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VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1917.**

Introductory.

IN this report, which deals with the Vital Statistics of the first quarter of 1917, the following among other statistical facts may be gathered:—

The births registered during the quarter numbered 48,544, and are the highest recorded in any single quarter since 1887. The birth-rates of Anuradhapura and Galle, viz., 61·7 and 54·1 respectively, are the highest recorded in any quarter during the last ten years for each of these districts.

The deaths from Plague numbered 123, and are the highest registered in any quarter since the outbreak of Plague in 1914.

I.—Population.

The estimated population on the last day of the quarter was 4,567,560, an increase of 20,375 on the previous quarter, due to an excess of 18,820 births over deaths and of 1,555 arrivals over departures of Indian coolies. All the districts of the Island recorded more births than deaths, chief among which were Negombo, Galle, Matara, and Chilaw, where the births were more than twice as many as the deaths.

2. There were 12,413 arrivals and 10,858 departures of Indian coolies, as against averages of 12,127 and 19,387 respectively in the corresponding quarters of the past decade.

II.—Marriages.

3. 6,150 marriages (4,612 General and 1,538 Kandyan) were registered, as against 6,466 in the preceding quarter, 7,146 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, and 5,299 the average of the first quarters of the past decade. Table I. in Appendix gives their distribution by Provinces and districts.

III.—Births.

4. The births registered during the quarter numbered 48,544, corresponding to an annual rate of 43·1 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The rate is nearly the same as in the first quarter of 1916, but 6·3 higher than that of the previous quarter and 1·4 higher than the average of the first quarters of the preceding decennium. Of the districts, Ratnapura, Kegalla, and Hambantota alone show birth-rates slightly lower than the average; but Anuradhapura and Galle, which take the first and the second places respectively during the quarter, have rates not only higher than the average, but also higher than the rates recorded in the previous quarter, and in the corresponding quarter of last year Batticaloa, which was the second highest in the list in the previous quarter, falls to the last place, but maintains a rate slightly above the average. The estate births correspond to a rate of 44·7 per 1,000, and the urban, including those of Colombo, to 32·37. (See Tables I. to V. for detailed statistics.) There were 245 twins and 2 triplets born during the quarter, against 327 and 4 respectively in the previous one.

IV.—Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the quarter numbered 29,724, corresponding to an annual rate of 26·5 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The rate shows a considerable improvement on the average (34·8), but is nearly the same as that of the first quarter of 1916, and is 1·7 higher than the rate in the previous quarter. Chilaw, Negombo, and Kegalla maintain their usual standard of health judging from their low death-rates, and Mannar retains its reputation as the unhealthiest district in the Island, with a death-rate of 59·4 per 1,000. In the estates the deaths correspond to a rate of 39·7 per 1,000. Matara leads with the highest death-rate (103·0), while Kegalla shows the lowest rate (24·3). The rate of mortality in the towns is 28·50, and ranges from 4·91 in Nuwara Eliya to 55·06 in Puttalam. The rate in Colombo is 27·80. (See Tables I. to V. for detailed statistics.) 320 stillbirths (178 males and 142 females) were registered in the 33 principal towns, as against 328 in the previous quarter and 270 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. (See Table V.)

V.—Infantile Mortality.

6. The infantile mortality measured by the proportion of deaths under one year to 1,000 births registered during the year ended the last day of the quarter under review is 200 for all races, against 188 in the previous quarter. In the districts the highest infantile mortality among the Sinhalese is 305 in Anuradhapura, among the Tamils 451 in Puttalam, and among the Moors 392 in Puttalam. The lowest rate among the Sinhalese is 127 in Nuwara Eliya, among the Tamils 230 in Batticaloa, and among the Moors 187 in Batticaloa. In the towns the infantile mortality is 261 per 1,000 births registered, and is 284 in Colombo. In the other towns the rates range from 487 in Kalpitiya to 141 in Hambantota. The estate infantile mortality is 252. Matara records the highest rate (579) and Kalutara the lowest (166).

VI.—Causes of Death.

7. Of the 29,724 total deaths registered during the quarter, 4,083 were ascribed to Pyrexia, the equivalent death-rate being 14 per cent.; other causes which contributed to a high rate of mortality were Infantile Convulsions (11 per cent.), Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue (9 per cent.), Diarrhoea (8 per cent.), Debility (7 per cent.), Pneumonia (5 per cent.), Senility and Diseases of Pregnancy and of Childbirth (4 per cent. each), Rickets, Phthisis, Anaemia, Dysentery, and Intestinal Parasites (3 per cent. each), Dropsy and Anchylostomiasis (2 per cent. each), and Premature Birth and Malaria and Malarial Cachexia (1 per cent. each). 123 deaths from Plague were registered (118 in Colombo, 2 in Kalutara, 2 in Kandy, and 1 in Kurunegala), as against 73 in the preceding quarter and 56 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Thirteen deaths from Smallpox and 3 from Cholera were also registered.

8. Affections caused by external causes:—

(a) *Suicide*.—Fifty-eight deaths were due to suicide, as against 45 in the previous quarter and 67 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(b) *Homicide*.—Forty-one deaths were due to homicide, as against 37 in the previous quarter and 51 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

Table III.—Births and Deaths by Races which predominate in the respective Districts, their Rates per 1,000 of the estimated Population, and the Proportion of Infantile Deaths to 1,000 registered Births in the First Quarter of 1917.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Sinhalese.		Tamilis.		Moors.	
		Estimated Population on January 1, 1917.	Death-rate per Mile per Annum.	Birth-rate per Mile per Annum.	Death-rate per Mile per Annum.	Birth-rate per Mile per Annum.	Death-rate per Mile per Annum.
Ceylon ..	25481	2892863	34571	17654	48.5	46.3	24.8
Western ..	1432	973831	11321	5304	47.2	44.9	22.1
Colombo ..	5604	661731	6307	3032	46.4	44.0	22.3
Negombo ..	2474	166301	1973	817	48.1	46.5	19.9
Kalutara ..	6234	255799	3041	1465	48.2	45.8	23.1
Central ..	2279	364256	43116	2304	49.1	47.7	25.7
Kandy ..	911	237711	2946	1634	50.3	48.2	26.2
Matale ..	9058	69347	787	494	46.0	47.9	28.8
Nuwara Eliya ..	4627	57193	683	276	41.3	37.0	19.6
Southern ..	21461	638953	8210	3932	52.1	47.6	25.0
Galle ..	6521	297268	4012	1799	54.7	46.9	24.6
Matara ..	4814	236163	3007	1284	51.6	49.2	22.1
Hambantota ..	10123	105522	1191	849	45.8	46.2	32.6
Northern ..	3519	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jaffna ..	11474	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mannar ..	9044	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mullaitivu ..	14662	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern ..	38481	7044	90	79	51.8	52.2	45.5
Batticaloa ..	28004	6000	82	68	55.4	66.3	46.0
Trincomalee ..	1048	—	—	—	—	—	—
North-Western ..	3016	380792	4459	2499	47.9	43.3	26.6
Kurunegala ..	18437	282065	3406	2060	49.0	44.8	29.6
Puttalam ..	9094	111729	141	85	32.3	31.4	19.4
Chilaw ..	2624	80898	912	354	45.7	41.3	17.7
North-Central ..	4068	65378	1072	594	66.6	48.1	36.9
Anuradhapura ..	4068	63378	1072	594	66.6	48.1	36.9
Uva ..	32714	137722	1457	1003	42.9	48.7	29.5
Badulla ..	32714	137722	1457	1003	42.9	46.7	29.5
Sabaragamuwa ..	1901	321131	3610	1908	45.6	49.4	24.1
Ratnapura ..	1259	139807	1678	1002	46.1	47.3	29.8
Kegalla ..	642	181624	2092	906	46.7	51.1	20.2

Table V.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the First Quarter of 1917, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum ; the Stillbirths ; the Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births ; and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall, observed in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns,	Population estimated of the Military at the Census of 1917 and the middle of the intercensal increase.	Total Births.		Total Deaths.		Total Stillbirths.		Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.		Deaths of Town Residents.		Birth-rate.		Death-rate.		Standardized.*		Deaths of Children under One Year of Age under 1,000 Births.		
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarter, 1917.	Crude, First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarter, 1917.	Deaths of Children under One Year.	Deaths of Children under One Year.	
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1916.	1908-1910.	1908-1910.	
All 33 Towns	..	517,877	618,347	2,466	2,468	4,934	2,706	2,152	4,858	178	142	320	859	3,987	32-37	31-60	28-15	28-50	32-30	1,106
Western Province.																				
Colombo	..	219,557	267,888	908	876	1,783	1,031	749	1,780	69	56	125	197	1,583	26-99	23-97	27-80	30-10	40-7	291
Negombo	..	13,045	26,339	141	146	287	114	104	218	3	6	8	22	196	44-19	45-95	30-18	31-57	34-12	183
Moratuwa	..	27,256	29,980	202	198	490	140	134	274	14	7	21	7	267	45-11	49-16	36-12	39-83	36-33	202
Kalutara	..	13,005	14,039	76	83	159	67	73	140	7	6	12	13	127	54-93	38-77	36-45	28-97	34	185
Panadure	..	5,709	7,333	20	16	36	20	19	39	—	1	1	7	32	19-91	30-81	17-70	21-07	22-39	179
Central Province.																				
Randy	..	30,149	32,376	143	148	291	144	124	268	11	6	17	79	188	36-46	30-44	23-55	25-67	27-25	219
Gampola	..	5,521	7,003	40	34	74	31	60	6	2	8	17	43	42-85	36-32	24-90	25-84	37-48	292	
Newalapitiya	..	3,767	3,990	16	16	31	42	29	71	4	1	5	52	17	31-51	31-32	17-28	18-78	24-19	194
Hattan and Dikoya	..	3,025	3,149	5	14	19	38	22	60	—	1	1	35	25	24-47	22-13	32-19	37-59	26-32	297
Matale	..	5,792	7,825	38	31	63	75	50	125	4	3	7	66	59	35-76	33-71	30-58	35-14	39-52	247
Nuwara Eliya	..	14,910	15,960	24	27	51	19	8	27	3	2	5	11	16	13-73	15-28	4-31	4-91	10-81	264
Southern Province.																				
Galle	..	39,936	41,810	171	184	365	144	161	305	13	17	30	32	273	34-44	34-40	26-48	25-93	30-80	64
Ambalangoda	..	—	4,384	16	21	37	8	4	12	2	2	4	—	12	34-23	—	11-10	—	5	282
Matara	..	13,851	15,276	63	80	143	47	49	96	1	—	1	6	90	37-97	42-75	23-90	23-41	26-10	207
Weligama	..	8,612	9,428	53	43	96	32	—	50	3	1	4	—	50	41-29	35-50	2-51	19-38	10-86	130
Hambantota	..	3,092	3,263	21	16	37	10	11	21	2	—	2	3	19	45-99	37-65	23-62	26-41	38-60	141
Tangalle	..	3,505	5,704	18	21	39	15	15	30	1	1	2	3	27	27-73	36-17	19-20	19-62	27-66	219
Northern Province.																				
Jaffna	..	40,441	45,229	178	165	343	171	145	316	11	22	14	297	30-76	34-32	26-63	27-21	47-58	115	
Mannar	..	3,777	4,088	17	20	37	17	19	36	1	1	2	8	28	36-71	38-67	27-78	30-59	54-45	303
Mulaitivu	..	1,392	1,448	5	15	20	3	5	8	1	1	2	1	6	56-02	38-72	16-81	22-28	63-49	167
Vavuniya	..	808	1,012	2	3	5	7	1	8	1	—	1	4	4	20-03	27-24	16-03	21-76	47-93	613
Eastern Province.																				
Batticaloa	..	10,671	11,138	49	57	106	71	50	121	2	—	2	5	114	38-60	25-46	41-51	40-94	31-42	38
Kalmunai	..	2,081	10,537	10	36	77	35	41	76	3	4	7	1	75	35-08	41-75	29-24	31-76	40-89	7
Trincomalee	..	8,840	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27-50	28-94	25	288
N.-Western Province.																				
Kurunegala	..	8,167	9,482	45	80	87	53	140	6	1	7	67	72	34-22	30-15	30-80	30-92	52-64	20	
Eputalam	..	5,980	6,618	34	45	79	46	43	89	4	5	9	5	84	48-41	34-58	51-47	55-06	34-25	451
Kalpitiya	..	1,351	1,667	7	6	13	10	8	18	1	1	2	—	18	31-62	27-78	43-78	—	6	374
Chilaw	..	5,033	5,668	21	23	44	33	31	64	—	1	1	15	49	31-48	39-87	27-85	26-70	37-98	393
N.-Central Province.																				
Aturadhapura	..	5,361	6,821	39	22	61	45	27	72	1	4	6	—	72	36-86	23-23	42-81	52-45	59-30	14
Province of Uva.																				
Badulla	..	6,487	7,226	43	32	76	61	35	86	1	1	2	28	58	42-10	34-06	32-65	35-92	30-64	162
Lunugala	..	515	601	1	—	41	22	63	—	—	—	—	63	—	6-75	30-01	—	—	—	597
Prov. of Sabaragamuwa.																				
Ratnapura	..	5,476	7,215	23	27	50	67	43	110	3	2	6	60	50	28-11	34-50	31-86	40-54	16	224
Kegalla	..	2,536	2,669	7	11	18	27	21	48	—	—	—	27	21	27-36	31-92	32-56	29-27	15-21	171

* The standardized death-rates represent the crude death-rates multiplied by the respective standardizing factor in order to make correction for differences for sex and age-constitution of the several populations in 1911 as compared with that of the Island.

† Calculated on the births during the year ending the last day of the quarter and not on those during the previous years.

‡ Includes population of the Negombo Local Board and registration area.

|| Ambalangoda proclaimed in January, 1916.

Table VI.—Causes of Death Registered in Ceylon and in each Province and District during the First Quarter of 1917.

Causes of Death.	Deaths among all Races.											
	Ceylon.	Western Province.	Central Province.	Southern Province.	Northern Province.	Eastern Province.	North-Western Province.	N.-C. Prov.	Uva Prov.	Sabaragamuwa Province.	Malaya.	Veddas.
All Causes ..	29724	4081	919	2004	3324	97611	155	2000	1430	885	2437	357
1. Enteric Fever	104	81	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	85
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	364	25	18	14	32	16	7	24	26	10	14	18
3. Smallpox ..	13	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	23	11
4. Measles ..	58	12	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5. Whooping Cough ..	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
6. Cholera ..	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery ..	768	37	10	36	17*	42	89	13	9	50	19	3
8. Plague ..	123	118	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox ..	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases ..	66	27	3	1	6	1	—	1	10	—	—	—
11. Septicemia ..	48	24	—	1	4	1	2	2	—	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases ..	10	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrocephobia ..	16	5	—	2	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus ..	81	17	1	4	5	1	3	5	2	29	1	—
15. Phthisis ..	990	275	19	96	92	13	28	84	60	20	85	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	97	18	3	5	8	5	—	10	2	—	2	—
17. Rickets ..	1009	160	32	170	140	23	33	2	1	36	35	15
18. Parangi ..	17	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	2	—	—	—
19. Cancer ..	98	23	5	7	17	—	3	5	7	1	3	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever ..	253	30	4	47	20	2	4	35	15	5	31	3
21. Diabetes ..	68	23	7	5	3	3	1	4	2	10	4	—
22. Anæmia ..	974	177	66	176	66	6	1	183	91	34	21	4
23. Alcoholism ..	68	7	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases ..	68	14	1	7	16	3	7	—	—	—	—	—
25. Meningitis ..	20	6	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Cerebral Haemorrhage or Apoplexy ..	39	14	—	2	10	1	3	—	—	—	1	—
27. Paralysis ..	213	84	18	45	16	2	4	20	—	7	—	—
28. Epilepsy ..	28	9	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal) ..	174	18	7	24	15	6	2	12	9	9	15	1
30. Infantile Convulsions ..	3398	427	58	495	183	35	67	534	436	179	276	18
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System ..	49	15	1	10	2	2	3	—	—	30	88	54
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart ..	134	56	4	14	11	2	6	19	1	10	93	19
33. Hernorrhoids ..	63	14	3	7	3	—	21	4	—	—	5	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	45	14	—	5	10	2	—	1	—	3	35	113
35. Bronchitis ..	271	56	1	11	46	15	30	13	6	38	1	—
36. Pneumonia ..	1351	249	37	50	223	79	128	30	10	9	193	18
37. Pulmonary Congestion ..	14	6	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
38. Asthma ..	112	14	5	5	17	5	4	6	3	—	5	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	742	14	5	10	72	31	30	4	2	10	84	8
40. Thrush, Stomatitis ..	196	27	15	6	33	11	1	35	1	—	151	9
41. Infantile Diarrhoea ..	240	25	5	11	24	6	12	43	35	23	9	1
42. Diarrhoea undefined ..	2113	82	45	92	344	107	126	238	180	111	36	8
43. Enteritis ..	211	104	15	6	13	1	12	3	1	51	136	13
44. Anchyllostomiasis ..	642	43	7	37	175	45	44	34	16	—	1	—

Table VI.—Causes of Death, &c.—*continued.*

Causes of Death.	Ceylon.	Western Province.	Central Province.	Southern Province.	Northern Province.	Eastern Province.	North-Western Province.	N.C. Uva Prov.	Sabaragamuwa Province.	Deaths among all Races.											
										Buddhists.	Brahmanes.	Burghers.	Burgoynes.	Sinhalese.	Tamilis.	Moor.	Mahaysa.	Veddas.	Others.		
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	760	178	31	118	69	23	8	124	12	1	3	—	—	38	12	17	4	75	42	—	3
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	84	21	4	7	5	2	5	6	2	1	4	1	3	—	—	7	3	—	2	—	2
48. Peritonitis ..	34	14	—	1	6	3	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	8	2	31	4
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	221	40	2	9	20	6	13	7	5	6	42	16	—	15	6	4	3	1	13	18	—
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	165	51	7	5	83	2	10	4	1	6	—	6	—	6	5	7	2	3	1	93	107
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	28	7	1	2	5	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	14	7	62	71
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	1055	111	35	74	103	28	19	63	30	24	18	18	13	36	12	163	22	20	48	56	37
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	2956	277	193	29	403	139	17	19	6	12	295	15	1	207	23	645	9	82	203	8	119
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations ..	408	54	3	4	70	2	44	10	8	1	26	2	1	3	3	15	3	12	4	104	30
56. Premature Birth ..	1641	120	24	40	304	91	210	31	35	42	139	51	19	18	12	26	24	1	36	128	106
57. Infantile Debility ..	52	15	—	1	2	—	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	—	458	958
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	1127	333	30	92	110	19	42	144	113	8	62	1	1	4	6	13	3	8	1	39	49
59. Senility ..	58	8	—	5	11	2	3	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	2	2	—	—
60. Suicide ..	41	7	1	4	3	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	33	6
61. Homicide ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
62. Execution ..	—	7	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	479	70	24	30	39	5	11	32	23	8	21	2	2	28	2	52	4	15	14	31	25
64. Dropsy ..	686	20	4	11	69	24	16	22	3	29	70	16	4	132	11	127	19	5	22	30	13
65. Heart Failure ..	40	16	—	6	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	5	—	3	16	19
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	403	37	10	16	82	18	29	32	13	8	12	—	1	2	3	5	2	4	7	48	26
67. Pyrexia ..	4083	277	147	110	167	141	32	167	230	320	656	74	21	305	29	697	23	62	137	186	190
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	29	16	1	2	14	11	4	6	12	9	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	—	3	18	9
69. Other Ill-defined diseases ..	164	42	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	69

Table VII.—Causes of Death Registered on Estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts of the Western Province, Galle and Matara of the Southern Province, and Kurunegala in the North-Western Province, during the First Quarter of 1917.

Causes of Death.	Ceylon.	Central Province.			Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.	Southern Province.	North-Western Province.
		Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.		Badulla.	Ratnapura.			
All Causes ..	4,970	1,482	383	866	776	454	375	106	292	83
1. Enteric Fever ..	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia ..	92	23	11	4	14	23	7	1	3	4
3. Smallpox ..	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
4. Measles ..	6	1	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ..	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
7. Dysentery ..	487	132	33	88	97	61	17	8	29	10
8. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4
9. Chickenpox ..	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases ..	13	3	1	5	3	—	1	—	—	—
11. Septicæmia ..	7	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—
12. Other Septic Diseases ..	5	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus ..	10	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
15. Phthisis ..	66	15	2	9	7	8	13	1	10	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
17. Rickets ..	15	5	1	3	2	2	1	1	—	—
18. Parangi ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer ..	6	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever ..	11	7	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—
21. Diabetes ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Anæmia ..	24	8	—	1	1	7	3	2	3	—
23. Alcoholism ..	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
24. Other General Diseases ..	36	12	2	5	7	3	2	—	4	—
25. Meningitis ..	9	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
26. Cerebral Hemorrhage or Apoplexy ..	16	9	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—
27. Paralysis ..	10	3	2	2	—	—	1	1	1	—
28. Epilepsy ..	6	1	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	—
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal) ..	18	7	2	—	4	1	1	—	1	1
30. Infantile Convulsions ..	412	131	26	56	42	31	42	13	45	13
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System ..	9	—	1	2	3	—	3	—	—	2
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart ..	18	6	1	3	4	—	1	—	2	1
33. Hæmorrhoids ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	10	4	—	1	3	—	—	—	1	1
35. Bronchitis ..	123	37	12	29	16	12	6	4	3	3
36. Pneumonia ..	561	182	61	117	88	32	25	4	29	7
37. Pulmonary Congestion ..	4	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	11
38. Asthma ..	25	7	5	2	1	4	5	—	—	1
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	11	4	3	—	2	1	—	—	1	—
40. Thrush, Stomatitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhoea ..	40	16	—	10	2	4	2	1	2	2
42. Diarrhoea undefined ..	530	151	38	93	91	49	34	10	32	11
43. Enteritis ..	57	5	1	10	12	9	16	—	2	1
44. Ankylostomiasis ..	518	161	42	44	103	51	47	16	30	8
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	33	7	5	4	2	4	7	2	—	12
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	15	3	1	5	1	2	—	2	1	—
48. Peritonitis ..	14	5	2	3	—	1	1	1	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	29	9	2	8	3	1	3	2	—	1
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	38	12	1	9	9	2	—	2	1	1
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	6	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	124	43	12	11	17	6	10	1	11	6
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	19	2	4	4	1	2	3	—	1	1
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	3	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth ..	144	49	2	37	21	20	5	3	4	3
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	719	221	63	185	107	31	44	10	32	4
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	2	2	—	35	29	24	22	7	10	4
59. Senility ..	223	72	17	35	—	—	—	—	1	2
60. Suicide ..	19	5	—	4	2	1	3	—	3	—
61. Homicide ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	43	9	2	6	9	5	4	2	1	5
64. Drowsy ..	69	22	8	10	13	6	5	2	1	1
65. Heart Failure ..	19	4	—	1	1	1	4	2	3	3
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	214	57	10	27	40	35	24	—	12	5
67. Pyrexia ..	34	2	2	5	7	—	3	5	7	2
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	5	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	5	3
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	27	8	3	6	—	3	1	4	1	1

VIII.—Causes of Deaths registered during the First Quarter of 1917 in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance of No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Death.	All 33 Towns.	Western Province.			Central Province.			Southern Province.			Northern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.			Province of Sabaragamuwa.			Deaths among all Races.													
		Megombobo.	Colombo.	Mortawewa.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Campola.	Matale.	Hettin and Dikoya.	Nawalpitiya.	Vavuniya.	Mullaitivu.	Jaffna.	Bataticola.	Kurunegala.	Aruradhapura.	Badulla.	Lamugale.	Burghers.	Siamese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.															
All Causes	4,888	1,730	218	274	140	89	288	60	71	60	125	27	305	12	96	50	2130	316	36	8	8	121	2345	1531	685	74	91												
I.—Infantile Mortality	1,106	407	48	70	34	6	49	11	9	9	17	12	64	5	27	13	5	11	115	6	2	2	88	7	25	20	27	616	14										
A.—One Week and under.																																							
1. Prematurity	112	32	3	6	—	1	15	—	3	—	1	—	6	2	—	2	4	—	3	—	1	—	8	—	2	—	1	—	1										
2. Debility	163	49	6	2	8	7	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	3	—	25	2	—	15	4	—	4	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1									
3. Convulsions	110	58	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
4. Diarrhea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
4a. Enteritis	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
5. Tetanus	13	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
6. Bronchitis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
7. Pneumonia	—	24	15	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
8. Other causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
B.—Over 1 Week and under. 1 Year.																																							
1. Prematurity	14	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
2. Debility	155	60	9	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
3. Convulsions	210	69	6	13	14	2	—	8	1	1	2	—	2	—	—	23	3	8	4	4	6	—	3	2	—	1	—	2	—	1									
4. Diarrhea	34	10	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—									
4a. Enteritis	41	30	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—									
5. Tetanus	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
6. Bronchitis	44	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
7. Pneumonia	68	23	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
8. Other causes	109	59	5	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—								
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	3,752	1,373	170	204	106	33	219	49	62	51	108	15	241	7	69	37	16	19	201	30	6	6	83	20	51	120	62	1248	58	74	63	94	45	11	92	1794	1221	489	81
1. Plague	—	118	110	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1a. Smallpox	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	18	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	—	14	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Pyrexia or Fever	—	46	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Enteric Fever	—	81	12	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	1	3	1	13	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Malaria.	—	101	12	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Malarial Cachexia	—	93	8	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9. Cholera.	—	259	28	27	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10. Diarrhea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Table VIII.—Causes of Death, &c.—continued.

Causes of Death.	All 33 Towns.	Western Province,			Central Province,			Southern Province.			Northern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.			Province of Sabaragamuwa.			Deaths among all Races.							
		Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Gampola.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Vavuniya.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalle.	Bulgahera.	Sinhalese.	Tamile.	Moors.	Malaye.	Others.						
10a. Enteritis	68	11	2	1	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	7	6	—	—	5	52	46	10	—	6					
11. Dysentery	146	21	10	5	1	5	2	—	9	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7	6	10	—	5	55	66	18	2	—					
12. Ankylostomiasis or Duodenitis	211	22	7	2	7	—	19	10	8	6	17	—	27	1	3	—	—	4	—	33	16	10	—	1	49	134	24	1	2				
13. Cancer	290	168	6	17	6	2	14	—	3	2	—	1	1	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	18	8	144	82	32	10	12		
14. Phthisis	18	9	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	17	1	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15. Other tubercular diseases	36	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
16. Anæmia	28	7	4	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
17. Diabetes Mellitus	78	20	5	4	—	5	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
18. Convulsions	20	10	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19. Tetanus	52	26	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20. Bronchitis	479	167	30	32	10	3	31	4	9	6	18	3	17	1	4	1	3	1	28	7	3	12	6	9	21	7	8	19	6	3			
21. Pneumonia	38	16	3	2	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System.	23. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	121	45	7	4	—	3	20	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	7	5	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Puerperal Eclampsia	17	6	—	3	1	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25. Puerperal Septicæmia	83	16	3	10	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26. Miscarriage	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27. Other undefined accidents of Childbirth	38	15	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28. Starvation	2	—	6	4	—	4	—	1	6	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	1	11	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29. Accidents or Negligence	86	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30. Homicide	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31. Suicide	11	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32. Execution	7	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
33. All other causes	1,138	490	23	67	55	12	52	14	14	11	19	2	125	3	28	18	5	5	4	12	30	7	3	8	9	17	25	8	32	624	242	191	