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## VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

### REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1917.

#### I.—Population.

THE population on the last day of the quarter was estimated at 4,632,382. The excess of births over deaths numbered 22,036, and that of arrivals over departures of Indian coolies 2,245. The excess in births was noticeable in all the districts, most marked among which were Negombo, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, Chilaw, and Kegalla, where the births were more than twice as many as the deaths.

2. The arrivals and departures of Indian coolies were 7,541 and 5,296 respectively, as against averages of 19,210 and 12,855 respectively in the corresponding quarters of the last ten years.

#### II.—Marriages.

3. 6,732 marriages (4,964 General and 1,768 Kandyan) were registered, as against 7,014 in the previous quarter, 6,466 in the corresponding quarter of last year, and 6,096 the average of the ten preceding fourth quarters. (Table I. gives their distribution by Provinces and districts.)

#### III.—Births.

4. The births registered during the quarter numbered 51,336, the highest number recorded in any quarter since 1911. This number represents a rate of 44.2 per mille of the estimated population, and is 8.3 higher than that of the previous quarter, and 6.4 higher than the average rate of the past decennium. This increase over the average is shared by all the districts, except Batticaloa. Ratnapura and Nuwara Eliya lead with 64.5 and 58.8 per mille respectively. Colombo District, with a rate of 37.5, though last in order, yet shows an appreciable improvement on the average rate, 32.7, and on the rate of the previous quarter, 28.6. Batticaloa, Mullaittivu, and Badulla showed diminished rates from those of last quarter. The estate births correspond to a rate of 55.6 per 1,000, and the urban (including Colombo) 28.5. In the city of Colombo the birth-rate was 22.0. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V. in the Appendix.) There were 301 cases of twin births and 5 of triplets registered during the quarter, as against 253 of twins, 2 of triplets, and one case of quadruplet in the previous quarter.

#### IV.—Deaths.

5. The deaths registered were 29,300, corresponding to a rate of 25.2 per 1,000. This rate, though showing an improvement on the mean average, exceeds the death-rate of the previous quarter by 1.3 and that of the corresponding quarter of last year by .4. Mannar District, judged by the rate of mortality (41.4), was the unhealthiest, while Chilaw was the healthiest, with a death-rate of only 18.0 per mille. Compared with the previous quarter, the districts of Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Batticaloa, and Badulla showed improved death-rate. The death-rate in estates was 34.4, and ranged from 59.7 in Matara to 17.5 in Kegalla. In the 33 principal towns the mortality corresponded to a rate of 26.0. The highest rate, 83.2, was in Nawalapitiya and the lowest, 8.71, in Nuwara Eliya. Colombo recorded a rate of 23.9. 350 stillbirths (188 males and 162 females) were registered, as against 272 in the previous quarter.

#### V.—Infant Mortality.

6. The deaths of children below the age of one year to every 1,000 births registered during the year ended the last day of the quarter was equal to a rate of 177 for all races, against 162 in the previous quarter. The highest rate of infant mortality among the Sinhalese was 226 in Matale, among the Tamils 384 in Mannar, and among the Moors 252 in Puttalam. The lowest rate among the Sinhalese was 121 in Kalutara, among the Tamils 217 in Jaffna, and among the Moors 209 in Batticaloa. The infant mortality in estates was 234 per 1,000 births registered, and ranged from 279 in Kandy to 175 in Kegalla. In the towns 241 infants under one year of age died to 1,000 births, Puttalam recording the highest rate, 359, and Kalutara the lowest, 111.

#### VI.—Causes of Death.

7. Of the 29,300 deaths registered during the quarter, the highest number was, as usual, attributed to Pyrexia, and was equivalent to 12 per cent. of the total deaths. Other causes which contributed to high rates of mortality were Infantile Convulsions 12 per cent., Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue 10 per cent., Diarrhoea 8 per cent., Infantile Debility 6 per cent., Rickets 5 per cent., Anæmia, Pneumonia, and Senility 4 per cent. each, Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth, Phthisis, and Dysentery 3 per cent. each, Intestinal Parasites, Anchylostomiasis, Dropsy, and Premature Birth 2 per cent. each, and Acute Rheumatic Fever 1 per cent. 20 deaths from Plague were registered in the City of Colombo, against 11 in the previous quarter and 73 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. 4 deaths from Smallpox were registered in Jaffna.

8. Affections produced by external causes:—

(a) *Suicide*.—Forty-seven deaths were due to suicide, as against 57 in the previous quarter and 45 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(b) *Homicide*.—Forty-five deaths were attributed to Homicide, as against 47 in the previous quarter and 37 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(c) *Executions*.—Twelve judicial executions took place during the quarter, as against 14 in the previous quarter and 13 in the fourth quarter of last year.

(d) Of the 478 deaths from accidents and other affections produced by external causes, 127 were due to drowning (42 in wells, 10 in pits), 88 to fall from trees, and 69 to burns, 12 of these being due to bottle lamps upsetting. Snake-bite caused 65 deaths, and injuries by animals 15. 10 deaths were due to being run over by trains, 3 to motor cars, 3 to bicycle accidents, and 2 to being run over by carts. 4 deaths were caused by landslides.

9. *Causes of Death in Estates*.—The largest number of deaths was from Debility (of infants under 3 months), which caused 17 per cent. of the total deaths, Anchylostomiasis caused 12 per cent., Diarrhoea and Pneumonia each 10 per cent., Infantile Convulsions 9 per cent., Dysentery 7 per cent., Debility (over 3 months) 5 per cent., Senility and Premature Birth 4 per cent. each, Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth 3 per cent., Bronchitis 2 per cent., Dropsy, Enteritis, Bright's Disease and Nephritis, Phthisis, and Malaria and Malarial Cachexia each 1 per cent. (For detailed statistics see Table VII.)

10. *Causes of Death in Towns*.—In the 33 principal towns, including Colombo, the highest number of deaths was from Pneumonia, which caused 8 per cent. of the deaths, and was closely followed by Convulsions and Infantile Debility, each contributing the same percentage as Pneumonia, Phthisis caused 7 per cent., Anchylostomiasis and Diarrhoea 6 per cent. each, Enteritis 5 per cent., Malaria and Malarial Cachexia 4 per cent., Dysentery, Prematurity, and Bright's Disease and Nephritis 3 per cent. each, Enteric Fever, Puerperal Septicæmia, and Bronchitis 2 per cent. each, and Tetanus 1 per cent. (For detailed statistics see Table VIII.)

Registrar-General's Office,  
Colombo, March 8, 1918.

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### APPENDIX.

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

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on October 1, 1917.	Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Ceylon ..	25,481	4,608,668	6,782	4,964	1,768	51,336	26,266	25,070	29,300	14,543	14,757
Western ..	1,432	1,190,606	2,086	2,086	—	12,326	6,304	6,022	7,056	3,470	3,586
Central ..	2,279	711,383	580	204	376	8,932	4,543	4,389	5,122	2,437	2,685
Southern ..	2,146½	680,120	1,286	1,276	10	8,347	4,184	4,163	4,679	2,305	2,374
Northern ..	3,519	381,161	576	576	—	3,786	2,030	1,756	2,712	1,391	1,321
Eastern ..	3,848½	193,750	84	80	4	2,071	1,074	997	1,494	776	718
North-Western ..	3,016	445,835	977	437	540	5,836	3,020	2,816	2,789	1,437	1,352
North-Central ..	4,068	86,384	166	17	149	1,148	591	557	637	307	330
Uva ..	3,271½	222,099	344	64	280	2,663	1,359	1,304	1,912	942	970
Sabaragamuwa ..	1,901	422,270	633	224	409	6,227	3,161	3,066	2,899	1,478	1,421
Western.											
Colombo ..	560½	696,618	1,191	1,191	—	6,577	3,381	3,196	4,034	2,018	2,016
Negombo ..	247½	187,100	352	352	—	2,121	1,086	1,035	1,051	504	547
Kalutara ..	623½	306,888	543	543	—	3,628	1,837	1,791	1,971	948	1,023
Central.											
Kandy ..	911	435,314	363	131	232	5,146	2,597	2,549	3,167	1,525	1,642
Matale ..	905½	108,287	105	21	84	1,301	670	631	951	434	517
Nuwara Eliya ..	462½	167,782	112	52	60	2,485	1,276	1,209	1,004	478	526
Southern.											
Galle ..	652½	318,814	693	685	8	3,723	1,904	1,819	2,204	1,068	1,136
Matara ..	481½	250,573	402	400	2	3,123	1,555	1,568	1,660	818	842
Hambantota ..	1,012½	110,733	191	191	—	1,501	725	776	815	419	396
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,147½	339,756	485	485	—	3,301	1,769	1,532	2,322	1,192	1,130
Mannar ..	904½	24,180	66	66	—	273	147	126	252	133	119
Mullaitivu ..	1,466½	17,225	25	25	—	212	114	98	138	66	72
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ..	2,800½	163,319	51	50	1	1,671	864	807	1,261	654	607
Trincomalee ..	1,048	30,431	33	30	3	400	210	190	233	122	111
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ..	1,843½	312,274	745	230	515	4,487	2,339	2,148	2,131	1,086	1,045
Puttalam ..	909½	38,598	52	27	25	374	188	186	228	128	100
Chilaw ..	262½	94,963	180	180	—	975	493	482	430	223	207
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ..	4,068	86,384	166	17	149	1,148	591	557	637	307	330
Uva.											
Badulla ..	3,271½	222,099	344	64	280	2,663	1,359	1,304	1,912	942	970
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	169,116	270	112	158	2,751	1,407	1,344	1,423	726	697
Kegalla ..	642	253,164	363	112	251	3,476	1,754	1,722	1,476	752	724

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

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Third Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1916.	Average for 4th Quarters, 1907-1916.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Third Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1916.	Average for 4th Quarters, 1907-1916.
Ceylon	44.2	35.9	36.8	37.8	25.2	23.9	24.8	28.7
Western	41.1	30.7	38.6	35.5	23.5	19.9	21.8	26.8
Central	49.8	42.8	44.1	39.1	28.6	31.9	29.9	31.5
Southern	48.7	35.1	45.5	41.4	27.3	24.5	24.7	28.4
Northern	39.4	39.2	44.2	37.4	28.2	26.0	31.5	27.6
Eastern	42.4	48.5	56.5	43.9	30.6	34.3	27.1	30.3
North-Western	51.9	39.6	42.3	36.6	24.8	21.7	26.3	30.3
North-Central	52.7	43.6	49.7	38.4	29.3	23.5	30.3	34.8
Uva	47.6	48.9	47.4	44.4	34.2	38.1	34.3	41.0
Sabaragamuwa	58.5	42.5	46.0	41.8	27.2	24.2	24.7	33.3
Western.								
Colombo	37.5	28.6	35.3	32.7	23.0	20.0	21.9	24.0
Negombo	45.0	33.0	39.7	38.5	22.3	17.1	18.6	21.1
Kalutara	46.9	34.0	45.6	40.3	25.5	21.2	23.7	25.0
Central.								
Kandy	46.9	41.8	43.9	38.7	28.9	30.6	29.2	30.3
Matale	47.7	45.8	47.2	42.2	34.8	32.8	37.3	42.4
Nuwara Eliya	58.8	43.5	42.8	38.0	23.7	34.9	26.9	27.3
Southern.								
Galle	46.3	32.3	45.8	43.8	27.4	24.1	25.9	27.6
Matara	49.5	35.9	45.0	42.5	26.3	24.2	21.3	26.5
Hambantota	53.8	41.2	45.7	36.5	29.2	26.2	29.3	34.7
Northern.								
Jaffna	38.6	38.3	43.8	36.8	27.1	24.5	29.9	26.5
Mannar	44.8	42.5	47.5	35.4	41.4	40.7	50.6	37.0
Mullaittivu	48.8	51.7	47.7	37.5	31.8	25.0	36.2	39.3
Eastern.								
Batticaloa	40.6	48.7	55.6	44.2	30.6	35.6	26.2	29.7
Trincmalee	52.2	47.7	60.9	42.1	30.4	27.5	32.2	33.9
North-Western.								
Kurunegala	57.0	42.4	45.0	37.9	27.1	23.5	28.3	33.2
Puttalam	38.4	30.1	36.1	28.5	23.4	21.7	30.6	31.0
Chilaw	40.7	34.2	36.1	34.9	18.0	15.9	17.7	20.4
North-Central.								
Anuradhapura	52.7	43.6	49.7	38.4	29.3	23.5	30.3	34.8
Uva.								
Badulla	47.6	48.9	47.4	44.4	34.2	38.1	34.3	41.0
Sabaragamuwa.								
Ratnapura	64.5	45.7	51.2	43.1	33.4	32.1	32.5	39.1
Kegalla	54.5	40.3	42.5	40.9	23.1	19.0	19.4	29.2

[For Table III. see page 4.]

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

District.	Population at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Births registered during Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Deaths registered during Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
				Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Third Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1916.	Average, Fourth Quarters, 1907-1916.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Third Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1916.	Average, Fourth Quarters, 1907-1916.
Kandy	147,738	2,022	1,389	54.3	53.6	43.0	35.5	37.3	41.6	35.3	31.3
Matale	31,186	380	342	48.3	52.4	42.1	35.8	43.5	41.1	42.1	46.7
Nuwara Eliya	100,393	1,793	680	70.9	47.1	43.0	36.0	26.9	42.7	31.4	28.3
Badulla	71,957	777	640	42.8	62.4	42.1	37.0	35.3	49.0	32.8	36.1
Ratnapura	30,455	618	392	80.5	69.8	61.8	39.0	51.1	56.8	57.9	66.1
Kegalla	62,518	562	276	35.7	36.9	27.9	30.8	17.5	19.3	18.9	31.2
Colombo	13,377	165	110	48.9	44.8	36.0	26.1	32.6	32.0	30.9	39.8
Kalutara	30,768	539	361	69.5	53.8	52.2	38.3	46.5	35.5	37.0	40.9
Galle	6,295	94	82	59.2	52.3	61.9	35.9	51.7	48.5	49.9	39.6
Matara	3,191	44	48	54.7	56.0	73.6	45.9	59.7	87.0	74.8	50.0
Kurunegala	9,789	116	79	47.0	38.9	32.5	26.0	32.0	36.1	42.7	41.5
Total	507,667	7,110	4,399	55.6	51.9	42.7	34.9	34.4	40.6	34.5	34.7







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

Causes of Death.	Ceylon.												Deaths among all Races.																			
	Western Province.			Central Province.			Southern Province.			Northern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			N.-C. Uva Prov. & Badulla.			Sabara-Paranara Province.										
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Kalutara.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Elyya.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Jaina.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burgbers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malays.	Veddas.	Others.			
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	722	163	72	70	18	1	136	26	—	5	—	—	1	—	28	5	12	4	8	77	68	—	—	6	646	37	32	—	—	—	1	
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	82	18	7	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
48. Peritonitis ..	24	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	228	38	9	34	2	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	171	56	11	37	10	9	4	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	34	11	—	5	—	3	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	989	115	40	80	33	18	64	48	20	50	15	6	45	10	137	13	34	35	43	47	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	2981	300	41	327	142	13	11	9	8	236	6	6	192	20	691	11	68	162	14	157	336	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth ..	462	43	12	8	3	43	10	5	—	26	—	—	4	4	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	1633	143	56	328	96	206	33	31	67	117	58	16	22	12	38	23	1	27	115	120	93	2	8	521	969	212	14	2	—	—	—	—
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	72	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility ..	1053	315	35	117	11	38	137	98	12	77	—	—	3	5	16	2	14	1	34	44	25	3	10	679	270	80	—	—	—	—	—	—
60. Suicide ..	47	6	3	5	2	2	5	—	—	8	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61. Homicide ..	45	12	4	2	—	—	7	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution ..	12	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	478	52	14	66	11	20	33	24	7	40	2	3	11	3	52	3	8	7	21	17	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
64. Dropsy ..	641	25	10	15	26	18	35	3	21	63	8	—	113	8	113	10	12	13	16	17	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65. Heart Failure ..	31	12	—	3	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	394	62	11	27	82	10	25	11	3	14	—	—	1	2	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
67. Pyrexia ..	3549	267	130	123	138	23	184	207	251	601	16	19	240	29	409	18	58	146	185	125	213	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	51	6	—	1	6	—	7	1	1	1	—	—	3	—	5	2	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	99	23	4	6	5	1	14	5	—	—	—	—	14	—	7	—	2	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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 Fourth 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.	Ratnapure.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Matara.	Kurunegala.
All Causes .. .. .	4,399	1,389	342	680	640	392	278	110	361	82	48	79
1. Enteric Fever .. .. .	5	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia .. .. .	44	12	9	2	2	7	2	3	4	2	—	1
3. Smallpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles .. .. .	4	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough .. .. .	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery .. .. .	326	97	27	45	59	34	12	11	28	7	4	2
8. Plague .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases .. .. .	11	2	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11. Septicæmia .. .. .	5	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia .. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus .. .. .	8	4	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
15. Phthisis .. .. .	55	11	8	4	6	9	4	1	9	1	—	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases .. .. .	6	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
17. Rickets .. .. .	18	3	2	1	2	—	1	2	4	3	—	—
18. Parangi .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer .. .. .	5	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever .. .. .	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
21. Diabetes .. .. .	4	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Anæmia .. .. .	21	6	—	—	1	9	2	—	2	1	—	—
23. Alcoholism .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases .. .. .	30	8	2	5	6	3	4	1	—	—	1	—
25. Meningitis .. .. .	5	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
26. Cerebral Hemorrhage or Apoplexy .. .. .	7	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
27. Paralysis .. .. .	18	7	1	4	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
28. Epilepsy .. .. .	9	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal) .. .. .	22	2	3	2	1	5	2	1	5	—	—	9
30. Infantile Convulsions .. .. .	406	139	33	46	32	38	31	21	47	7	3	—
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System .. .. .	9	2	—	—	1	2	2	—	—	1	1	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart .. .. .	13	4	1	—	2	—	1	—	4	1	—	—
33. Hemorrhoids .. .. .	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System .. .. .	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3
35. Bronchitis .. .. .	103	30	10	17	27	3	6	—	7	—	—	12
36. Pneumonia .. .. .	429	129	31	88	90	34	16	4	19	3	3	—
37. Pulmonary Congestion .. .. .	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38. Asthma .. .. .	9	5	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. .. .	12	4	1	—	3	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
40. Thrush, Stomatitis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhoea .. .. .	40	12	—	9	7	4	1	—	5	1	1	9
42. Diarrhoea undefined .. .. .	396	124	30	54	61	33	27	16	25	11	6	2
43. Enteritis .. .. .	56	10	—	6	11	18	8	—	1	—	—	5
44. Anchylostomiasis .. .. .	526	169	53	51	89	34	31	12	56	14	12	—
45. Intestinal Parasites .. .. .	19	6	2	1	2	1	1	—	3	1	1	—
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver .. .. .	8	3	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
48. Peritonitis .. .. .	8	—	—	3	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System .. .. .	42	17	1	8	6	3	3	3	—	—	—	1
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .. .. .	56	22	7	9	6	4	2	—	5	—	—	1
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System .. .. .	5	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	5
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth .. .. .	123	33	17	11	9	12	11	3	16	6	—	—
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue .. .. .	18	7	2	2	3	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
55. Congenital Malformations .. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
56. Premature Birth .. .. .	158	78	3	31	11	18	6	1	2	7	—	—
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) .. .. .	751	257	56	167	64	55	52	10	49	3	5	2
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy .. .. .	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility .. .. .	163	44	11	33	21	20	11	2	17	1	1	—
60. Suicide .. .. .	10	3	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
61. Homicide .. .. .	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes .. .. .	55	25	—	14	6	3	2	1	2	1	1	4
64. Dropsy .. .. .	63	21	14	8	5	7	1	—	2	1	—	—
65. Heart Failure .. .. .	14	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	—	—	—
66. Debility (3 months and over) .. .. .	223	64	6	25	44	23	22	6	24	4	5	1
67. Pyrexia .. .. .	41	5	2	3	15	2	2	4	4	2	1	—
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined .. .. .	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
69. Other ill-defined diseases .. .. .	17	5	2	1	1	1	1	—	3	1	—	—



Table VIII.—Causes of Death registered during the Fourth Quarter of 1917 in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 81-86 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Death.	Western Province.										Central Province.				Southern Province.				Northern Province.			Eastern Province.				North-Western Province.				North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.									
	Colombo.	Negambo.	Moretuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Matale.	Veligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Vavuniya.	Batticaloa.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Katnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.			
All Causes	1,582	224	228	110	41	232	94	77	41	114	41	305	19	120	55	25	23	343	31	15	7	110	29	63	124	61	15	40	42	66	61	71	44	16	131	218	7	590	71	79			
I.—Infantile Mortality	388	52	75	13	4	46	18	5	6	16	11	63	9	27	20	9	3	111	8	6	2	41	9	21	22	19	4	9	12	11	1	7	4	5	35	50	7	154	26	10			
A.—One Week and under.																																											
1. Prematurity	108	11	8	—	—	19	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	4	1	—	—	13	4	—	2	4	—	—	7	—	—	6	3	—	1	—	—	—	2	60	34	7	2	3			
2. Debility	185	10	1	4	—	3	6	2	—	8	3	18	—	—	7	1	—	23	4	1	11	2	6	—	1	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	78	61	37	4	1				
3. Convulsions	86	3	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	2	3	4	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	50	23	9	2	2					
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus	20	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other causes	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																											
1. Prematurity	13	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	161	71	13	1	—	5	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	190	64	5	7	1	4	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	34	8	1	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	48	33	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis	29	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia	58	29	1	9	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other causes	91	43	5	7	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	3,401	1,494	172	153	97	37	186	76	72	35	98	30	93	35	16	20	232	23	9	5	69	20	42	102	42	11	31	30	55	60	84	40	11	96	163	111	4	436	45	69			
1. Plague	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
1a. Smallpox	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3. Measles	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Pyrexia or Fever	16	3	2	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
6. Enteric Fever	87	36	8	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
7. Malaria	93	10	4	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
8. Malarial Cachexia	70	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
9. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
10. Diarrhoea	214	33	2	6	3	2	10	27	5	18	3	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			

