, 9 in Moratuwa); 66 Debility (28 in Colombo, 11 in Kandy); 36 Premature Birth (12 in Colombo, 6 in Kandy); 31 Enteritis (22 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa); 22 Pneumonia (16 in Colombo); 17 Bronchitis (8 in Colombo); 11 Tetanus (4 in Galle).
- * Consequent on the extension of the limits of the Colombo Municipality in February, 1910, by adding about 49 acres to Kotahena Ward, 531 to Maradana Ward, and 1,013 to Kollupitiya Ward, it became necessary to alter the limits of these registration 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 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 731 deaths from all causes at all ages, 174 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 45 Convulsions (18 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, 6 each in St. Paul's and Kollupitiya); 28 Debility (10 in Slave Island, 5 in St. Paul's); 22 Enteritis (14 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals); 16 Pneumonia (4 in St. Paul's); 8 Diarrhæa (3 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals); 8 Bronchitis (2 each in San Sebastian, Kotahena, and New Bazaar); 3 Tetanus (all in St. Paul's).
- 10. General Mortality (One Year and over).—Out of the 1,657 deaths of persons one year and over in age in the 31 towns, there were 265 from Diarrhea (75 in Ratnapura, 45 in Matale, 19 in Kegalla, 17 in Nawalapitiya); 164 from Pneumonia (67 in Colombo, 12 each in Kandy and Jaffna); 133 from Dysentery (43 in Cloombo, 20 in Kandy, 12 in Ratnapura); 108 from Phthisis (63 in Colombo); 82 from Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis (27 in Matale, 16 in Kandy); 69 from Enteritis (45 in Colombo, 11 in Badulla); 62 from Malaria (11 in Colombo, 7 in Jaffna); 53 from Enteric Fever (42 in Colombo); 51 from Malarial Cachexia (9 in Batticaloa); 47 from Pyrexia or Fever (32 in Kandy); 37 from Convulsions (13 in Colombo); 37 from Bright's Disease and Nephritis (12 in Colombo); 27 from Bronchitis (19 in Ratnapura and 3 in Colombo), a continuation of the epidemic which broke out in Ragama Cooly Camp and extended to this city in May last.
- 11. The highest mortality in the city of Colombo was from *Pneumonia* (12 per cent. of all deaths one year and over), followed by *Phthisis* (11 per cent.), *Enteritis* (8 per cent.), *Enteric Fever* (8 per cent.). Out of the 108 deaths from *Phthisis* in all towns at all ages, 63 occurred in Colombo. *Phthisis* and *Pneumonia* were together responsible for 146 deaths at all ages in the city, or 20 per cent. of the deaths from all causes.
- 12. Taking all the towns together, Diarrhæa and Dysentery contributed the highest mortality (21 per cent.), followed by Bronchitis and Pneumonia (9 per cent.), Infantile Convulsions (6 per cent.), Phthis (5 per cent.).

Meteorology.

- 13. Rainfall.—" Hatton and Dikoya" records the highest rainfall (27.64 inches), followed by Nuwara Eliya (11.05 inches). The next highest, 9.27 inches and 7.70 inches, were in Gampola and Kandy respectively. In Jaffina, Vavuniya, Batticaloa, Chilaw, and Badulla the rainfall was less than one inch, while in Mannar, Mullaittivu, Puttalam, and Anuradhapura there was no rainfall at all.
- 14. Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from 58.0° in Nuwara Eliya to 86.6° in Batticaloa, 84.4° in Trincomalee, 83.5° in Mannar, and was 80.8° in Colombo, 74.6° in Kandy.
- 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, August 15, 1911. P. ARUNACHALAM, Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during July, 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 June, 1911, and the and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates and Infantile Mortality from July, 1907, to June, 1911, 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 32 deaths mentioned in Table 1V., footnote †, 9 deaths from Malaria (4 in Hambantota, 2 in Jaffna, 1 each in Gampola, Kurunegala, and Korunadhapura, 1 in Matale, 1 in Kegalla), 3 from Congenital Syphilis (1 each in Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, and Kurunegala), 2 each from Malaria Cachexia (1 in Puttalam, 1 in Badulla), Thrush (1 in Negombo, 1 in Galle), Worms (in Puttalam), Inhibit (in Jaffna), and 1 each from Abscess (in Jaffna), Teething (in Tangalla), Parangi (in Kurunegala), Congestion of Lungs (in Galle), Croup (in Kandy), Peritonitis and Asthma (in Jaffna).

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during July, 1911, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 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 July, 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, 1910, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

* For explanation of "corrected death-rate" "see note *, Table I. The population of the several wards of the city not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their corrected death-rates cannot be calculated.

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

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of July, 1911, in each Ward and Race of the City of Colombo.

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• Includes 5 deaths from Maradana, exclusive of hospitals and 1 in New Bazaar), 4: from Dysentery (2 in Slave Island and 1 each in New Bazaar and Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, and Slave Island), 3 from Want of Breastmilk (2 in «Kotahena and 1 in Maradana Hospitals), 2: from Want of Breastmilk (2 in «Kotahena and 1 in Maradana Hospitals), 2: from Rickets (1 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar), 2: from Malaria (1 each in Seastian and Maradana Hospitals), 2: from Rickets (1 each in Kollupitiya), 2: from Malaria (1 each in New Bazaar and Kollupitiya), and 1: each from Congestion of the Liver (in Kollupitiya), Stomatitis and Nephritis (in Maradana Hospitals), and Pyrexia (in Shave Esland).