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**VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.**

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

**I.—Population.**

THE estimated population on the last day of the quarter was 4,589,638, showing an increase of 22,078 on that of the previous quarter. This increase is due to an excess of 15,817 births over deaths, and to 6,261 more arrivals than departures of Indian coolies. The births registered show an excess over the deaths in all the districts, except in Mannar and Batticaloa. The numbers of births in each of the districts of Negombo, Matara, and Kegalla show an excess of more than double the numbers of deaths registered.

2. There were 15,016 arrivals and 8,755 departures of Indian coolies, as against averages of 32,799 and 20,565 respectively in the corresponding quarters of the past decade.

**II.—Marriages.**

3. 5,279 marriages (4,078 General and 1,201 Kandyan) were registered, as against 6,150 in the preceding quarter, 4,918 in the corresponding quarter of last year, and 4,894 the average of the corresponding quarters of the past decade. Table I. in the Appendix gives their distribution by Provinces and districts.

**III.—Births.**

4. The births registered during the quarter numbered 42,553, and corresponded to an annual rate of 37·4 per 1,000 of the estimated population. This rate, though 5·7 less than that of the previous quarter, is similar to that of the corresponding quarter of last year, and shows a slight improvement on the average birth-rate. The fall in the birth-rate is noticeable in all the Provinces, excepting the Eastern and Uva, and in all the districts, excepting Matale, Mullaittivu, Batticaloa, and Badulla. Anuradhapura has the highest rate (50·9), and Colombo the lowest (33·2). The estate births correspond to a rate of 44·9 per 1,000, and the urban, including those of Colombo, to 26·83. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V. in the Appendix.)

Twin births registered during the quarter numbered 210, as against 245 in the preceding one. No births of triplets were registered during the quarter, 2 were registered in the previous quarter.

**IV.—Deaths.**

5. The deaths of 26,736 persons were registered during the quarter, corresponding to an annual rate of 23·5 per 1,000 of the estimated population. This, compared with the average rate (28·2) and the rate of the corresponding quarter of last year (28·7), shows a marked decrease, and is also less than that of the previous quarter. The decrease is shared in all the Provinces, except the Eastern, where, however, the death-rate is not only higher than the average rate, but is also higher than the rates of the previous quarter and of the corresponding quarter of last year. In the districts Negombo, Kegalla, Chilaw, and Matara have rates below 20, while Batticaloa and Mannar, with rates of 45·2 and 49·4 respectively, show the highest rates of mortality. In the estates, the deaths correspond to a rate of 35·8. As in the previous quarter Matara has the highest rate (103·0), and Kegalla the lowest (19·3). In the towns, the rate of mortality is 25·16, and ranges from 8·50 in Nuwara Eliya to 55·76 in Batticaloa. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V. in the Appendix.)

289 stillbirths (156 males and 113 females) were registered in the 33 principal towns, as against 320 in the previous quarter. (See Table V.)

**V.—Infantile Mortality.**

6. The proportion of deaths of children of less than one year old to 1,000 births registered during the year ended the last day of the quarter under review was 156 for all races, as against 200 in the previous quarter. In the districts the highest proportion of infant deaths was 236 among the Sinhalese in Puttalam, 357 among the Tamils in Mannar, and 264 among the Moors in Batticaloa. The lowest rate among the Sinhalese was 102 in Kegalla, among the Tamils 146 in Jaffna, and among the Moors 232 in Puttalam. In the estates the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 207 for every 1,000 births. Badulla shows the highest rate, 233, and Colombo the lowest, 158. In the towns the death-rate of infants was 223, and ranged from 490 in Batticaloa to 61 in Kalmunai.

**VI.—Causes of Death.**

7. Of the 26,736 total deaths registered during the quarter, 3,717 were due to Pyrexia, the equivalent death-rate being 14 per cent.; other causes which contributed to a heavy death roll were Infantile Convulsions 11 per cent., Diarrhoea 9 per cent., Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue 8 per cent., Debility 6 per cent., Pneumonia 5 per cent., Rickets 4 per cent., Phthisis, Diseases of Pregnancy and of Childbirth, Anæmia, Senility, Intestinal Parasites, and Dysentery 3 per cent. each, Dropsy and Anchylostomiasis 2 per cent. each, and Premature Birth, Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, and Acute Rheumatic Fever 1 per cent. each. 56 deaths from Plague were registered (49 in Colombo and 6 in Kalutara), as against 123 in the preceding quarter and 61 in the corresponding quarter of last year. 2 deaths from Smallpox were registered, as against 13 in the previous quarter and 3 in the corresponding quarter of last year. (For detailed statistics see Table VI.)

8. Affections caused by external causes:—

(a) *Suicide*.—Seventy-seven deaths resulted from suicide, as against 58 in the preceding quarter and 55 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

(b) *Homicide*.—Fifty deaths were attributed to Homicide, as against 41 in the preceding quarter and 44 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(c) *Executions*.—Five judicial executions took place during the quarter, as against 7 in the preceding quarter and 4 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(d) Of the 497 deaths attributed to accidents and other affections produced by external causes, 116 were due to drowning (43 in wells and 6 in pits), 107 to falling off trees, 38 to burns, and 21 to fall of heavy substances. Snake-bite caused 55 deaths, injuries by animals 26, and poisoning by food 8. 12 deaths resulted from being run over by carts, 8 by trains, and 6 by motor cars. 3 deaths were caused by landslips.

9. *Causes of Death in Estates*.—The largest number of deaths in estates was from Debility, which accounted for 19 per cent. of the total deaths, 14 per cent. was due to Diarrhoea, 11 per cent. to Anchylostomiasis, 10 per cent. to Dysentery, 9 per cent. to Pneumonia, 8 per cent. to Infantile Convulsions, 4 per cent. to Senility, 3 per cent. to Premature Birth, 2 per cent. each to Diseases of Pregnancy, and 1 per cent. each to Phthisis, Enteritis, Malaria, and Dropsy. (For detailed statistics see Table VII.)

10. *Causes of Death in Towns*.—In the 33 principal towns of the Island (inclusive of Colombo) 12 per cent. of the total number of deaths was due to Pneumonia, 9 per cent. was due to Convulsions, 7 per cent. each to Phthisis and Infantile Debility, 6 per cent. to Diarrhoea, 5 per cent. to Anchylostomiasis, 4 per cent. to Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, 3 per cent. each to Enteritis and Dysentery, 2 per cent. each to Bright's Disease and Nephritis, Enteric Fever Prematurity, and Puerperal Septicæmia, and 1 per cent. to Bronchitis. (For detailed statistics see Table VIII.)

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, October 22, 1917.

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### APPENDIX.

Table I.—Area, Estimated Population, and the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the Second Quarter of 1917.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on April 1, 1917.	Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Ceylon ..	25,481	4,567,560	5,279	4,078	1,201	42,553	21,665	20,888	26,736	13,807	12,929
Western ..	1,432	1,183,238	1,744	1,744	—	10,404	5,292	5,112	6,278	3,230	3,048
Central ..	2,279	706,562	451	177	274	7,849	4,015	3,834	4,968	2,515	2,453
Southern ..	2,146½	675,412	1,011	1,007	4	6,670	3,477	3,193	3,774	1,924	1,850
Northern ..	3,519	378,799	513	511	2	3,342	1,663	1,679	2,240	1,174	1,066
Eastern ..	3,848½	193,078	63	62	1	2,055	1,002	1,053	2,074	1,043	1,031
North-Western ..	3,016	442,178	725	338	387	4,225	2,138	2,087	2,569	1,326	1,243
North-Central ..	4,068	85,343	129	24	105	1,082	544	538	476	268	208
Uva ..	3,271½	220,897	166	49	117	2,444	1,246	1,198	1,845	1,001	844
Sabaragamuwa ..	1,901	418,366	477	166	311	4,482	2,288	2,194	2,512	1,326	1,186
Western.											
Colombo ...	560½	693,037	1,027	1,027	—	5,738	2,950	2,788	3,667	1,923	1,744
Negombo ..	247½	185,458	291	291	—	1,655	839	816	760	374	386
Kalutara ..	623½	304,743	426	426	—	3,011	1,503	1,508	1,851	933	918
Central.											
Kandy ..	911	432,188	304	114	190	4,978	2,551	2,427	3,076	1,561	1,515
Natala ..	905½	107,470	74	20	54	1,266	665	601	801	406	395
Nuwara Eliya ..	462½	166,904	73	43	30	1,605	799	806	1,091	548	543
Southern.											
Galle ...	652½	316,969	477	474	3	3,084	1,590	1,444	1,848	927	921
Matara ..	481½	248,480	391	390	1	2,587	1,330	1,257	1,228	626	602
Hambantota ..	1,012½	109,963	143	143	—	1,049	557	492	698	371	327
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,147½	337,517	476	476	—	2,943	1,469	1,474	1,838	959	879
Mannar ..	904½	24,260	27	27	—	208	99	109	299	166	133
Mullaittivu ..	1,466½	17,022	10	8	2	191	95	96	103	49	54
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ..	2,800½	162,889	32	32	—	1,727	829	898	1,834	908	926
Trincomalee ..	1,048	30,189	31	30	1	328	173	155	240	135	105
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ..	1,843½	309,567	537	158	379	3,108	1,569	1,539	1,884	990	894
Puttalam ..	909½	38,462	51	43	8	320	173	147	265	140	125
Chilaw ..	262½	94,149	137	137	—	797	396	401	420	196	224
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ..	4,068	85,343	129	24	105	1,082	544	538	476	268	208
Uva.											
Badulla ..	3,271½	220,897	166	49	117	2,444	1,246	1,198	1,845	1,001	844
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	167,995	210	85	125	1,946	978	968	1,403	766	637
Kegalla ..	642	250,371	267	81	186	2,536	1,310	1,226	1,109	560	549

Table II.—Birth- and Death-rates in the Second Quarter of 1917, the corresponding Quarter of 1916, the First Quarter of 1917, and the Mean Rates for the Second Quarters of 1907-1916.

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Second Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1916.	Average for 2nd Quarters, 1907-1916.	Second Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1916.	Average for 2nd Quarters, 1907-1916.
Ceylon ..	37.4	43.1	37.4	37.1	23.5	26.5	28.7	28.2
Western ..	35.3	44.9	31.4	32.8	21.3	24.1	24.7	22.1
Central ..	44.6	47.0	44.3	39.8	28.2	31.4	35.2	29.2
Southern ..	39.6	51.8	39.5	40.1	22.4	26.0	26.4	28.8
Northern ..	35.4	39.6	40.3	37.0	23.7	31.5	25.7	27.7
Eastern ..	42.7	38.4	39.2	40.1	43.1	31.1	28.7	33.7
North-Western ..	38.3	46.6	43.8	36.8	23.3	28.2	34.2	30.3
North-Central ..	50.9	61.7	35.3	36.6	22.4	36.0	25.3	38.0
Uva ..	44.4	43.3	46.6	41.0	33.5	34.4	36.1	34.4
Sabaragamuwa ..	43.0	44.4	42.1	39.7	24.1	27.8	39.6	34.7
Western.								
Colombo ..	33.2	43.0	28.7	30.7	21.2	24.0	25.9	22.6
Negombo ..	35.8	46.3	35.3	35.4	16.4	20.2	20.9	19.0
Kalutara ..	39.6	48.4	35.0	36.4	24.4	26.8	24.3	23.0
Central.								
Kandy ..	46.2	47.8	43.9	40.7	28.6	31.3	34.8	28.5
Matale ..	47.2	43.7	52.8	42.6	29.9	36.9	40.6	35.8
Nuwara Eliya ..	38.6	47.0	39.8	36.0	26.2	29.2	32.7	26.8
Southern.								
Galle ..	38.4	54.1	32.6	38.2	23.4	25.8	22.5	24.5
Matara ..	41.8	51.6	42.4	42.4	19.8	23.4	24.9	27.1
Hambantota ..	38.3	45.6	52.8	44.9	25.5	32.7	40.8	42.4
Northern.								
Jaffna ..	35.0	39.2	39.7	36.0	21.8	29.4	24.5	26.0
Mannar ..	34.4	42.1	45.0	38.4	49.4	59.4	40.5	44.4
Mullaittivu ..	45.0	43.9	44.7	37.6	24.3	34.6	29.6	38.5
Eastern.								
Batticaloa ..	42.5	36.4	38.8	40.4	45.2	30.4	29.2	33.0
Trincomalee ..	43.6	49.5	41.9	38.5	31.9	34.8	26.1	37.8
North-Western.								
Kurunegala ..	40.3	48.4	47.4	38.5	24.4	30.2	39.1	34.4
Puttalam ..	33.4	39.2	27.3	29.0	27.6	34.5	29.8	32.7
Chilaw ..	34.0	43.8	38.7	34.1	17.9	18.9	19.7	20.7
North-Central.								
Anuradhapura ..	50.9	61.7	35.3	36.6	22.4	36.0	25.3	38.0
Uva.								
Badulla ..	44.4	43.3	46.6	41.0	33.5	34.4	36.1	34.4
Sabaragamuwa.								
Ratnapura ..	43.4	46.0	46.2	41.5	31.3	36.3	51.4	40.7
Kegalla ..	40.6	43.3	39.3	38.4	17.8	22.0	31.7	30.5

[For Table III. see page 4.]

Table IV.—Births, Deaths, and their Rates on Estates, Second Quarter, 1917, &c., and Average Rates, 1907-1916.

District.	Population at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Births registered during Second Quarter, 1917.	Deaths registered during Second Quarter, 1917.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
				Second Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1916.	Average, Second Quarters, 1907-1916.	Second Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1916.	Average, Second Quarters, 1907-1916.
Kandy ..	147,738	1,821	1,404	49.4	46.6	41.3	34.4	38.1	40.7	41.7	31.6
Matale ..	31,186	353	284	46.0	35.3	42.2	30.4	36.5	49.8	48.1	40.1
Nuwara Eliya ..	100,393	935	776	37.4	53.3	41.7	35.4	31.0	35.0	39.3	29.3
Badulla ..	71,957	843	674	47.0	45.1	42.3	35.7	37.6	43.7	33.4	32.5
Ratnapura ..	30,455	449	464	59.1	50.2	53.0	38.4	61.1	60.5	85.1	70.7
Kegalla ..	62,518	559	300	35.9	30.7	22.5	30.1	19.3	24.3	24.1	38.3
Colombo ..	13,377	137	91	41.1	35.8	40.9	28.3	27.3	32.1	47.5	44.9
Kalutara ..	30,768	409	316	53.3	42.3	46.3	34.6	41.2	38.6	38.0	37.0
Galle ..	6,295	63	76	40.1	58.6	43.5	34.6	48.4	53.5	39.6	31.0
Matara ..	3,191	50	82	62.9	80.1	51.7	38.3	103.0	103.0	80.7	51.0
Kurunegala ..	9,789	57	65	23.4	28.2	27.5	22.7	26.6	29.8	46.4	37.8
Total ..	507,667	5,681	4,532	44.9	44.7	40.1	33.7	35.8	39.7	41.1	35.2

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 Second Quarter of 1917.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Sinhalese.						Tamil.						Moors.								
		Estimated Population on April 1, 1917.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.		Death-rate per Mille per Annum.		Estimated Population on April 1, 1917.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.		Death-rate per Mille per Annum.		Estimated Population on April 1, 1917.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.		Death-rate per Mille per Annum.	
					1917.	1907-16.	1917.	1907-16.				1917.	1907-16.	1917.	1907-16.				1917.	1907-16.	1917.	1907-16.
Ceylon ..	25481	2909781	2899815592	132	40.0	39.1	21.5	26.2	132	132	40.0	39.1	21.5	26.2	132	132	40.0	39.1	21.5	26.2		
Western ..	1432	979848	8882	4731	36.4	34.1	19.4	19.9	123	123	36.4	34.1	19.4	19.9	123	123	36.4	34.1	19.4	19.9		
Colombo ..	5602	555006	4912	2702	38.5	33.4	19.5	20.2	131	131	38.5	33.4	19.5	20.2	131	131	38.5	33.4	19.5	20.2		
Negombo ..	247	167457	1537	688	35.8	35.8	16.5	18.4	109	109	35.8	35.8	16.5	18.4	109	109	35.8	35.8	16.5	18.4		
Kalutara ..	623	257355	2133	1341	37.9	36.9	20.9	20.4	115	115	37.9	36.9	20.9	20.4	115	115	37.9	36.9	20.9	20.4		
Central ..	2279	366267	4222	2156	46.2	45.2	23.6	27.6	151	151	46.2	45.2	23.6	27.6	151	151	46.2	45.2	23.6	27.6		
Kandy ..	911	239122	2771	1430	46.5	45.9	24.0	26.4	153	153	46.5	45.9	24.0	26.4	153	153	46.5	45.9	24.0	26.4		
Matale ..	905	69640	820	435	47.9	47.9	24.9	33.1	157	157	47.9	47.9	24.9	33.1	157	157	47.9	47.9	24.9	33.1		
Nuwara Eliya ..	462	57505	631	291	44.0	39.1	20.3	23.7	136	136	44.0	39.1	20.3	23.7	136	136	44.0	39.1	20.3	23.7		
Southern ..	2146	643231	6372	3423	39.7	41.4	21.4	28.2	128	128	39.7	41.4	21.4	28.2	128	128	39.7	41.4	21.4	28.2		
Galle ..	652	299481	2873	1659	38.5	38.7	22.2	24.0	126	126	38.5	38.7	22.2	24.0	126	126	38.5	38.7	22.2	24.0		
Matara ..	481	237886	2487	1090	41.9	42.9	18.3	26.7	117	117	41.9	42.9	18.3	26.7	117	117	41.9	42.9	18.3	26.7		
Hambantota ..	1012	105864	1012	674	38.3	45.4	25.5	42.6	158	158	38.3	45.4	25.5	42.6	158	158	38.3	45.4	25.5	42.6		
Northern ..	3519	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Jaffna ..	1147	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Mannar ..	304	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Mullaitivu ..	1466	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Eastern ..	3848	7055	97	81	55.2	51.8	46.1	46.1	158	158	55.2	51.8	46.1	46.1	158	158	55.2	51.8	46.1	46.1		
Batticaloa ..	2800	6014	85	71	56.7	54.7	47.4	46.2	169	169	56.7	54.7	47.4	46.2	169	169	56.7	54.7	47.4	46.2		
Trincomalee ..	1048	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North-Western ..	3016	382852	3654	2115	38.4	37.9	22.2	30.4	141	141	38.4	37.9	22.2	30.4	141	141	38.4	37.9	22.2	30.4		
Kurunegala ..	1843	283511	2859	1685	40.5	39.2	23.8	33.6	142	142	40.5	39.2	23.8	33.6	142	142	40.5	39.2	23.8	33.6		
Puttalam ..	909	17785	112	93	26.3	24.5	21.0	27.4	236	236	26.3	24.5	21.0	27.4	236	236	26.3	24.5	21.0	27.4		
Chilaw ..	262	81556	683	337	33.6	35.8	16.6	19.5	119	119	33.6	35.8	16.6	19.5	119	119	33.6	35.8	16.6	19.5		
North-Central ..	4068	65856	881	366	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2	141	141	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2	141	141	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2		
Anuradhapura ..	4068	65856	881	366	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2	141	141	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2	141	141	53.7	38.3	22.3	38.2		
Uva ..	3271	138176	1493	1039	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6	167	167	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6	167	167	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6		
Badulla ..	3271	138176	1493	1039	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6	167	167	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6	167	167	43.3	46.6	30.2	34.6		
Sabaragamuwa ..	1901	323833	3375	1658	41.8	41.2	20.5	29.1	117	117	41.8	41.2	20.5	29.1	117	117	41.8	41.2	20.5	29.1		
Ratnapura ..	1259	140123	1469	895	42.1	41.6	25.6	33.0	135	135	42.1	41.6	25.6	33.0	135	135	42.1	41.6	25.6	33.0		
Kegalla ..	642	183710	1906	763	41.6	40.9	16.7	26.1	102	102	41.6	40.9	16.7	26.1	102	102	41.6	40.9	16.7	26.1		

Table V.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Second 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 Population (inclusive estimated of the Mill 1917 at the Census of March 10, 1911.		Total Births.		Total Deaths.		Total Stillbirths.		Deaths of Non-residents registered in Towns, Hospitals, and Jails.		Deaths of Town Residents.		Birth-rate.			Death-rate.			Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births.	Average, Second Quarter, 1908-1916.	Mean Temperature, per cent.	Rainfall in Inches.	
	517,877	618,347	2,137	1,999	4,137	2,371	2,000	487	289	803	3,558	20-83	27-02	23-08	25-16	27-96	980	223					251
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Second Quarter, 1917.	Average, Second Quarter, 1908-1916.	Crude, Second Quarter, 1917.	Standardized, Second Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1917.	Second Quarter, 1908-1916.					
<b>All 33 Towns</b>	681	644	1,325	833	693	1,526	54	45	99	147	1,377	19-84	21-87	20-62	23-92	27-54	374	252	299	81-7	15-78		
<i>Western Province.</i>	219,557	207,888	413,445	270,111	136,273	270,111	136,273	136,273	136,273	136,273	1,377	19-84	21-87	20-62	23-92	27-54	374	252	299	81-7	15-78		
Colombo	13,045	26,339	39,384	95	90	185	5	2	7	15	170	36-09	33-12	25-89	27-08	23-44	46	186	181	—	13-21		
Moretuwa	27,256	29,980	57,236	172	129	222	12	4	16	2	220	44-68	37-46	29-43	32-46	26-12	67	202	176	—	—		
Kalutara	13,006	14,039	27,045	63	45	108	3	2	5	18	90	31-43	30-63	25-71	25-55	23-33	18	147	156	—	19-39		
Panadure	5,709	7,333	13,042	20	9	29	1	1	2	3	26	22-43	22-60	14-19	13-42	18-81	5	139	155	—	—		
<i>Central Province.</i>	30,149	32,376	62,525	142	113	255	4	3	7	66	189	33-08	28-63	23-41	25-52	28-83	47	191	247	77-9	16-35		
Kandy	5,521	7,003	12,524	27	28	49	2	3	5	41	41	33-79	33-36	23-48	24-37	34-31	8	136	239	—	27-73		
Gampola	3,767	3,990	7,757	10	19	29	37	44	81	50	31	23-15	31-16	33-88	37-13	37-13	8	261	363	—	—		
Hakton and Dikoya	3,025	3,149	6,174	13	11	24	28	33	61	48	13	30-57	16-87	16-56	19-34	25-70	9	415	497	—	42-30		
Matale	5,792	7,825	13,617	32	37	69	50	56	106	50	56	35-37	32-39	28-71	32-99	38-62	18	278	241	—	15-93		
Nuwara Eliya	14,910	15,060	29,970	34	17	51	29	16	45	15	28	13-58	11-83	7-46	8-50	12-08	12	237	257	60-3	15-43		
<i>Southern Province.</i>	39,986	41,810	81,796	142	142	284	142	142	284	36	248	29-26	30-18	23-79	23-30	25-17	45	154	182	81-0	16-45		
Galle	—	4,384	4,384	8	7	14	7	7	14	—	14	14-64	—	12-81	—	—	2	76	—	—	—		
Ambalangoda	13,851	16,276	30,127	64	41	105	53	39	92	7	85	27-57	34-76	22-32	21-86	21-48	30	228	174	—	18-86		
Makara	8,672	9,428	18,100	49	36	85	20	21	41	—	41	36-16	28-09	17-44	15-71	13-91	10	118	114	—	—		
Welligama	3,092	3,263	6,355	15	17	32	10	9	19	1	18	39-34	28-95	22-13	24-74	31-52	3	82	288	81-4	3-88		
Hambantota	3,505	5,704**	9,209	23	19	42	21	16	37	7	30	29-54	36-96	21-10	21-56	33-97	7	146	274	—	8-33		
<i>Northern Province.</i>	40,441	45,229	85,670	172	176	348	162	134	296	11	269	30-95	34-37	23-86	24-37	31-14	90	232	262	84-8	3-05		
Jaffna	3,777	4,088	7,865	15	24	39	29	20	49	8	41	38-27	34-17	40-23	44-30	43-32	13	332	352	85-1	4-10		
Mannar	1,892	1,448	3,340	7	9	16	10	10	20	—	14	44-32	39-30	38-78	51-41	62-34	5	329	334	—	3-10		
Mullaitivu	808	1,012	1,820	—	—	—	7	2	9	5	4	—	14-27	15-85	21-52	41-30	—	—	220	—	—	7-99	
Vavuniya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>Eastern Province.</i>	10,871	11,138	22,009	64	65	129	33	34	67	—	157	46-46	29-04	56-54	55-76	36-84	63	490	422	83-3	3-27		
Batticaloa	—	2,081	2,081	17	15	32	15	8	23	10	13	61-68	43-48	25-06	—	—	2	61	285	—	—		
Kalmunai	8,840	10,537	19,377	40	37	77	42	35	77	7	70	29-31	29-11	26-65	29-25	45-04	13	150	338	85-0	3-22		
<i>N.-Western Province.</i>	8,167	9,452	17,619	28	29	57	70	40	110	49	60	24-11	27-35	25-38	26-08	41-51	15	216	314	82-0	13-01		
Kurunegala	5,990	6,618	12,608	26	20	46	32	21	53	11	42	27-88	32-09	25-45	27-23	31-46	16	259	272	82-3	3-29		
Pukulam	1,591	1,667	3,258	9	5	14	4	6	9	—	9	33-68	25-08	21-65	—	—	1	76	269	—	2-09		
Kalpiya	5,033	5,668	10,701	16	19	34	19	20	39	5	34	24-06	28-88	24-06	23-07	23-63	8	202	191	—	9-56		
Chilaw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
<i>N.-Central Province.</i>	5,361	6,821	12,182	38	21	59	35	21	56	7	46	34-69	20-74	27-05	33-14	54-42	11	218	381	83-4	7-46		
Anuradhapura	6,487	7,226	13,713	43	42	85	83	52	135	67	68	47-18	29-92	37-75	41-65	28-97	22	267	216	74-7	8-30		
Badulla	515	601	1,116	3	3	6	53	37	90	90	—	40-06	35-73	—	—	—	3	80	375	—	—		
Lunugala	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Proc. of Sabaragamuwa.	5,476	7,215	12,691	25	22	47	51	28	79	43	36	26-13	30-72	20-01	22-69	47-73	8	180	322	81-0	33-92		
Ratnapura	2,536	2,669	5,205	11	5	16	24	7	31	12	18	24-05	30-03	27-06	24-81	18-64	1	67	218	—	20-63		
Kegalla	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		

\* The standardized death-rates represent the crude death-rates multiplied by the respective standardizing factor in order to make correction for differences of sex- and age-constitution of the several populations in 1911 as compared with that of the Island.  
 † Calculated on the basis during the year ending the last day of the quarter and not on those during the quarters only, as in previous years.  
 ‡ Sex of one not definable.  
 § Increase of population is due to the extension of town limits.  
 ¶ Includes population of Negombo Local Board and registration area.  
 †† Blankets under these columns indicate that there were no observations or rain gauges.  
 ††† Ambalangoda proclaimed in January, 1916.



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. Prov.		Sabaragamuwa Province.		Deaths among all Races.								
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Kalutara.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Elyia.	Galle.	Matale.	Hambantota.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Veddas.	Others.			
																														1884.	1885.	1886.
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	770	188	47	82	21	6	141	9	—	5	—	—	—	1	45	7	19	6	7	67	48	—	2	686	39	41	1	—	—	—		
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—		
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	73	23	8	8	3	1	6	3	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	45	24	1	—	—	—		
48. Peritonitis ..	25	12	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11	1	—	—	—		
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	235	27	5	5	6	13	5	4	10	19	5	—	69	—	8	1	—	2	11	7	5	—	3	86	93	51	1	—	—	—		
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	150	56	7	8	24	15	3	1	1	5	—	2	2	—	3	—	—	—	16	3	2	1	3	62	70	12	—	—	—	—		
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	37	13	—	1	4	1	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	4	1	1	1	20	14	1	—	—	—	—		
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	868	98	26	58	74	18	38	30	19	105	21	9	23	11	136	21	24	26	46	30	41	—	6	506	291	58	4	1	—	—	—	
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	2109	230	103	33	105	12	14	6	6	185	6	2	270	24	397	9	59	95	13	93	163	—	1	1497	393	200	5	11	—	—		
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
55. Congenital Malformations ..	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
56. Premature Birth ..	331	38	4	4	61	29	6	3	—	21	—	3	7	3	3	1	3	6	108	29	2	—	5	146	164	13	2	—	—	—	—	
57. Infantile Debility ..	1182	107	19	46	247	64	187	7	15	71	29	12	20	13	25	14	—	20	114	71	57	—	8	327	760	72	4	—	—	—	—	
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	39	8	—	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	2	—	—	—	—	
59. Senility ..	829	224	27	91	76	15	84	79	7	42	—	3	6	4	15	1	8	2	36	43	32	—	6	490	250	70	8	—	—	—	—	
60. Suicide ..	77	15	2	2	11	8	4	2	—	7	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	6	2	3	—	—	41	35	13	—	—	—	—	—	
61. Homicide ..	50	8	1	10	3	3	6	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	35	13	2	—	—	—	—	—	
62. Execution ..	5	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	497	51	15	38	53	9	32	26	17	30	4	5	15	4	50	2	19	21	33	32	30	—	2	333	131	26	1	—	—	—	—	—
64. Dropsy ..	625	13	9	18	71	11	23	18	3	45	15	4	215	6	75	10	9	3	20	13	19	—	—	272	244	108	—	—	—	—	—	—
65. Heart Failure ..	36	5	—	—	1	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	9	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	455	63	4	31	92	25	40	8	3	18	5	3	—	2	9	—	—	—	45	51	25	—	3	102	304	37	3	—	—	—	—	—
67. Pyrexia ..	3717	283	133	122	142	32	149	192	232	478	57	15	465	19	529	35	65	96	163	146	220	—	—	2500	837	366	7	—	—	—	—	—
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	28	11	—	4	3	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	17	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	102	32	4	6	10	6	15	8	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	1	54	38	6	—	—	—	—	—	—

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 Second 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.	Retnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Matara.	Kurunegala.
All Causes ..	4,532	1,404	284	776	674	464	300	91	316	76	82	65
1. Enteric Fever ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia ..	57	9	6	3	17	13	3	2	1	2	—	1
3. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	7	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
5. Whooping Cough ..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery ..	449	156	18	88	65	47	19	2	20	14	20	—
8. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases ..	14	9	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Septicæmia ..	9	2	—	3	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus ..	11	7	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
15. Phthisis ..	68	18	3	5	5	5	7	7	12	4	1	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	6	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
17. Ricketts ..	22	10	—	2	2	—	3	—	3	2	—	—
18. Parangi ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer ..	7	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever ..	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
21. Diabetes ..	4	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
22. Anæmia ..	20	1	—	1	1	12	—	—	4	1	—	—
23. Alcoholism ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases ..	35	14	2	5	7	3	2	—	1	—	1	—
25. Meningitis ..	11	4	1	—	1	2	1	1	—	1	—	—
26. Cerebral Hemorrhage or Apoplexy ..	11	3	—	4	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1
27. Paralysis ..	20	7	1	2	4	2	3	—	—	—	1	—
28. Epilepsy ..	15	5	—	3	3	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal) ..	21	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	6	—	1	—
30. Infantile Convulsions ..	342	90	21	48	48	27	33	13	37	8	5	12
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System ..	12	4	—	1	2	—	2	—	1	1	1	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart ..	23	9	1	4	3	1	1	—	2	—	—	2
33. Hemorrhoids ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	7	1	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
35. Bronchitis ..	77	18	8	16	9	8	4	1	7	1	1	4
36. Pneumonia ..	426	138	42	90	67	40	14	3	19	5	2	6
37. Pulmonary Congestion ..	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
38. Asthma ..	17	5	3	1	1	2	3	—	1	1	—	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	10	2	—	2	1	—	2	1	1	—	—	1
40. Thrush, Stomatitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhœa ..	60	22	3	16	5	2	7	—	2	1	2	—
42. Diarrhœa undefined ..	587	195	28	110	81	64	35	13	37	9	11	4
43. Enteritis ..	59	14	1	11	9	14	7	1	—	1	1	—
44. Anchylostomiasis ..	477	147	37	32	95	57	29	11	40	7	16	6
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	27	8	3	3	4	3	2	1	2	—	1	—
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	11	4	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
48. Peritonitis ..	6	—	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	34	14	4	8	5	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	42	13	—	14	4	2	2	2	3	—	1	—
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	9	2	1	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	112	28	5	11	19	13	13	1	14	3	2	3
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	19	9	—	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth ..	120	42	—	19	28	18	2	2	3	4	1	1
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	598	187	39	158	89	33	37	7	39	1	4	4
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility ..	175	52	14	28	26	23	14	1	9	2	2	4
60. Suicide ..	23	9	4	4	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
61. Homicide ..	8	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	54	23	1	7	5	4	7	4	1	1	1	—
64. Dropsy ..	49	17	3	10	4	5	2	1	4	—	—	—
65. Heart Failure ..	20	8	2	3	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	2
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	265	71	18	38	31	44	23	4	28	2	4	1
67. Pyrexia ..	31	2	3	5	—	2	4	—	2	—	—	2
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	28	8	6	—	2	—	2	2	4	2	1	1





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

Causes of Death.	All 33 Towns.				Western Province.				Central Provinces.				Southern Province.				Northern Province.				Eastern Province.				North-Western Province.				North-Central Provinces.		Provinces of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.									
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Matara.	Walgama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Baticaloa.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kapitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.		
10a. Enteritis ..	121	6	4	1		13		2	4								2																		1	51	56	8	3	2		
11. Dysentery ..	135	17	11			18	3	7	11	2	5						8	3																6	42	76	9	1	1			
12. Anchylostomiasis or Doehmius Duodenalis ..	232		5	6	2	8	6	14	13	14	1	41	2	3	4																				2	55	142	31		2		
13. Cancer ..	22					1			4								2																	3	13	9	3		2			
14. Phthisis ..	296	7	14	12	1	18	2	3	1	5	1	7	1	8	2		18	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	4	4	2	2	5				16	134	94	34	7	11				
15. Other tubercular diseases ..	13		2			2		1																										1	5	4	1	1	1			
16. Anæmia ..	33	6	9			1											3																									
17. Diabetes Mellitus ..	21	11	3			1						2					6					8	2	1	1	1																
18. Convulsions ..	91	33	5	3	1	3		1	4		3	3	1	1		1	5																									
19. Tetanus ..	30	6	1	2		3		1	1	2	1	1	1				3					1	1	1	1																	
20. Bronchitis ..	30	8	1	5	1	1		1	2		2	2					5					1	1	1	1																	
21. Pneumonia ..	434	140	30	10	3	33	2	5	4	8	6	11	2	5	3	1	20	10	3	3	17	3	23	17	2	2	6	13	10	3					5	215	155	43	3	12		
22. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System..	41	16	4	1	2				1		2	1					1				1		1	1	7	1																
23. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	107	48	7	6	1	15		2		1	3						4	1			2		2	2	2																	
24. Puerperal Eclampsia ..	21	5				1					4						1																									
25. Puerperal Septicæmia ..	77	25	2	4	3	2	1	1			3						10	3	1	1	4	3	1	1	1																	
26. Miscarriage ..																																										
27. Other undefined accidents of Childbirth ..	21	10	1	3							1						1																									
28. Starvation ..	3			1		1																																				
29. Accidents or Negligence ..	89	22	3	1	8	1	2	2	1	3	7						3	1	2		2	2	1	4	1	1																
30. Homicide ..	14	4	1								1																															
31. Suicide ..	8	3	1																																							
32. Execution ..	5	2				2																																				
33. All other causes ..	970	373	23	49	5	52	9	21	23	11	104	6	19	14	2	13	45	5	4	3	14	5	12	25	9	2	10	11	26	6	21	6	8	30	496	252	146	20	18			