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VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1891.

I.—POPULATION.

The estimated population of the Island on the last day of the quarter was 3,017,198, showing an increase of 14,789 on the previous quarter. This increase was due to an excess of 2,044 of births over deaths, and to a further excess of 12,745 of arrivals over departures of Indian coolies.

Table I. in the appendix gives the area and estimated population of each Province and district of the Island in the quarter.

2. *Arrivals and Departures of Indian Coolies.*—The total number of arrivals in the quarter (31,226) was 4,767, or 18 per cent. in excess of the mean annual number in the corresponding quarter of the last four years (the period in the past decade during which the tide of immigration was in favour of the Island), though the departures in the previous quarter (16,795) were less than the annual average for the same period in the four years under comparison (17,027). The departures in the quarter number 18,481, as against 13,932, the mean annual number in the second quarter in 1887–90, and show an increase of 33 per cent.

Arrivals and Departures in the Second Quarter of each year from 1887–91, and also the Departures in the First Quarter of those years.

Year.	Second Quarter.		First Quarter.	
	Arrivals.	Departures.	Arrivals.	Departures.
1887	25,830	16,137	15,700	18,516
1888	31,109	16,671	16,529	17,365
1889	19,404	13,185	18,481	16,795
1890	29,495	9,735
1891	31,226	18,481

II.—MARRIAGES.

3. The number of general marriages—*i.e.*, marriages other than Kandyan or Mohammedan—registered in the quarter was 2,206, and of Kandyan marriages 870, as against 2,595 and 875 in the previous quarter, and 2,077 and 809 in the second quarter of last year respectively.

Table III. shows the marriages solemnised among the general community in every Province and district of the Island, the civil condition, nationality, the highest, lowest, and mean ages of the parties, the mode of solemnisation, the number of bridegrooms and brides who were unable to sign their names in the registers, &c.

Table IV. gives similar information in respect of the Kandyans.

4. *First Marriages: Re-marriages.*—Of the 2,206 general marriages, 1,959 (equal to 89 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 46 between bachelors and widows, 172 between widowers and spinsters, 28 between widowers and widows, and 1 between a divorced man and a spinster. Of the 870 Kandyan marriages, 713 (equal to 82 per cent.) were between bachelors and spinsters, 28 between bachelors and widows, 82 between widowers and spinsters, 22 between widowers and widows, 9 between divorced men and spinsters, 8 between divorced women and bachelors, 6 between divorced women and widowers, and 2 between divorced men and divorced women.

5. *Age at Marriage.*—The mean age at marriage for the general community was, for males 27·6 years and for females 19·5; for the Kandyans, 26·2 for males and 20 for females.

6. *Minors.*—In the general community, 8 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 78 per cent. of the brides were under 21; and amongst the Kandyans, 17 per cent. of the bridegrooms and 69 per cent. of the brides were under 21.

7. *Mixed Marriages.*—In this quarter there were 16 mixed marriages: 8 between Burghers and Singhalese, 1 between a Burgher and a Tamil, 6 between Singhalese and Tamils, and 1 between other races.

8. *Signatures in the Marriage Register.*—Of the 4,412 persons married among the general community this quarter, 483 men and 1,709 women signed the register with marks: that is to say, 73 per cent. of the men and 22·5 per cent. of the women were able to write their names. Of the 1,740 persons married among the Kandyans, 330 men and 837 women signed the register with marks, or, in other words, 62 per cent. of the men and less than 4 per cent. of the women were able to write their names.

III.—BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

9. *Births.*—The births registered in the quarter numbered 24,382, and were in the proportion of 32·6 per 1,000 persons living, as against 29·1, the average of the corresponding period for the last ten years. This rate is higher than in any previous quarter, if the rates in the past two quarters (which were respectively 39·9 and 35·3) and in their corresponding quarters in 1887 (39·0) and 1888 (34·1) be excepted, and shows an increase of 12 per cent. on the mean birth-rate.

10. *Deaths.*—The deaths registered in the quarter amounted to 22,338, being 4,645 more than the number in the corresponding quarter of last year (17,693). Of this number, 6,735 were registered in April, 7,260 in May, and 8,343 in June; each succeeding month was unhealthier than its predecessor. The death-rate was equal to 29·8, showing an increase of 23 per cent. on the mean rate for the second quarter in the preceding ten years (24·2).

11. *The Births and Deaths and their Rates in the quarter are compared in the following statement with the results of the past quarter, the second quarter of 1890, and the average of ten past corresponding periods:—*

	Births.	Deaths.	Per Mille per Annum.	
			Birth-rate.	Death-rate.
Average of ten previous second quarters	20,481	17,223	29·1	24·2
Second Quarter of 1890	22,392	17,693	31·0	24·6
First Quarter of 1891	26,131	23,119	35·3	31·2
Second Quarter of 1891	24,382	22,338	32·6	29·8

12. *Sex.*—Of the total number of births (24,382) registered in the quarter, 12,643 were males and 11,739 were females, *i.e.*, 108 males to 100 females. Of the total number of deaths (22,338), 11,397 were males and 10,941 were females. Out of equal numbers living of each sex there died 91 males to 100 females.

13. *Health of the Districts.*—The general health of the people during the quarter (death-rate 29·8) has been less favourable than the average in the corresponding period of the past ten years (death-rate 24·2). Three-fourths of the districts, as will be seen from the comparative table below, showed increased mortality. Among them Hambantota, Matara, Negombo, Puttalam, and Chilaw districts deserve special notice. In Hambantota the death-rate, though a great improvement on the preceding quarter, having fallen from the extraordinary rate of 96·3 to 51·2 per 1,000, is still more than double the normal mean rate in the quarter (23·3). The improvement, nevertheless, is satisfactory, the deaths recorded showing a continued decline from 911, the maximum number in February, to 492 in March, 430 in April, 407 in May, and 297 in June, the last month of the quarter under review. Matara, like Hambantota, comes with a high death-rate (35·2), more than double the mean (16·6), and instead of occupying, next to Colombo, the first place as the healthiest district in the Island, has fallen even below Anuradhapura (32·4) and Trincomalee (31·8) districts (with the exception of Mannar and Kurunegala), the unhealthiest in the second quarter during the last ten years. Negombo (35·3), another healthy district, has during the quarter been quite as bad as Matara (35·2) in point of health, the death-rate recorded being greater than in any past quarter in the last decade, save in the corresponding quarter of 1887, when the prevalence of malarial fever raised the rate to 45·6, though rates so low as 11·6, 11·3, and 14·2 were recorded during the same period in the years 1882, 1883, and 1884, respectively. Puttalam and Chilaw, though less unhealthy than in the last quarter (47·8), show a death-rate of 37·0, which is an increase of 50 per cent. on the mean rate of the second quarter in 1881–90 (24·7). Next to Puttalam and Chilaw the largest increase in the death-rate was in the Kandy District (39 per cent. over the mean), which comes with a death-rate of 32·1. A rate so high as this has only once been recorded in this district since 1881. Then comes the Galle District with an increase of 23 per cent. and a death-rate (23·2), the highest recorded for the second quarter in the past ten years, and then comes Colombo with an increase of 22 per cent. from 16·0 (the lowest mean death-rate shown by any district in the Island for the second quarter in the ten years 1881–90) to 19·6, then Badulla and Ratnapura with an equal rate of increase (22 per cent.) from 27·2 and 30·8 to 33·2 and 37·5 per 1,000, respectively, and Kurunegala with an increase of 20 per cent. from 40·2 to 48·2, and Matara with an increase of 18 per cent. from 31·2 to 36·8. In Nuwara Eliya, Kegalla, Kalutara, Mullaitivu, and Vavuniya the increase was below 10 per cent. Jaffna, Trincomalee, and Anuradhapura form an exception, showing a decrease on their respective death-rates of 17 per cent. each, and with them also come Mannar and Batticaloa, showing a decrease of 8 and 4 per cent. respectively.

The percentage of increase or decrease in the death-rate of each district in the quarter is shown in the following statement, as compared with the average for ten second quarters from 1881 to 1890 :—

Death-rate per Mille per Annum.

District.	Second Quarter of 1891.	Average of Ten Second Quarters in 1881–90.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease.
Hambantota ...	51·2	23·3	120
Matara ...	35·2	16·6	112
Negombo ...	35·3	20·7	70
Puttalam and Chilaw ...	37·0	24·7	50
Kandy ...	32·1	23·1	39
Galle ...	23·2	18·9	23
Colombo ...	19·6	16·0	22
Badulla ...	33·2	27·2	22
Ratnapura ...	37·5	30·8	22
Kurunegala ...	48·2	40·2	20
Matalé ...	36·8	31·2	18
Nuwara Eliya ...	19·8	18·7	6
Kegalla ...	32·6	31·0	5
Kalutara ...	19·0	18·3	4
Mullaitivu and Vavuniya ...	38·6	37·9	2
Jaffna ...	17·1	20·7	—17
Trincomalee ...	31·8	38·3	—17
Anuradhapura ...	32·4	39·0	—17
Mannar ...	42·9	46·8	—8
Batticaloa ...	30·0	31·2	—4

The deaths exceeded the births this quarter in Kandy (2,300 deaths to 2,186 births), Mannar (261 deaths to 252 births), Mullaitivu (93 deaths to 54 births), Vavuniya (56 deaths to 40 births), Matara (1,560 deaths to 1,438 births), Hambantota (1,134 deaths to 585 births), Kurunegala (2,770 deaths to 1,863 births), Puttalam (289 deaths to 217 births), Chilaw (539 deaths to 376 births), Ratnapura (1,010 deaths to 931 births), and Kegalla (1,227 deaths to 1,106 births).

14. *Age at Death.*—Table IX. shows the number of deaths registered in the quarter at different periods of life for either sex in each Province and district. Of the 22,338 deaths registered in the Island this quarter, 3,985, equal to 18 per cent. of the total deaths, occurred under one year; 7,919, or 35 per cent., under five years; 60 persons are reported to have been centenarians, and 1,197 persons to have died at various ages between 75 and 100.

15. *Registered Causes of Death.*—Table VII. in the appendix gives the causes of deaths registered in each district of the Island and of each nationality.

16. *Fever and Diarrhæal Diseases.*—Of the 22,338 deaths registered in the quarter, 6,013 were reported due to various forms of fever and 3,300 to diarrhæal diseases, *i. e.*, fever contributed 27 per cent. and diarrhæal diseases 15 per cent. of the total deaths from all causes. In Hambantota 68 per cent. of the deaths and in Matara 51 per cent. were due to fever. Under the head diarrhæal diseases cholera caused 424 deaths.

17. Smallpox accounts for 291 deaths, of which 228 were in Colombo, 30 in Kandy, 10 in Negombo, 9 in Galle, 8 in Kalutara.

To chickenpox 30 deaths are attributed (of which 9 were in Mannar, 7 in Kandy, 4 in Colombo, 4 in Nuwara Eliya, 3 in Negombo) and to measles 178 (of which 52 were in Kandy, 44 in Colombo, 31 in Kegalla, 13 in Nuwara Eliya, 11 in Badulla, 7 in Chilaw, 6 in Galle, 5 in Kurunegala).

18. The other chief causes of deaths were infantile convulsions 1,844, rickets 1,103, convulsions 1,008, collapse 751, worms 708, anæmia 607, phthisis 491, debility 491, general dropsy 396, puerperal convulsions 364, old age 322, inflammation 250, childbirth 215, thrush 215, pneumonia 181, rheumatism 157, ulcer and bedsores 149, fractures and contusions 144, pleurisy, 133, scrofula 95, bronchitis 82, asthma 81, parangi 71 (of which 38 in Kurunegala), premature birth 51 (of which 35 in Badulla), starvation and want of breast milk 51 (of which 12 in Badulla, 8 in Nuwara Eliya, 6 in Kandy, 6 in Kegalla, 4 in Mannar, 3 in Mullaitivu), cancer 37, syphilis 36, tetanus 32, leprosy 16, hydrophobia 12, delirium tremens 4.

19. *Accidental Deaths and Suicides.*—Of the 372 deaths attributed to these causes, 92 are attributed to drowning, 85 to falling from trees, 48 to snake-bites, 13 to burns and scalds, 12 to lightning, 10 to gun-shot wounds, 9 to fall of heavy substances, 7 to poison, 6 to injuries at birth, 4 to fall from heights other than trees, 4 to injuries from crocodiles, 2 to buffaloes, 2 to bulls, and 1 to sunstroke. Six persons were run over by carts and 3 by train. There were 26 cases of suicide (as against 11 in the previous quarter), of which 19 were by hanging, 5 by drowning, 1 by cut or stab wounds.

20. *Murders and Executions.*—Eighteen deaths registered this quarter are attributed to murder and other forms of homicide. Twelve men were judicially executed (6 in Colombo, 4 in Kandy, and 2 in Galle).

IV.—HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF COLOMBO.

21. The town of Colombo has been better this quarter in point of health (22·4) than in the last (27·1), but compares unfavourably with the corresponding quarter of the previous four years 1887–90 (21·5). I may here remark that the town death-rates for this and the past quarter are somewhat understated, as a large number of deaths from smallpox assignable to the town were registered outside the Municipal limits, the deaths having occurred in the Smallpox Hospital at Kanatta. The actual mortality in the town from smallpox, as shown by the Sanitary Officer's report, was 134 last quarter and 30 this quarter. Accepting these figures in place of those appearing in the appendices to this report, the town death-rate in the quarter would be 23·6, as against 30·6, in last quarter. The causes of deaths may be summarised as follows:—

Simple continued fever	...	134	Debility	...	19
Enteric fever	...	27	Old age	...	17
Smallpox	...	1	Liver diseases	...	14
Chickenpox	...	3	General dropsy	...	13
Measles	...	5	Fractures and contusions	...	13
Diarrhœal diseases	...	81	Heart diseases	...	10
Infantile convulsions	...	123	Convulsions	...	10
Parasitic diseases	...	52	All other causes	...	121
Phtthisis	...	26			
Childbirth	...	22			
Pneumonia	...	19			
			Total	...	710

22. The subjoined table gives the births and deaths and their rates of each nationality living in Colombo Municipality for the second quarter of the year, and the average of the corresponding period in the previous four years:—

Nationalities.	Population at the Census of 1891.	Births.		Deaths.		Births: Rate per Mille per Annum.		Deaths: Rate per Mille per Annum.	
		Average of the Second Quarters, 1887–90	Second Quarter, 1891.	Average of the Second Quarters, 1887–90.	Second Quarter, 1891.	Average of the Second Quarters, 1887–90.	Second Quarter, 1891.	Average of the Second Quarters, 1887–90.	Second Quarter, 1891.
ALL RACES ...	126,926*	495	667	600	710	17·5	21·1	21·5	22·4
Europeans, including Military	2,542	12	16	11	16	21·9	25·2	19·2	25·2
Burghers	9,979	38	37	20	15	17·2	14·9	7·6	6·0
Sinhalese	53,329	196	250	208	220	16·7	18·8	15·8	16·5
Tamils	29,133	34	27	91	85	5·5	3·7	13·8	11·7
Moors	26,834	189	302	235	331	32·1	45·1	40·0	49·5
Malays	3,350	18	29	22	29	24·2	34·7	30·3	34·7
Others	1,759	8	6	13	14	21·9	13·7	34·9	31·9

23. *European Births and Deaths.*—The European deaths were 16 in number (2 from enteric fever, 1 from delirium tremens, 1 from phtthisis, 1 from old age, 1 from brain disease, 1 from apoplexy, 1 from paralysis, 1 from pneumonia, 1 from lung disease, 2 from liver disease, and 4 from drowning) and correspond to an annual rate of 25·2 which is curiously enough also their birth-rate in the quarter.

24. *Births and Deaths of other Races.*—Among the Burghers, the birth-rate for the quarter was 14·9, which is less than their mean rate for the corresponding period in 1887–90 (17·2), and slightly also less than their rate throughout the Island (15·6). Among the Sinhalese the town birth-rate for the second quarter averaged 16·5 per 1,000 in the five years 1887–91 and is about 47 per cent. less than their rate for the Island (31·0); and among the Tamils the rate averaged 7·1 per 1,000 is 73 per cent. less than their rate for the Island (26·0), while the Moors and Malays show higher rates for the town than for the Island, having been respectively 33·7 and 25·4 (town), as against 31·3 and 15·7 (Island).

The death-rate exceeded the birth-rate among all the races living in the town except the Burghers and the Sinhalese. Among the Europeans the rates are balanced. The lowest recorded rate in the town is, as usual, among the Burghers, who show this quarter a rate (6·0), 21 per cent. less than their mean rate in the corresponding period of the preceding four years (7·6), and 49 per cent. less than their rate for the whole Island (11·7). The Sinhalese death-rate for the second quarter averaged 16·0 in the five years 1887–91, and is 36 per cent. less than their rate for the Island (25·2), and the Tamil death-rate averaged 13·4, and is 40 per cent. less than their rate for the Island (22·4), while the Moors and Malays show higher rates for the town than for the Island, having been respectively 41·9 and 31·2 (town), as against 27·9 and 21·0 (Island). The increased mortality among the Moors this quarter resulted, as in the preceding quarter, from an unusual increase in the number of deaths from fever (92 deaths occurred among the Moors against 42 among the other races), infantile convulsions (82 deaths among the Moors against 41 among the other races), parasitic worms (40 deaths among the Moors against 10 among the other races), and childbirth (16 deaths among the Moors against 6 among the other races). The smallpox mortality (taking the figures in the past two quarters together as given in the Sanitary Officer's report) was proportionately to population less among the Tamils and Moors than among the Burghers or Sinhalese. The proportions of deaths to attacks among the different races were as follows:—

	No. attacked.	No. Fatal.	No. Fatal to One hundred Attacks.		No. attacked.	No. Fatal.	No. Fatal to One hundred Attacks.
Europeans	2	—	—	Tamils	127	21	16
Burghers	57	10	17	Moors	132	26	20
Sinhalese	521	106	20	Malays	10	1	10

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* The figures among the different races are distributed according to the proportion found to prevail at the Census of 1881.

APPENDIX.

I.—Area, Estimated Population, Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the Second Quarter of 1891.

Province and District.	Area in square miles.	Population, April, 1891.*	MARRIAGES.			BIRTHS (exclusive of Still-born).					DEATHS (exclusive of Still-born).		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Legitimate.		Illegitimate.		Total.	Males.	Females.
							Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
CEYLON ...	25,365	3,004,349	3,076	2,206	870	24,382	9,117	8,483	3,526	3,256	22,338	11,397	10,941
Western	1,371	762,328	1,060	1,060	—	5,865	2,812	2,562	276	215	4,222	2,194	2,028
Central	2,239	472,485	225	71	154	3,670	1,250	1,239	628	553	3,639	1,903	1,736
Northern	3,171	319,186	362	362	—	2,715	890	817	504	504	1,599	853	746
Southern	1,980	489,215	497	495	2	3,813	1,382	1,314	593	524	3,981	1,911	2,070
Eastern	1,657	148,079	70	67	3	1,518	501	443	303	271	1,136	554	582
North-Western	3,024	319,947	285	119	166	2,456	925	832	355	344	3,598	1,829	1,769
North-Central	4,047	74,665	27	1	26	684	160	140	191	193	604	346	258
Uva	3,790	159,836	205	9	196	1,624	492	460	333	339	1,322	680	642
Sabaragamuwa	2,085	258,608	345	22	323	2,037	705	676	343	313	2,237	1,127	1,110
Western.													
Colombo	542	445,441	616	616	—	2,916	1,450	1,303	95	68	2,179	1,194	985
Negombo	248	132,873	188	188	—	1,430	616	606	118	90	1,170	564	606
Kalutara	581	184,014	256	256	—	1,519	746	653	63	57	873	436	437
Central.													
Kandy	904	287,387	139	47	92	2,186	729	732	379	346	2,300	1,187	1,113
Mátalé	982	76,544	56	13	43	705	253	234	121	97	703	368	335
Nuwara Eliya	353	108,554	30	11	19	779	268	273	128	110	636	348	288
Northern.													
Jaffna	875	279,324	321	321	—	2,369	725	676	484	484	1,189	625	564
Mannár	432	24,376	32	32	—	252	138	108	2	4	261	164	107
Mullaittivu	927	7,329	6	6	—	54	12	15	15	12	93	48	45
Vevuniya	937	8,157	3	3	—	40	15	18	3	4	56	26	30
Southern.													
Galle	537	222,873	295	293	2	1,790	777	732	147	134	1,287	637	650
Mátara	548	177,542	160	160	—	1,438	463	456	259	260	1,560	746	814
Hambantota	895	88,800	42	42	—	585	142	126	187	130	1,134	528	606
Eastern.													
Batticaloa	2,595	122,506	47	44	3	1,321	426	382	268	245	933	445	488
Trincomalee	1,062	25,573	23	23	—	197	75	61	35	26	203	109	94
North-Western.													
Kurunégala	1,840	230,300	198	34	164	1,863	664	612	298	289	2,770	1,386	1,390
Puttalam	1,184	26,478	21	19	2	217	93	79	24	21	289	167	122
Chilaw		63,169	66	66	—	376	168	141	33	34	539	282	257
North-Central.													
Anurádhapura	4,047	74,665	27	1	26	684	160	140	191	193	604	346	258
Uva.													
Badulla	3,790	159,836	205	9	196	1,624	492	460	333	339	1,322	680	642
Sabaragamuwa.													
Ratnapura	1,434	107,886	212	6	206	931	368	358	105	100	1,010	518	492
Kégalla	651	150,722	133	16	117	1,106	337	318	238	213	1,227	609	618

* The Estimate of the population is based on the Census of February 26, 1891, and the subsequent returns of Births and Deaths.

II.—Birth and Death Rates in the First and Second Quarters of this year, the Second Quarter of 1890, and the Mean Rate for the Second Quarter in the years 1881-90.

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Average of Ten previous Second Quarters.	Second Quarter of 1890.	First Quarter of 1891.	Second Quarter of 1891.	Average of Ten previous Second Quarters.	Second Quarter of 1890.	First Quarter of 1891.	Second Quarter of 1891.
CEYLON	29.1	31.2	35.3	32.6	24.2	21.9	31.2	29.8
Western...	26.7	25.7	33.8	30.9	18.3	15.4	20.3	24.6
Central ...	25.9	27.1	30.7	31.1	24.3	21.4	27.1	29.6
Northern	33.0	33.7	28.9	34.0	35.1	25.7	23.9	32.9
Southern	30.2	28.7	26.1	31.3	19.6	18.8	42.7	36.5
Eastern...	41.3	51.1	40.4	41.1	34.7	24.1	31.4	30.9
North-Western	31.8	35.4	45.9	30.8	32.4	29.6	46.5	42.6
North-Central	40.7	47.2	49.8	36.7	39.0	41.9	40.5	32.4
Uva ...	30.9	41.5	35.6	47.0	27.2	24.9	39.1	33.2
Sabaragamuwa	27.5	29.1	34.1	31.6	30.9	25.8	31.6	35.0
Western.								
Colombo	21.6	22.5	29.7	26.2	16.0	15.1	19.4	19.6
Negombo	32.7	34.0	50.9	43.2	20.7	15.1	25.6	35.3
Kalutara	27.1	26.7	31.5	33.1	18.3	15.4	18.4	19.0
Central.								
Kandy	23.9	24.7	29.1	30.5	23.1	21.6	27.6	32.1
Mátalé	32.9	36.0	42.2	36.9	31.2	28.3	34.9	36.8
Nuwara Eliya	24.7	26.7	26.7	28.8	18.7	15.3	20.4	19.8
Northern.								
Jaffna	31.4	32.6	28.0	34.0	20.7	23.6	20.7	17.1
Mannár	35.7	46.4	28.1	41.5	46.8	41.9	38.8	42.9
Mullaittivu	31.9	38.2	45.0	24.3	37.9	44.9	59.1	38.6
Vavuniya								
Southern.								
Galle ...	25.9	25.7	33.4	32.2	18.9	18.9	25.1	23.2
Matara	29.3	26.9	38.3	32.5	16.6	17.1	38.0	35.2
Hambantota	33.9	41.0	38.5	26.4	23.3	22.4	96.3	51.2
Eastern.								
Batticaloa	44.1	53.9	41.2	43.2	31.2	22.7	31.7	30.0
Trincomalee	33.6	36.2	36.5	30.9	38.3	31.2	30.0	31.8
North-Western.								
Kurunégala	35.5	35.3	48.8	32.4	40.2	31.9	46.0	48.2
Puttalam	27.8	35.7	38.5	26.5	24.7	23.8	47.8	37.0
Chilaw...								
North-Central.								
Anurádhapura	40.7	47.2	49.8	36.7	39.0	41.9	40.5	32.4
Province of Uva.								
Badulla	30.9	41.5	35.6	47.0	27.2	24.9	39.1	33.2
Province of Sabaragamuwa								
Ratnapura	30.0	31.9	36.5	34.6	30.8	30.8	45.0	37.5
Kégalla	27.1	26.6	32.8	29.4	31.0	21.5	21.9	32.6

IV.—Marriages (Kandyan), Civil Condition, Age, Signature in Marriage Register, &c., in the Second Quarter of 1891.

PROVINCE AND DISTRICT.	Total Marriages.	Contracted between										Persons not 21 years of age.		Age.			Signed the Register with Marks.			
		Bachelors and Spinsters.	Bachelors and Widows.	Widowers and Spinsters.	Widowers and Widows.	Divorced Men and Spinsters.	Divorced Men and Widows.	Divorced Women and Bachelors.	Divorced Women and Widows.	Divorced Men and Divorced Women.	Males.	Females.	Highest Male Age.	Mean Male Age.	Lowest Male Age.	Highest Female Age.	Mean Female Age.	Lowest Female Age.	Males.	Females.
CEYLON ...	870	713	28	82	22	9	—	8	6	2	145	602	77	26.2	16	70	20.0	12	380	837
Central	154	133	4	9	2	2	—	1	1	2	23	102	64	27	18	40	20	12	47	142
Northern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	25	—	—	—	18	—	—	1	2
Eastern	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	28	24	20	18	18	18	—	—
North-Western	166	133	4	19	6	—	—	—	2	2	27	128	50	24	18	40	19	13	40	164
North-Central	26	25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	40	29	20	38	22	14	11	26
Uva	196	154	9	22	8	1	—	1	1	—	24	115	77	31	16	70	22	14	90	192
Sabaragamuwa	323	263	11	31	6	6	—	4	2	—	67	242	60	22.5	16	55	19	12	141	311
Central Province.																				
Kandy	92	84	4	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	20	67	64	26	19	40	19	12	33	81
Matalé	43	33	—	6	1	1	—	—	—	1	3	24	60	27	19	40	21	14	6	42
Nuwara Eliya	19	16	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	47	28	21	36	21	15	8	19
Northern Province.																				
Vavuniya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Province.																				
Galle	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	25	—	—	18	—	—	1	2
Eastern Province.																				
Batticaloa	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	28	24	20	18	18	18	—	—
North-Western Province.																				
Kurunégala	164	133	4	19	4	—	—	2	2	—	27	126	50	24	18	40	19	13	38	162
Puttalam	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	30	—	—	20	—	—	2	2
North-Central Province.																				
Anurádhapura	26	25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	40	29	20	38	22	14	11	26
Province of Uva.																				
Badulla	196	154	9	22	8	1	—	1	1	—	24	115	77	31	16	70	22	14	90	192
Province of Sabaragamuwa.																				
Ratnapura	206	160	9	26	6	2	—	3	—	—	33	141	60	22	16	55	20	12	97	204
Kégalla	117	103	2	5	—	4	—	1	2	—	34	101	48	23	17	31	18	13	44	107

VII.—Causes of Deaths, &c.—continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	CEYLON.	WESTERN PROVINCE.			CENTRAL PROVINCE.			NORTHERN PROVINCE.				SOUTHERN PROVINCE.			EASTERN PROV.		NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.			NORTH-CENT. PROV.	UVA PROV.	SABARAGAMUWA PROV.		DEATHS AMONG ALL RACES.							
		Colombo.	Kalutara.	Negombo.	Kandy.	Mátalé.	Nuwara Eriya.	Jaffna.	Mannár.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Mátara.	Hambantota.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunégala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anurádhapura.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kégalla.	Europeans.	Burgbers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Immigrants.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
Cancer ...	37	7	4	3	2	1	—	1	—	—	3	3	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	2	—	3	2	—	—	27	6	—	3	—	1
Tabes Mesenterica ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tubercular Meningitis (hydrocephalus)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Phthisis ...	491	73	42	26	33	13	5	17	—	1	67	26	5	3	2	62	3	9	—	6	14	46	38	1	4	416	44	—	25	—	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis Scrofula	95	8	—	4	2	4	1	3	4	3	4	—	2	4	2	29	1	2	—	14	1	5	2	1	—	68	17	—	9	—	—
Anæmia ...	607	53	51	74	54	4	7	41	—	7	64	43	14	71	5	34	4	8	—	3	11	23	32	—	—	403	17	—	47	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ...	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	—	2	—	—
Leprosy ...	16	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elephantiasis ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parangi ...	71	1	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	3	6	4	2	38	—	—	—	3	1	—	2	—	—	60	5	—	5	1	—
Other and undefined constitutional diseases ...	413	19	3	1	33	17	17	—	8	—	67	17	12	4	5	137	11	20	—	2	19	3	18	—	1	249	119	—	43	1	—
<i>Developmental Diseases</i>																															
Premature Birth ...	51	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	2	1	—	—	—	35	2	1	—	—	45	5	—	—	1	—
Other Congenital defects ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Old Age ...	322	80	24	5	19	6	2	13	—	—	41	28	2	2	—	8	1	8	—	1	18	39	25	1	2	260	44	—	13	1	1
<i>Nervous System.</i>																															
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Softening of Brain ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apoplexy ...	30	9	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	—	7	—	—
Paralysis ...	69	11	10	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	9	5	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	12	—	9	—	—
Epilepsy ...	13	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions ...	1008	184	65	21	76	29	9	51	5	5	2	31	23	23	98	6	163	25	13	34	1	—	—	—	—	12	1	—	—	—	—
Infantile Convulsions	1844	244	110	104	69	13	26	131	17	4	8	205	123	48	54	41	186	27	52	17	143	89	133	1	5	761	147	—	98	1	—
Collapse ...	751	2	—	5	82	44	43	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1260	377	—	183	17	1
Tetanus ...	32	5	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	1	184	23	41	147	90	1	53	—	—	—	620	48	—	83	—	—
Mania ...	14	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	12	17	—	2	—	—
Paraplegia, diseases of the Spinal Cord ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Brain or Nervous System ...	5	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—

VII.—Causes of Deaths, &c.—continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	CEYLON.	WESTERN PROVINCE.			CENTRAL PROVINCE.			NORTHERN PROVINCE.				SOUTHERN PROVINCE.			EASTERN PROV.		NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.			NORTH-CENT. PROV.	UVA PROV.	SABARA-GAMUWA PROV.		DEATHS AMONG ALL RACES.															
		Colombo.	Kalutara.	Negombo.	Kandy.	Matale	Nuwara Eliya.	Jaffna.	Mannár.	Mahaithivu.	Vavuniya.	Galle.	Mátara.	Hambantota.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunégala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anurádhapura.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kégalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Immigrants.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.								
<i>Diseases of Urinary System.</i>																																							
Bright's disease ...	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Suppression of Urine...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Diseases of Bladder ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other & undefined diseases of Urinary system	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>																																							
Ovarian diseases ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ...	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Disorder of Menstruation ...	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>																																							
Abortion, Miscarriage	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Mania ...	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Convulsions	364	18	12	19	46	14	10	20	12	2	2	10	18	6	1	5	62	1	3	26	36	12	29	—	—	299	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other accidents of Childbirth ...	215	34	9	4	13	5	7	2	—	—	—	9	5	2	4	11	52	5	8	6	5	7	32	—	—	133	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>																																							
Caries, Necrosis ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Organs of Locomotion	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>																																							
Carbuncle	12	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phlegmon, Cellulitis...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer, Bed Sore ...	149	20	12	5	21	5	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eczema ...	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary system ...	1310	55	32	84	149	64	6	54	9	—	—	34	21	5	124	—	447	15	26	66	9	48	62	—	—	1080	122	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>																																							
Fractures, Contusions...	144	26	21	7	13	3	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gun-shot Wounds ...	10	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burn, Scald ...	13	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

VIII.— Causes of Deaths registered in the Town of Colombo in the Second Quarter of 1891.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colombo Municipality.	European	Burghers.	Sinhalese	Tamils.	Immigrants.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
ALL CAUSES ...	710	16	15	220	85	—	331	29	14
I.—Specific, Febrile or Zymotic Diseases ...	262	2	5	72	34	—	126	17	6
II.—Parasitic Diseases ...	52	—	1	7	2	—	40	1	1
III.—Dietetic Diseases ...	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
IV.—Constitutional Diseases ...	55	1	2	32	6	—	13	—	1
V.—Developmental Diseases ...	18	1	2	5	2	—	7	1	—
VI.—Local Diseases ...	255	7	4	70	27	—	134	10	3
VII.—Violence ...	29	4	—	18	1	—	5	—	1
VIII.—Ill-defined and not specified causes ...	37	—	1	16	12	—	6	—	2
I.									
Miasmatic Diseases ..	174	2	2	35	14	—	104	13	4
Diarrhœal do. ...	81	—	2	34	18	—	22	4	1
Malarial do. ...	5	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	1
Zoogenous do. ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Venereal do. ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
II.—Parasitic Diseases ...	52	—	1	7	2	—	40	1	1
III.—Dietetic Diseases ...	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
IV.—Constitutional Diseases ...	55	1	2	32	6	—	13	—	1
V.—Developmental Diseases ...	18	1	2	5	2	—	7	1	—
VI.									
Diseases of Nervous System ...	151	3	1	26	16	—	95	8	2
Do. Organs of Special Sense ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. Circulatory System ...	12	—	—	6	1	—	5	—	—
Do. Respiratory System ...	36	2	1	23	5	—	5	—	—
Do. Digestive System ...	15	2	—	2	2	—	8	1	—
Do. Urinary System ...	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
(a) Diseases of Organs of Generation ...	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
(b) Diseases of Parturition ...	24	—	—	7	—	—	16	1	—
Do. Organs of Locomotion ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Do. Integumentary System ...	10	—	2	3	—	—	5	—	—
VII.									
Accident or Negligence ...	21	4	—	11	1	—	5	—	—
Suicide ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Execution ...	6	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—
VIII.									
Ill-defined and not specified causes ...	37	—	1	16	12	—	6	—	2
<i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>									
Smallpox ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Chickenpox ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Measles ...	5	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Influenza ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Simple and ill-defined Fever ...	134	—	1	17	14	—	92	7	3
Enteric Fever ...	27	2	1	12	—	—	7	4	1
<i>Diarrhœal Diseases.</i>									
Diarrhœa ...	38	—	2	18	13	—	4	1	—
Dysentery ...	43	—	—	16	5	—	18	3	1
<i>Malarial Diseases.</i>									
Remittent Fever ...	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Ague ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mal. Cachexia ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Zoogenous Diseases.</i>									
Hydrophobia ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Venereal Diseases.</i>									
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Parasitic Diseases.</i>									
Worms (animal) ...	50	—	1	6	1	—	40	1	1
Docmuis Duodenalis ...	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Dietetic Diseases.</i>									
Intep. Chronic Alcoholism ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Intep. Delirium Tremens ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Constitutional Diseases.</i>									
Rheumatism ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Rickets ...	7	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ...	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Phthisis ...	26	1	1	18	3	—	2	—	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Loucocythæmia ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Diabetes Mellitus ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Leprosy ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
General Dropsy ...	13	—	—	1	3	—	9	—	—
Elephantiasis ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colombo Municipality.	European	Burghers.	Sinhalese	Tamils.	Immigrants.	Moors.	Malays	Others.
<i>Developmental Diseases.</i>									
Premature Birth	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Old Age	17	1	2	5	2	—	7	—	—
<i>Diseases of Nervous System.</i>									
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Apoplexy	9	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	—
Paralysis	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
Epilepsy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions	10	—	—	4	—	—	6	—	—
Infantile Convulsions	123	—	—	17	16	—	82	7	1
Tetanus	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1
Mania	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Circulatory System.</i>									
Valve Disease of Heart	11	—	—	5	1	—	5	—	—
Varicose veins	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Respiratory System.</i>									
Bronchitis	4	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—
Asthma	3	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	19	1	—	15	3	—	—	—	—
Pleurisy	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of the respiratory system	9	1	1	3	1	—	3	—	—
<i>Diseases of Digestive System.</i>									
Dentition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Stomach	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Colic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stricture of Intestine	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Other diseases Liver	10	1	—	1	—	—	7	1	—
<i>Diseases of Urinary System.</i>									
Bright's disease	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Bladder	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<i>Diseases of Organs of Generation.</i>									
Ovarian diseases	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of Testes, Penis, Scrotum, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Parturition.</i>									
Puerperal Convulsions	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Other accident of Child-birth	22	—	—	5	—	—	16	1	—
<i>Diseases of Organs of Locomotion.</i>									
Caries, Necrosis	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Organs of Locomotion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Diseases of Integumentary System.</i>									
Phlegmon, Cellulitis (abscess)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer, Bed Sore	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Eczema	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pemphigus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other and undefined diseases of Integumentary System.	7	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>									
Fractures, Contusions	13	—	—	7	1	—	5	—	—
Gunshot, Cut, Stab	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poison	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Drowning	5	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Otherwise	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Suicide.</i>									
Drowning	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hanging	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Execution.</i>									
Hanging	6	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ill-defined and not Specified Causes.</i>									
Inflammation	7	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	—
Debility	19	—	—	8	9	—	—	—	2
Sudden Deaths—causes unascertained	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Ill-defined and not Specified causes	11	—	1	3	2	—	6	—	—

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