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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 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 1,174 (590 males and 584 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 26:05 per 1,000, against 24:27 during the preceding month, 28:78 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29:56 the monthly average for the sixty months, July, 1907, to June, 1912. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala, which have a population under 1,000), the highest birth-rate was in Mannar (49:57, average 41:76), and the lowest in Kurunegala (14:05, average 26:50).
- 3. In the city of Colombo* the births numbered 404 (197 males and 207 females), and were equal to an annual rate† of 21.02 per 1,000, against 20.13 in the preceding month, 21.85 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25.19 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 (28.02), followed by Kotahena (22.86, average 22.82), and the lowest was in Kollupitiya (9.69, average 17.02).

Deaths.

- 4. The deaths registered in the 31 towns during the month numbered 1,512 (875 males and 637 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 28.34 per 1,000, against 27.65 during the preceding month, 35.87 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30.79 the monthly average. Of the towns (excluding Vavuniya and Lunugala), the highest death-rate was in Batticaloa (47.49, average 35.00), and the lowest was in Nawalapitiya (7.38, average 27.24).
- 5. In the city of Colombo* the deaths registered numbered 539 (306 males and 233 females), and were equal to an annual rate; of 27.27 per 1,000, against 28.66 during the preceding month, 35.98 in the corresponding month of last year, and 32.29 the monthly average. Omitting Fort and Galle Face Ward and the Pettah Ward, the lowest death-rate was in Kollupitiya (12.34, average 18.89), and the highest in Wellawatta (26.27, average 26.08).

Infantile Mortality.

- 6. The infantile mortality of the 31 towns was equal to a rate of 242 per 1,000 births registered, against 287 in the preceding month, 300 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 385 in Batticaloa (average 354), 375 in Matale (average 267), 308 in Nuwara Eliya (average 285), to 100 in Kurunegala (average 352), 71 in Puttalam (average 290), and 65 in Weligema (average 101).
- 7. The infantile mortality in the city of Colombo was 295 per 1,000 births registered, against 346 in the preceding month, 378 in the corresponding month of last year, and 316 the monthly average, and ranged from 455 in Kollupitiya to 263 each in San Sebastian and Slave Island.

Causes of Death.

- 8. Infants.—Out of the 1,512 deaths at all ages in the 31 towns, 284 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 67 Convulsions (including 28 in Colombo, 8 in Batticaloa, 5 in Moratuwa); 47 Debility (19 in Colombo, 4 each in Negombo, Kandy, Jaffna, and Batticaloa); 35 Premature Birth (10 in Colombo, 4 each in Negombo, Moratuwa, and Jaffna); 26 Pneumonia (11 in Colombo, 4 in Moratuwa); 19 Bronchitis (11 in Colombo, 6 in Jaffna); 17 Enteritis (8 in Colombo, 5 in Jaffna); 15 Diarrhæa (10 in Colombo); 13 Tetanus (7 in Galle, 4 in Jaffna).
- 9. In the city of Colombo, out of the 539 deaths from all causes at all ages, 119 were among infants under one year. Of these, the chief causes were 28 Convulsions (9 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals, 4 each in Slave Island, and Kollupitiya); 16 Debility (4 in St. Paul's, 3 each in Kotahena and New Bazaar); 11 Bronchitis (3 in New Bazaar); 11 Pneumonia (4 in Kotahena, 3 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals); 10 Premature Birth (3 each in Kotahena and Maradana hospitals); 10 Diarrhæa (3 in Wellawatta, 2 each in Slave Island and Kollupitiya); 8 Enteritis (4 in Wellawatta, 3 in Maradana, exclusive of hospitals); 2 Tetanus (in Kotahena).

^{*} Consequent on the extension of the Municipal limits of the Colombo town on November 9 last by the addition of Wellawatta, 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. General Mortality (One Year and over).—Out of the 1,228 deaths of persons one year and over in age in the 31 towns, there were 173 from Pneumonia (69 in Colombo, 13 in Kandy, 12 in Moratuwa, 9 in Negombo); 117 from Diarrhæa (15 in Ratnapura, 14 in "Hatton and Dikoya," 11 in Jaffna, 9 in Matale); 114 from Phthisis (62 in Colombo, 12 in Galle, 9 in Moratuwa); 101 from Dysentery (29 in Colombo, 11 in Kandy, 9 in Moratuwa, 8 in Jaffna); 64 from Enteritis (30 in Colombo, 10 each in Jaffna and Badulla); 46 in Malarial Cachexia (7 in Batticaloa, 6 in Trincamalee, 5 in Ratnapura); 42 from Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis (8 each in Nawalapitiya and Matale, 6 in Kandy); 41 from Malaria (10 in Jaffna, 4 in Tangalla, 3 each in Negombo, Kandy, Galle, and Batticaloa); 31 from Convulsions (14 in Colombo, 3 each in Jaffna and Weligama); 29 from Bright's Disease and Nephritis (17 in Colombo, 5 in Galle); 25 from Accidents or Negligence (7 in Colombo, 5 in Galle, 3 in Moratuwa); 24 from Bronchitis (16 in Colombo, 3 in Moratuwa); 21 from Enteric Fever (12 in Colombo, 2 each in Moratuwa, Kalutara, Kandy, and Jaffna); 14 from Puerperal Septicæmia (3 each in Colombo and Jaffna); 13 from Anæmia (5 in Colombo, 4 in Negombo).
- 11. The highest mortality in the city of Colombo was from Pneumonia (16 per cent. of all deaths one year and over), followed by Phthisis (15 per cent.), Dysentery and Enteritis (each 7 per cent.), Bright's Disease and Nephritis, and Bronchitis (each 4 per cent); Convulsions and Enteric Fever (each 3 per cent). Out of the 114 deaths from Phthisis in all towns at all ages, 62 occurred in Colombo, Phthisis and Pneumonia were together responsible for 142 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 (16 per cent.), followed by Diarrhaea and Dysentery (nearly 16 per cent.), Phthisis (nearly 8 per cent.), Infantile Convulsions and Debility (each 6 per cent.).
- 13. Infectious Diseases.—The most prevalent infectious disease during the month was Measles, of which 109cases were reported (60 in Colombo, 27 in Kandy, 7 in "Hatton and Dikoya," 5 in Nuwara Eliya), followed by Phthisis 76 (all in Colombo), Enteric Fever 48 (36 in Colombo, 6 in Matale), Chickenpox 36 (15 in Kandy, 11 in Colombo, 4 in Matale), Continued Fever 26 (24 in Colombo, 2 in Kalutara), Dysentery 7 (4 in Moratuwa, 3 in Galle), Whooping Cough 3 (in Colombo), 1 each from Mumps (in Nuwara Eliya), and Diphtheria (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

- 14. Rainfall.—"Hatton and Dikoya" records the highest rainfall (19:36 inches), followed by Nuwara Eliya (7:67 inches). The next highest (7:15 inches and 6:21 inches) were in Ratnapura and Gampola, while in the other towns the rainfall ranged from 5:06 inches in Galle to 0:03 inch in Puttalam.
- 15. Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from 58·1° in Nuwara Eliya to 85·7° in Batticaloa, 84·7° in Trincomalee, 84·5° in Mannar, and was 82·2° in Colombo and 76·1° 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, September 12, 1912.

P. ARUNAÇHALAN, Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during August, 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 June, 1912, 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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† Blanks Indicate that there are no observatories or rain-gauges.

§ This includes the population as added on the extension of the flown indicate the population as added on the extension of the rate of the same of 1901.

Recorded death-rates for "Hatton and Dikoya," Weligams, Kalpithys, and Lunugala towns not available, as they were created registration districts after the Census of 1901.

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The death-rate for the end of June, 1912, by natural increase method owing to the increase method owing to the population at the Census of 1911.

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† This includes besides the 21 deaths mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 3 deaths from Malaria (2 in Jaffna, 1 in Trincomalee), 2 each from Fever (in Jaffna), Whooping Cough (in Galle), Malaria! Cachexia (1 in Negombo, 1 in Batticaloa), Dysentery (I each in Moratuwa and Kandy), Marasmus (I each in Galle and Batticaloa), and I each from Apthæ (in Moratuwa), Worms (1 in Kalutara), Congenital Syphilis (in Hatton and Dikoya), Thrush (in Galle), Nephritis (in Fafina), and Tetany (in Kalutara).

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* 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.

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† The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their population cannot be estimated to the middle of 1912. Hence the Census figures are retained.

§ This population is estimated partly on the natural increase method and partly on the intercensal increase method, i.e., population of Wellawatta on the former method and that of the part of Kollupitiya taken over to Wellawatta on the latter method and that of the latter method are the six months, January to June, 1912.

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• This represents 2 deaths, 1 from Heart Failure, and the other from Asphyxia Neonotorum.

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