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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, Mullaitivu, 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., Anaemia, 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 afflictions 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.	Kandy.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Ceylon ..	25,481	4,608,668	6,732	4,964	1,768	51,336	26,286	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 ..	2,146	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 ..	3,848	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	1,362
North-Central ..	4,068	86,384	166	17	149	1,148	591	557	637	307	330
Uva ..	3,271	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 ..	560	696,618	1,191	1,191	—	6,577	3,381	3,196	4,034	2,018	2,016
Negombo ..	247	187,100	352	352	—	2,121	1,086	1,035	1,051	504	547
Kalutara ..	623	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	1,649
Matale ..	905	108,287	105	21	84	1,301	670	631	951	434	517
Nuwara Eliya ..	462	167,782	112	52	60	2,485	1,276	1,209	1,004	478	526
Southern.											
Galle ..	652	318,814	693	685	8	3,723	1,904	1,819	2,204	1,068	1,136
Matara ..	481	250,573	402	400	2	3,123	1,555	1,568	1,660	818	842
Hambantota ..	1,012	110,733	191	191	—	1,801	725	776	815	419	396
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,147	339,756	485	485	—	3,301	1,769	1,532	2,322	1,192	1,120
Mannar ..	904	24,180	66	66	—	273	147	126	252	133	119
Mullaithivu ..	1,466	17,225	25	25	—	212	114	98	138	66	71
Eastern.											
Batticaloa..	2,800	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 ..	1,843	312,274	745	230	515	4,487	2,329	2,148	2,131	1,086	1,045
Puttalam ..	908	38,598	52	27	25	374	188	186	228	128	100
Chilaw ..	282	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 ..	3,271	222,099	344	64	280	2,663	1,359	1,304	1,912	942	970
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	109,116	270	112	158	2,751	1,407	1,344	1,423	726	697
Kegalla ..	642	253,154	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	38·4	41·4	40·7	50·6	37·0	
Mullaithivu ..	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	
Trincomalee ..	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	
Pittalam ..	38·4	30·1	36·1	28·5	23·4	21·7	30·6	31·0	
Chikaw ..	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	56·3	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 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 Fourth Quarter of 1917.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Sinhalese.		Tamil.		Moors.	
		Death-rate per Mille per Annum.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.	Death-rate per Mille per Annum.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.	Death-rate per Mille per Annum.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.
Western ..	1432	98713910549	5420	42.4	37.1	21.8	21.5
Colombo ..	6603	6567566607	3027	39.8	35.1	21.5	143
Negombo ..	2471	1690221984	945	46.6	39.1	22.2	145
Kalutara ..	6234	2593622953	1448	45.2	40.1	22.2	20.1
Central ..	2279	3698194273	2338	45.9	43.3	25.1	171
Kandy ..	911	2422552787	1505	45.8	42.7	24.8	182
Matale ..	9061	70276817	627	46.1	45.2	29.8	40.1
Nuwara Eliya ..	4622	58088674	306	46.0	42.6	20.9	22.6
Southern ..	21461	6480608021	4380	49.1	41.5	26.7	164
Galle ..	6524	3613933659	2006	46.9	44.5	26.4	163
Matare ..	4814	2400463002	1567	49.6	42.8	26.7	161
Hambantota ..	10121	1066211460	787	64.3	36.6	29.3	33.8
Northern ..	3519	—	—	—	—	197	197
Jaffna ..	11474	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mannar ..	9043	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mullaitivu ..	14661	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern ..	38481	7083	91	86	51.0	55.7	48.2
Batticaloa ..	28001	6036	77	83	60.6	69.1	64.6
Trincomalee ..	1048	—	—	—	—	47.9	195
North-Western ..	3016	3862965148	2301	52.9	36.3	23.6	149
Kurunegala ..	18437	2861144123	1881	57.2	38.4	23.1	17145
Puttalam ..	9093	17862171	72	38.0	25.4	16.0	22.3
Chilaw ..	2024	82320854	348	41.2	35.8	16.8	18.8
North-Central ..	4068	66787913	478	54.2	40.7	28.4	19.0
Anuradhapura ..	4068	66787913	478	54.2	40.7	28.4	15.7
Uva ..	32711	1390021786	1178	51.0	48.6	33.6	62
Badulla ..	32712	1390021786	1178	51.0	48.8	33.6	221
Sabaragamuwa ..	1901	3271114846	2097	58.8	43.7	34.5	224
Ratnapura ..	1268	1412072107	992	59.2	43.5	27.9	208
Kegalla ..	642	1839042739	1105	58.5	43.9	23.6	199

Table V.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Fourth 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 to the middle of the Census at 1917 by intercensal increase. Males Females	Total Births.	Total Deaths.	Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Towns in Hospitals and Jails.	Deaths of Town Residents.	Deaths of Persons in Hospitals and Jails.	Total Stillbirths.	Birth-rate.				Death-rate.				Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births.	Average, Fourth Quarters, 1908-1916.	Mean Temperature, 1908-1916. <sup>†</sup>				
								Standardized.*		Crude, Fourth Quarter, 1917.		Crude, Fourth Quarter, 1917.		Fourth Quarter, 1917.								
								Total Deaths.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Average, Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Average, Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.							
All 33 Towns ..	517,877	618,347	2,296	2,147	4,443	2,857	2,096	4,453	188	162	350	736	3,702	2851	2810	23-80	25-94	30-62	1,052	241	283	
Western Province.																						
Colombo ..	219,557	267,888	742	716,1458	845	737,1582	86	59	145	186	1,388	21,59	24,43	20,56	23,85	31,16	388	263	327	78-9	19-58	
Negombo ..	13,045	26,330 <sup>§</sup>	111	116,227	111	113,224	5	7	12	22	202	34,19	37,42	30,43	31,83	30,37	52	215	234	—	18-27	
Moratuwa ..	27,256	29,980	160	149,309	91	137,228	14	* 6	20	7	221	40,89	40,69	29,25	32,25	35,47	75	227	217	—	—	
Kalutara ..	13,005	14,039	60	111	55	110	4	9	13	13	97	31,37	35,47	27,41	27,23	26,37	13	111	166	—	31-10	
Panadura ..	5,709	7,333	23	22	45	22	19	41	3	7	13	28	24,35	26,95	15,15	18,03	22,18	4	10 <sup>‡</sup>	183	—	
Central Province.																						
Kandy ..	30,149	32,376	145	134	279	122	110	232	9	4	13	58	172	34,19	26,10	21,08	22,97	46	177	274	74-4	
Gampola ..	5,521	7,003	21	27	48	45	49	94	2	3	20	74	27,19	32,19	41,92	43,50	31,61	18	340	271	—	
Navalapitiya ..	3,767	3,990	17	16	33	36	41	77	2	—	77	32,81	28,19	76,66	83,23	28,65	5	157	103	—		
Hatton and Dikoya ..	3,026	3,149	13	5	18	26	15	41	4	2	6	27	13	22,68	22,48	16,98	19,13	30,64	6	322	275	—
Matale ..	5,792	7,825	30	39	69	53	61	114	5	3	8	70	44	34,99	28,66	22,31	25,64	40,93	16	243	368	—
Nuwara Eliya ..	14,910	15,090	43	27	70	19	22	41	—	2	12	29	18,44	15,75	7,64	8,71	9,71	11	191	256	53-9	
Southern Province.																						
Galle ..	39,936	41,810	167	149	316	171	134	305	11	18	29	36	269	29,99	29,86	26,53	24,99	26,61	63	208	231	78-3
Ambarangoda ..	—	4,384 <sup>  </sup>	12	16	28	9	10	19	—	—	—	10	110	25,34	—	17,20	—	9	347	—	—	
Matare ..	13,851	15,276	95	101	196	64	56	120	2	5	7	10	55	40,91	39,84	28,57	27,88	25,69	27	197	173	—
Wellington ..	8,676	9,428	51	45	96	28	27	55	3	2	5	—	55	40,39	38,22	23,14	20,85	20,99	20	230	163	—
Hambantota ..	3,092	3,263	23	21	44	16	9	16	9	1	—	—	24	53,51	40,76	29,18	32,45	9	243	304	79-0	
Tangalla ..	3,505	5,704 <sup>  </sup>	18	19	37	15	8	23	1	—	1	4	19	25,74	32,66	13,22	13,51	25,35	3	72	195	—
Northern Province.																						
Jaffna ..	40,441	45,229	210	183	393	188	155	343	10	12	22	14	327	34,47	34,48	28,68	29,30	32,34	111	308	321	79-2
Manar ..	3,777	4,088	16	16	12	28	15	16	31	1	—	11	20	27,17	40,34	19,41	21,37	38,01	8	212	330	80-2
Mullaitivu ..	1,392	1,448	11	8	19	6	9	15	—	1	2	13	52,06	26,42	35,62	47,22	40,36	6	298	443	—	
Vavuniya ..	808	1,012	5	2	7	6	1	7	—	—	2	5	27,43	21,82	19,60	26,61	51,97	2	378	500	—	
Eastern Province.																						
Batticaloa ..	10,671	11,138	57	45	102	55	55	110	5	8	13	—	110	36,33	33,71	39,18	38,64	29,61	41	341	293	79-6
Kelmann ..	—	2,081	11	12	23	20	9	29	1	—	1	15	14	43,85	61,58	26,69	—	9	322	263	—	
Trincomalee ..	8,840	10,537	37	36	73	36	27	63	1	5	6	61	27,49	31,52	22,97	25,21	34,72	21	281	286	81-5	
N.W. Western Province.																						
Kurunegala ..	8,167	9,482	55	47	102	77	47	124	5	4	9	56	68	42,68	28,22	28,45	29,23	22	275	358	78-3	
Puttalam ..	6,990	6,618	21	25	46	33	28	61	6	1	7	7	54	27,58	33,73	32,37	34,62	42,99	19	359	354	78-7
Kalpitiya ..	1,591	1,667	9	4	13	12	3	15	—	1	1	—	15	30,93	27,76	35,69	—	4	331	433	—	
Chilaw ..	5,033	5,638	33	15	48	25	15	40	3	—	3	11	29	33,60	32,46	20,30	19,46	33,39	9	226	219	—
N.-Central Province.																						
Anuradhapura ..	5,361	6,821	23	18	41	23	19	42	1	2	3	33	23,85	23,15	19,19	23,52	53,10	12	233	429	78-7	
Province of Uva.																						
Badulla ..	6,487	7,226	36	38	74	38	28	66	1	2	30	36	40,63	38,52	19,77	21,81	43,96	11	140	292	71-1	
Lunugala ..	515	601	4	—	4	24	37	61	—	1	1	57	4	26,41	37,83	26,41	—	1	283	744	—	
Ratnapura ..	5,476	7,215	27	28	55	45	26	71	2	4	43	28	30,24	25,41	19,25	21,82	40,98	7	145	305	78-8	
Kegalla ..	2,536	2,669	10	21	31	18	14	44	—	2	1	—	44	46,09	26,73	65,42	60,00	21,50	4	178	295	—

\* 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 basis of the last day of the quarter and not on those during the quarters only, as in previous years.

|| Ambalangoda proclaimed in 1895.

— Increase of population is due to the extension of town limits.

— No observatories or rain gauges.

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

Causes of Death.	Deaths among all Races.																			
	Western Province.	Central Province.	Southern Province.	Northern Province.	Eastern Province.	North-Western Province.	N.-C. Prov.	Uva Prov.	Sabaragamuwa Province.	Gamvura Province.	All Causes ..									
..	29300	40344	105119713167	951100422041660	8162322	252	1381261	2332131	228	430	637191214231476	20	15518932	87481830	91	33	131			
All Causes ..																				
1. Enteric Fever	109	58	13	6	4	—	2	10	8	2	—	1	—	9	73	16	5	3	—	3
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia	276	23	16	33	10	2	15	10	8	64	—	10	—	12	98	134	38	2	—	2
3. Smallpox	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	21	2	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	8	3	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	14	5	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	6	1	—	—
6. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery	753	65	10	36	113	31	47	10	7	1	92	24	5	137	24	2	6	1	12	78
8. Plague	20	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases	76	31	2	1	11	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Septicemia	22	3	—	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases	10	6	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrocephalus	14	2	2	—	1	—	—	4	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
14. Tetanus	81	27	2	3	12	4	—	8	2	1	16	2	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	988	281	28	91	81	27	16	88	62	12	76	—	6	6	48	5	3	7	27	52
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	77	17	1	6	8	4	1	5	4	1	1	—	—	—	19	1	2	1	2	2
17. Rickets	1445	260	61	172	204	49	52	9	1	1	60	29	16	128	34	33	5	8	7	115
18. Paranghi	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer	115	33	3	13	10	1	6	6	5	1	12	6	—	—	2	3	1	5	—	1
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever	234	47	10	40	13	3	3	30	24	4	36	9	—	—	29	9	5	3	2	—
21. Diabetes	76	25	6	5	5	1	—	5	8	—	10	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	—
22. Anaemia	1068	208	85	130	70	5	2	162	99	37	36	4	—	—	11	6	48	2	31	11
23. Alcoholism	8	1	1	—	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	36	34	1	—
24. Other General Diseases	68	12	1	1	13	2	7	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—
25. Meningitis	24	7	1	1	3	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—
26. Cerebral Haemorrhage or Apoplexy	45	22	—	4	4	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—
27. Paralysis	328	89	20	39	14	3	4	19	6	1	14	1	—	—	3	1	—	3	—	—
28. Epilepsy	23	4	—	3	7	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal)	151	10	1	21	8	6	2	9	5	7	14	—	6	2	18	13	5	—	—	1
30. Infantile Convulsions	340	433	44	430	195	49	72	557	449	168	238	7	23	23	12	113	42	47	45	283
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System	55	16	3	6	8	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	1	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart	165	59	7	21	15	2	1	21	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	12	5	1	6	108
33. Haemorrhoids	84	14	5	7	3	—	1	1	29	9	—	1	2	—	—	53	36	34	1	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	27	17	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35. Bronchitis	1099	30	1	9	32	18	18	1	3	1	20	—	1	4	—	—	35	6	9	—
36. Pneumonia	1059	20	30	169	38	94	15	8	8	201	13	22	37	21	34	19	7	9	104	42
37. Pulmonary Congestion	16	11	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
38. Asthma	101	20	5	11	7	2	3	10	3	2	24	—	3	—	—	2	4	3	2	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	729	17	—	—	33	15	16	3	1	13	28	6	95	4	74	14	20	72	156	6
40. Thrush, Stomatitis	195	10	18	1	61	2	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	15	3	181
41. Infantile Diarrhoea	301	25	1	14	19	6	13	62	54	16	25	1	—	—	—	7	3	8	24	—
42. Diarrhoea undefined	2198	104	49	91	300	75	85	324	375	130	57	5	45	2	87	11	13	30	192	147
43. Enteritis	268	141	7	3	24	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	2	1
44. Atrophy testis	636	49	76	188	56	61	43	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	3	1	38

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.							
										Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Burmese.	Tamils.	Moor.	Malays.	Vaddas.	Others.
45. Intestinal Parasites		722	163	38	72	70	18	1	136	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis		1	82	18	3	7	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver		..	24	7	—	1	—	4	1	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	—
48. Peritonitis		..	228	38	5	9	34	2	11	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System		..	171	66	11	8	37	10	9	7	14	—	1	2	—	—	—
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis		..	51.	Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System		34	11	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth		..	989	115	40	80	89	33	18	64	48	20	50	15	6	45	10
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue		..	2981	300	231	41	327	142	13	11	9	8	236	6	6	192	20
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion		..	5	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations		..	462	43	12	8	102	3	43	10	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth		..	1633	143	31	56	328	96	206	33	31	67	117	58	16	4	14
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months)		..	72	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy		..	1053	35	117	69	11	38	137	98	12	77	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility		..	47	6	3	3	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
60. Suicide		..	45	12	4	2	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61. Homicide		..	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution		..	63.	Accidents and other affections produced by external causes		478	52	14	66	60	11	20	33	24	7	40	2
64. Drowsy		..	641	25	10	15	87	18	35	3	11	3	52	3	8	7	21
65. Heart Failure		..	31	12	—	3	5	2	1	—	63	8	113	10	12	13	16
66. Debility (3 months and over)		..	394	62	11	27	82	10	26	25	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
67. Pyrexia		..	3549	267	167	130	123	138	23	184	207	251	601	16	19	2	2
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined		..	51	6	—	1	6	—	2	7	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
69. Other II-defined diseases		..	99	23	4	8	6	—	1	14	5	—	—	1	—	2	—

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.	Central Province.		Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.		Southern Province.		North-Western Province.		
	Ceylon.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Bedulla.	Ratnapura	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Matara.	Kurunegala.
All Causes ..	4,399	1,389	342	680	640	392	276	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 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	4	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
7. Dysentery ..	326	97	27	45	59	34	12	11	28	7	4	—
8. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases ..	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11. Septicæmia ..	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus ..	8	4	2	1	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	1	—	—	—	—	—
17. Rickets ..	18	3	2	1	2	—	—	—	2	4	3	—
18. Parangi ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer ..	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever ..	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Diabetes ..	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Anæmia ..	21	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
23. Alcoholism ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases ..	30	8	2	5	6	3	4	1	—	—	1	—
25. Meningitis ..	5	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
26. Cerebral Hæmorrhage 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	—	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	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart ..	13	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—
33. Hæmorrhoids ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
35. Bronchitis ..	103	30	10	1	—	27	3	6	—	7	—	12
36. Pneumonia ..	429	129	31	88	90	34	16	4	19	3	3	—
37. Pulmonary Congestion ..	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38. Asthma ..	9	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	12	4	1	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
40. Thrush, Stomatitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhoea ..	40	12	—	9	7	4	1	5	—	1	—	9
42. Diarrhoea undefined ..	396	124	30	54	61	33	27	16	25	11	6	25
43. Enteritis ..	56	10	—	8	11	18	8	—	—	—	—	—
44. Anchylostomiasis ..	526	189	53	51	89	34	31	12	56	14	12	1
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	19	6	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	—	—	—
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48. Peritonitis ..	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	42	17	1	8	6	3	3	3	—	—	—	—
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	56	22	7	9	6	4	2	5	—	—	—	—
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	5	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
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 ..	55	25	—	14	6	3	2	—	—	—	—	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	84	55	52	10	49	3	5	—
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
59. Senility ..	163	44	11	33	21	20	11	2	17	1	—	—
60. Suicide ..	10	3	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61. Homicide ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	55	25	—	14	6	3	2	1	2	1	—	4
64. Dropsy ..	63	21	14	8	5	7	1	—	2	2	—	—
65. Heart Failure ..	14	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	—	3	—	1
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	223	64	6	25	44	23	22	6	24	4	2	1
67. Pyrexia ..	41	5	2	3	15	2	2	4	4	—	—	1
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	3	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	17	5	2	1	1	1	1	—	3	1	—	1

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

		Deaths among all Races.																					
		North-Western Province.		North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		North-Central Province.		North-Western Province.		Eastern Province.		Southern Province.		Northern Province.		Western Province.		Causes of Death.			
All 33 Towns.	All Causes	4,453	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
All Causes	All Infantile Mortality	1,052	388	52	75	13	4	46	18	5	6	16,11	63	9	27,20	9	3	111	8	6	2,41	9	
A.—One Week and under.																							
1. Prematurity	108	25	11	8	—	—	—	19	—	3	—	—	2	—	4	1	—	13	—	2	—	3	
2. Debility	185	60	10	1	4	—	—	3	6	2	—	—	3	—	18	4	—	11	2	1	—	1	
3. Convulsions	86	26	3	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	4	—	23	4	1	—	2	
4. Diarrhea	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	20	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other causes	13	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																							
1. Prematurity	13	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	161	71	13	13	1	1	—	5	4	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	18	1	1	8	—	
3. Convulsions	190	64	5	7	6	1	—	4	6	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	8	3	1	—	—	
4. Diarrhea	34	8	1	13	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	3	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	48	33	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	
5. Tetanus	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	29	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	58	29	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	—	—	
8. Other causes	91	43	5	7	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	1	4	—	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over).																							
1. Plague	—	20	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	
1a. Smallpox	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Pyrexia or Fever	16	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	
6. Enteric Fever	87	36	13	8	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	
7. Malaria	93	10	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	5	
8. Malarial Cachexia	70	7	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	
9. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	1	
10. Diarrhea	214	33	23	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	

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

Causes of Death.	Western Province.	Central Province.			Northern Province.	Southern Province.	North-Western Province.	North-Central Provinces.	Province of Sabah-Sarawak.	Deaths among all Races.
		All 33 Towns.	All 33 Towns.	All 33 Towns.						
10a. Enteritis	163	92	8	2	—	18	1	—	—	—
11. Dysentery	150	45	10	2	3	4	—	—	—	—
12. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmus Duodenalis	259	31	4	5	15	19	13	16	15	2
13. Cancer	34	17	—	1	3	1	2	1	1	—
14. Phthisis	313	182	7	14	4	19	4	—	—	—
15. Other tubercular diseases	24	10	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—
16. Anæmia	35	2	5	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Diabetes Mellitus	32	16	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
18. Convulsions	83	23	5	4	—	4	2	1	2	—
19. Tetanus	23	7	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
20. Bronchitis	42	17	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
21. Pneumonia	304	83	18	20	3	19	8	3	3	—
22. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	41	26	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
23. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	121	49	11	4	—	2	17	4	1	—
24. Puerperal Eclampsia	20	4	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Septicæmia	75	19	3	4	—	2	—	—	—	—
26. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Other undefined associ- ants of Childbirth	39	19	4	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
28. Starvation	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Accidents or Negligence	69	14	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
30. Homicide	12	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Suicide	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Execution	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. All other causes	1,035	412	41	54	34	8	46	16	5	7
										18
										8
										9
										42
										42
										224
										224
										162
										1514