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No. 6,514 - FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1912.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1912:

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 1,075 (552 males and 523 females), and 6 were equal to an annual rate of 25.17 per 1,000, against 27.91 during the preceding month, 26.20 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29.72 the monthly average for the fifty-four months, July, 1907, to December, 1911. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was in Matara (48.43, average 38.24), and the lowest in Mannar (6.83, average 42.83).

3. In the city of Colombo^{*} the births numbered 373 (189 males and 184 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 20.66 per 1,000, against 23.05 in the preceding month, 22.04 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25.37 the monthly average. Of the wards (omitting Fort and Galle Face and the Pettah, which contain a mainly floating population), the highest birth-rate was in Wellawatta (36.69), and the lowest was in Kollupitiya (11.11, average 17.72).

Deaths.

4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,554 (857 males and 697 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 29.59 per 1,000, against 28.39 during the preceding month, 30.47 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30.67 the monthly average. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala), the highest death-rate was in Anuradhapura (80.49, average 53.54), and the lowest was in Hambantota (8.17, average 34.32).

5. In the city of Colombo^{*} the deaths registered numbered 542 (307 males and 235 females), and were equal to . an annual rate† of 29.96 per 1,000, against 30.01 during the preceding month, 35.08 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32.56 the monthly average. Omitting Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in St. Paul's Ward (12.01, average 25.09), and the highest in Wellawatta (63.11).

Infantile Mortality.

6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 291 per 1,000 births registered, against 240 in the preceding month, 288 in the corresponding month of last year, and 257 the monthly average. In the towns having an estimated population of 5,000 or more, the infantile mortality ranged from as high as 636 in Badulla (average 254), 600 in Anuradhapura (average 428), 556 in [Ratnapura (average 257), to 179 in Matara (average 171), 106 in Galle (average 204), and 48 in Weligama (average 103).

7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 394 per 1,000 births registered, against 340 in the preceding month, 391 in the corresponding month of last year, and 318 the monthly average, and ranged from 600 in Wellawatta to 143 in Pettah.

Causes of Death.

8. Infants.—Out of the 1,554 deaths from all causes at all ages in the 31 towns, 313 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 97 Convulsions (including 47 in Colombo, 9 in Batticaloa, 7 in Kandy); 39 Debility (17 in Colombo, 6 in Kandy, and 4 each in Jaffna and Ratnapura); 33 Pneumonia (20 in Colombo, 4 in Moratuwa); 22 Premature Birth (7 in Colombo, 4 in Jaffna); 22 Bronchitis (11 in Colombo, 5 in Jaffna); 18 Entertitis (11 in Colombo, 5 in Moratuwa); 16 Tetanus (5 in Galle, 4 in Jaffna, 3 in Colombo); 10 Diarrhead (2 each in Colombo and Moratuwa).

9. In the city of Colombo, out of the 542 deaths from all causes at all ages, 147 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 47 *Compulsions* (13 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 8 in Slave Island); 20 *Pneumonia* (7 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals, 4 in Kotahena); 17 *Debility* (5 in New Bazaar, 4 in Kotahena); 11 *Bronchitis* (4 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar); 11 *Enteritis* (6 in Maradana exclusive of hospitals); 7 *Premature Birth* (3 each in Kotahena and Maradana hospitals).

* Consequent on the extension of the Municipal limits of the Colombo town on November 9 last by the addition of Wellewatta, the limits of the registration division of Kollupitiya Ward was altered with effect from January 1, 1912, by Proclamation of December 18, 1911.

† The city-rate is worked out differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account hospital events, &c., not assignable to wards.

10. ⁴General Mortality (One Year and over).—Out of the 1,241 deaths of persons one year and over in age in the 31 towns, there were 157 from *Diarrhœa* [23 in Ratnapura, 13 each in Kandy and Gampola, 12 each in Colombo and Matara, 10 in Jafina); 157 from *Dneumonia* (73 in Colombo, 14 in Moratuwa, 10 in Kurunegala, 8 each in Kandy and Anuradhapura); 104 from Dysentery (25 in Colombo, 14 in Kandy, 7 in Ratnapura, 6 in Jafina); 84 from *Phthisis* (47 in Colombo, 6 in Jafina, 5 each in Kandy and Galle); 61 from *Entertits* (37 in Colombo, 7 each in Anuradhapura and Badulla, 6 in Lungala); 57 from *Malarial Cachexia* (12 in Batticaloa, 10 in Ratnapura, 5 in Kegalla); 53 from *Malaria* (14 in Jafina, 7 each in Colombo and Kandy, 5 in Trincomalee); 40 from *Convulsions* (14 in Colombo, 8 in Batticaloa); 35 from *Anchylostomiasis* or Docimius Duodenalis (7 in Hatton and Dikoya, 5 in Badulla, 4 each in Moratuwa, Kandy, and Matale); 26 from *Enteric Fever* (10 in Colombo, 3 in Galle); 20 from *Puerperal Septicæmia* (4 each in Colombo and Jafina); 18 from Bronchitis (10 in Colombo); 18 from Accidents or Negligence (4 in Colombo, 2 each in Jafina, Galle, Matara, Kurunegala, and Badulla); 17 from Bright's Disease and Nephritis (5 in Colombo, 3 in Galle).

11. The highest mortality in the city of Colombo was from *Pneumonia* (18 per cent. of all deaths one year and over), followed by *Phthisis* (nearly 12 per cent.), *Enteritis* (9 per cent.), *Dysentery* (6 per cent.), *Convulsions* (nearly 4 per cent.), *Enteric Fever* and *Bronchitis* (each more than 2 per cent.). Out of the 84 deaths from *Phthisis* in all towns at all ages, 47 occurred in Colombo, *Phthisis* and *Pneumonia* were together responsible for 140 deaths at all ages in the city, or 26 per cent. of the deaths from all causes.

12. Taking all towns together, Bronchitis and Pneumonia contributed the highest mortality (15 per cent.), followed by Diarrhaa and Dysentery (11 per cent.), Phthisis and Debility (each 5 per cent.)

13. Injectious Diseases.—The most prevalent infectious disease during the month was Measles, of which 111 cases were reported (96 in Colombo, 4 each in Panadure and Kandy), followed by Philisis 55 (all in Colombo), Enteric Fever 38 (36 in Colombo), Chickenpox 27 (17 in Colombo, 6 in Panadure), Continued Fever 9 (8 in Colombo, 1 in Kalutara), and 1 each from Diarrhoea (in Mannar), Dysentery (in Galle), and Mumps (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

14. Rainfall.—"Hatton and Dikoya" records the highest rainfall (28.69 inches), followed by Ratnapura (22.82 inches). The next highest (20.53 inches and 16.51 inches) were in Kalutara and Galle, while in the other towns the rainfall ranged from 14.18 inches in Kurunegala to 0.20 inch in Badulla.

15. Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from $58 \cdot 9^{\circ}$ in Nuwara Eliya to $84 \cdot 5^{\circ}$ in Mannar, $84 \cdot 2^{\circ}$ in Trincomalee, $83 \cdot 1^{\circ}$ in Jaffna, $81 \cdot 8^{\circ}$ in Anuradhapura, and was $80 \cdot 9^{\circ}$ in Colombo and $76 \cdot 4^{\circ}$ in Kandy.

16. 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, July 16, 1912.

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P. ARUNACHALAM, Registrar-General. Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during June, 1912, 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, 1911, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in the month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

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