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VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1918.**

I.—Population.

The estimated population of the Island on the last day of the quarter was 4,652,353. There was an excess of 22,484 births over deaths, but a decrease of 2,514 in immigration during the quarter under review.

2. *Indian Coolies.*—There were 5,490 arrivals and 8,004 departures of Indian coolies, as against averages of 12,826 and 19,077 respectively in the corresponding quarters of the past decade.

II.—Marriages.

3. 5,988 marriages (4,353 General and 1,635 Kandyan) were registered during the quarter, as against 6,734 in the preceding quarter, 6,150 in the corresponding quarter of last year, and 5,522 the average for the corresponding quarters of the past ten years. Table I. in the Appendix gives their distribution by Provinces and districts.

III.—Births.

4. The births registered during the quarter numbered 52,623, and were in the proportion of 46.1 per 1,000 persons living, as against 44.2 the rate in the preceding quarter and 42.2 the average for the first quarters of 1908 to 1917. The birth-rate was thus both above the rate in the previous quarter and the average. It varied from 63.5 in Kegalla to 34.4 in Batticaloa. The increase in the birth-rate over the last quarter was noticeable in all the districts, except those in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and in Nuwara Eliya and Ratnapura. The births registered in the estates numbered 6,852 and corresponded to a rate of 54.7 per 1,000 of the estate population. The rate ranged from 76.3 in the estates of Matara to 45.0 in those of Nuwara Eliya. In the 33 principal towns the number of births registered was 4,764, corresponding to a rate of 30.5. Kalmunai recorded the highest rate, viz., 54.0, and Vavuniya the lowest, viz., 3.9. In the city of Colombo the births numbered 1,706, and were equal to a rate of 25.0. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V.) There were 562 births of twins and 15 of triplets registered during the quarter, as against 602 and 15 respectively in the previous quarter.

IV.—Deaths.

5. 30,139 deaths were registered in the Island during the quarter. The number corresponded to a rate of 26.4 per 1,000 persons living, as against 25.2 in the previous quarter and 33.3 the average for the first quarters of the past ten years. The highest death-rate in the Provinces was 33.3 in Uva, and in the districts 53.5 in Mannar. The lowest rate in the Provinces was 24.4 in the Western, and in the districts 21.7 in Chilaw. Compared with the Island rate of mortality, the rate in the districts of Mannar, Mullaitivu, Matale, Hambantota, Puttalam, and Badulla are distinctly high. The number of deaths registered in the estates during the quarter was 4,463, and corresponded to a rate of 35.7 per 1,000. The rate ranged from 64.8 per 1,000 in the estates of Matara to 28.4 in those of Nuwara Eliya. In the 33 principal towns the number of deaths registered during the quarter was 4,614. Of these, 3,791 were of residents in towns, and corresponded to a standardized rate of 26.4 per 1,000, as against an average of 31.9 for the first quarters of 1908 to 1917. As in the previous quarter the highest rate of mortality (104) was recorded in the town of Walapitiya. The rate is excessively high, being more than four times the average rate (24.2) and about six times the rate recorded in the first quarter of 1917. The lowest rate, 6.7, was recorded in the town of Nuwara Eliya. In the city of Colombo the death-rate during the quarter was 24.2. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V.)

266 still births (142 males and 124 females were registered in the 33 principal towns, as against 350 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 211 for all races, as against 177 in the previous quarter and 200 in the first quarter of 1917. The highest rate among the Sinhalese was 349 in the Puttalam District, among the Tamils 470 in the Mannar District, and among the Moors 340 in the Puttalam District. The lowest rate was 130 for Sinhalese in the Kalutara District, for the Tamils 212 in the Trincomalee District, and for the Moors 173 in the Batticaloa District. The estate infant mortality rate was 238 per 1,000, and was higher than the Island rate. It ranged from 335 per 1,000 births in the estates of Galle District to 160 in those of Kalutara District. In the towns the infant mortality was 247 per 1,000 births registered, as against an average of 261. Vavuniya recorded the highest rate, viz., 477, and Panadura the lowest, viz., 77. In the city of Colombo the deaths of infants under one year corresponded to a rate of 261, as against an average of 290.

VI.—Causes of Death.

7. Of the total deaths 30,139 registered during the quarter, nearly 13 per cent. were reported as due to Pyrexia. Among the other causes which contributed to a high rate of mortality were Infantile Convulsions 12 per cent., Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue 11 per cent., Diarrhoea 8 per cent., Debility (of children under three months) 5 per cent., Rickets, Pneumonia, Senility, and Anæmia each 4 per cent., Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy and of Childbirth and Phthisis each 3 per cent., Dropsy, Anchylostomiasis, Intestinal Parasites, Dysentery, and Premature Birth each 2 per cent. 44 deaths from Plague were registered (43 in Colombo and 1 in Kandy), as against 20 in the previous quarter and 124 in the first quarter of 1917. 1 death from Smallpox, 13 deaths from Measles, and 7 from Chickenpox were also registered.

8. *Affections produced by external causes:*—

(a) *Suicide.*—Fifty-seven deaths were attributed to suicide, as against 47 in the previous quarter and 58 in the first quarter of 1917.

(b) *Homicide*.—Forty-one deaths were due to homicide during the quarter, as against 45 in the preceding quarter and 41 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(c) *Executions*.—There were 7 judicial executions registered during the quarter, as against 12 in the previous quarter and 7 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

(d) *Accidents*.—Of the 447 deaths attributed to accidents and affections produced by external causes, 112 deaths were due to drowning (46 in wells, 3 in pits), 93 to burns, 84 to fall from trees, and 24 to fall of heavy substances. 34 deaths were caused by snake-bite, and 14 by injuries by animals. 6 deaths were due to being run over by railway trains, 4 by carts, and 4 by motor cars.

9. *Causes of Deaths on Estates*.—The heaviest mortality on estates was from Debility (of children under three months), to which 17 per cent. of the total deaths was due, 10 per cent. each was due to Pneumonia, Anchylostomiasis, and Infantile Convulsions, 9 per cent. to Diarrhoea, 7 per cent. to Dysentery, 4 per cent. each to Debility (three months and over), Senility, and Premature Birth, 3 per cent. each to Diseases of Pregnancy and of Childbirth and Bronchitis, 2 per cent. to Phthisis, and 1 per cent. to Enteritis. (For detailed statistics see Table VII.)

10. *Causes of Death in the Towns*.—In the 33 principal towns in the Island 10 per cent. of the total deaths was due to Pneumonia, 8 per cent. to Convulsions, 7 per cent. to Debility (under one year), 6 per cent. each to Phthisis and Anchylostomiasis, 5 per cent. to Diarrhoea, 4 per cent. to Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, 3 per cent. each to Enteritis, Prematurity, Bright's Disease, Nephritis, and Dysentery, 2 per cent. each to Enteric Fever and Bronchitis, and 1 per cent. each to Puerperal Septicæmia and Tetanus. (For detailed statistics see Table VIII.)

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, July 5, 1918.

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APPENDIX.

Table L.—Area, Estimated Population, and the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in the First Quarter of 1918.

Province and District.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on January 1, 1918.	Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Ceylon ..	25,481	4,632,383	5,988	4,353	1,635	52,623	26,720	25,903	30,139	15,172	14,967
Western ..	1,432	1,195,876	1,888	1,888	—	13,063	6,733	6,330	7,203	3,700	3,503
Central ..	2,279	715,197	624	223	401	8,815	4,442	4,373	5,117	2,520	2,597
Southern ..	2,146½	633,788	1,171	1,167	4	9,234	4,690	4,544	4,901	2,350	2,551
Northern ..	3,519	382,234	382	380	2	3,403	1,766	1,637	2,655	1,401	1,254
Eastern ..	3,848½	194,327	75	62	13	1,707	858	849	1,316	698	618
North-Western ..	3,016	448,882	731	352	379	5,953	2,995	2,958	3,343	1,683	1,660
North-Central ..	4,068	86,895	167	23	144	1,178	593	585	669	364	305
Uva ..	3,271½	222,850	322	45	277	2,853	1,440	1,413	1,831	915	916
Sabaragamuwa ..	1,901	425,598	628	213	415	6,412	3,203	3,209	3,094	1,541	1,553
Western.											
Colombo ..	560½	699,161	1,026	1,026	—	7,201	3,740	3,461	4,269	2,275	1,994
Negombo ..	247½	188,170	254	254	—	2,155	1,118	1,037	1,092	530	562
Kalutara ..	623½	308,545	608	608	—	3,707	1,875	1,832	1,842	895	947
Central.											
Kandy ..	911	437,297	409	153	256	5,435	2,745	2,690	3,118	1,508	1,610
Matale ..	905½	108,637	128	31	95	1,563	830	733	966	484	482
Nuwara Eliya ..	462½	169,263	89	39	50	1,817	867	950	1,033	528	505
Southern.											
Galle ..	652½	327,373	695	692	3	4,036	2,074	1,962	2,173	1,038	1,137
Matare ..	481½	252,030	336	335	1	3,546	1,775	1,771	1,738	835	903
Hambantota ..	1,012½	111,419	140	140	—	1,652	841	811	990	479	511
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,147½	340,734	325	325	—	2,957	1,521	1,436	2,186	1,139	1,047
Mannar ..	904½	24,201	47	47	—	249	130	119	319	168	151
Mullaitivu ..	1,466½	17,299	10	8	2	202	115	87	160	94	66
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ..	2,800½	163,729	57	46	11	1,388	699	689	1,076	581	495
Trincomalee ..	1,048	30,598	18	16	2	319	159	160	240	117	123
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ..	1,843½	314,630	555	195	370	4,620	2,314	2,306	2,499	1,252	1,247
Puttalam ..	909½	38,744	29	20	9	370	183	187	334	161	173
Chilaw ..	262½	95,508	137	137	—	963	498	465	510	270	240
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ..	4,068	86,895	167	23	144	1,178	593	585	669	364	305
Uva.											
Badulla ..	3,271½	222,850	322	45	277	2,853	1,440	1,413	1,831	915	916
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	170,444	290	110	180	2,415	1,223	1,192	1,336	685	651
Kegalla ..	642	255,154	338	103	235	3,997	1,980	2,017	1,758	856	902

Table II.—Birth- and Death-rates in the First Quarter of 1918, the corresponding Quarter of 1917, the Fourth Quarter of 1917, and the Mean Rates for the First Quarters of 1908-1917.

Province and District.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	First Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average for 1st Quarters, 1908-1917.	First Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average for 1st Quarters, 1908-1917.
Ceylon	46.1	44.2	43.1	42.2	26.4	25.2	26.5	33.3
Western	44.3	41.1	44.9	43.0	24.4	23.5	24.1	25.9
Central	50.0	49.8	47.0	42.0	29.0	28.6	31.4	31.9
Southern	54.8	48.7	51.8	47.9	29.1	27.3	26.0	37.6
Northern	36.2	39.4	39.6	36.1	28.3	28.2	31.5	35.8
Eastern	35.6	42.4	38.4	35.8	27.5	30.6	31.1	35.2
North-Western	53.8	51.9	46.6	43.1	30.2	24.8	28.2	39.2
North-Central	55.0	52.7	61.7	44.5	31.2	29.3	36.0	48.6
Uva	51.9	47.6	43.3	43.1	33.3	34.2	34.4	39.0
Sabaragamuwa	61.1	58.5	44.4	46.5	29.5	27.2	27.8	37.3
Western.								
Colombo	41.8	37.5	43.0	40.6	24.8	23.0	24.0	25.8
Negombo	46.4	45.0	46.3	47.1	23.5	22.3	20.2	23.8
Kalutara	48.7	46.9	48.4	46.0	24.2	25.5	26.8	27.4
Central.								
Kandy	50.4	46.9	47.8	43.2	28.9	28.9	31.3	31.1
Matale	58.3	47.7	43.7	43.5	36.1	34.8	36.9	43.8
Nuwara Eliya	43.5	58.8	47.0	38.1	24.8	23.7	28.2	26.1
Southern.								
Galle	51.1	46.3	54.1	47.2	27.5	27.4	25.8	30.1
Matara	57.1	49.5	51.6	49.3	28.0	26.3	23.4	34.4
Hambantota	60.1	53.8	45.6	45.7	36.0	29.2	32.7	57.2
Northern.								
Jaffna	35.2	38.6	39.2	35.6	26.0	27.1	29.4	39.9
Mannar	41.7	44.8	42.1	38.5	53.5	41.4	59.4	56.0
Mullaivivu	47.4	48.8	43.9	42.4	37.5	31.8	34.6	49.8
Eastern.								
Batticaloa	34.4	40.6	36.4	35.2	26.7	30.6	30.4	30.8
Trincomalee	42.3	52.2	49.5	39.3	31.8	30.4	34.8	40.6
North-Western.								
Kurunegala	59.6	57.0	48.4	44.7	32.2	27.1	30.2	42.9
Puttalam	38.7	38.4	39.2	34.6	35.0	23.4	34.5	42.2
Chilaw	40.9	40.7	43.8	41.4	21.7	18.0	18.9	25.9
North-Central.								
Anuradhapura	55.0	52.7	61.7	44.5	31.2	29.3	36.0	48.6
Uva.								
Badulla	51.9	47.6	43.3	43.1	33.3	34.2	34.4	39.0
Sabaragamuwa.								
Ratnapura	57.5	64.5	46.0	46.8	31.8	33.4	36.3	45.3
Kogalla	63.5	54.5	43.3	46.5	27.9	28.1	22.0	33.2

[For Table III. see page 4.]

Table IV.—Births, Deaths, and their Rates on Estates, First Quarter, 1918, &c., and Average Rates, 1908-1917.

District.	Population at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Births registered during First Quarter, 1918.	Deaths registered during First Quarter, 1918.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
				First Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarters, 1908-1917.	First Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	First Quarter, 1917.	Average, First Quarters, 1908-1917.
Kandy	147,738	1,853	1,274	50.9	54.3	46.6	36.9	35.0	37.3	40.7	33.5
Matale	31,186	448	301	58.3	48.3	35.3	33.0	39.1	43.5	40.8	45.0
Nuwara Eliya	100,393	1,114	703	45.0	70.9	53.3	34.7	28.4	26.9	35.0	27.8
Badulla	71,957	978	675	55.1	42.8	45.1	36.7	38.0	35.3	43.7	40.6
Ratnapura	30,455	483	366	64.3	80.5	50.2	40.6	48.7	51.1	60.5	73.4
Kogalla	62,518	1,035	522	67.1	35.7	30.7	32.0	33.9	17.5	24.3	38.7
Colombo	13,377	183	121	55.5	48.9	35.8	32.4	36.7	32.6	32.1	43.6
Kalutara	30,768	488	283	64.3	69.5	42.8	38.2	37.3	46.5	38.6	38.4
Galle	6,295	97	78	62.5	59.2	58.6	39.6	50.3	51.7	53.5	37.8
Matara	3,191	60	51	76.3	54.7	80.1	42.4	64.8	59.7	103.0	59.8
Kurunegala	9,789	113	89	46.8	47.0	28.2	26.3	36.9	32.0	29.8	54.7
Total	507,667	6,852	4,463	54.7	55.6	44.7	35.3	35.7	34.4	39.7	37.7

Table V—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the First Quarter of 1918, 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 (inclusive of Military) at the Census of March 10, 1911.		Total Births.		Total Deaths.		Total Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-registered Towns registered in Towns, Hospitals, and Jails.		Deaths of Children under One Year.		Death-rate.		Deaths of Children under One Year of Age to 1,000 Births.	Average, First Quarter, 1908-1917.	Standardized. ^a First Quarter, 1918.	Average, First Quarter, 1908-1917.	Deaths of Children under One Year.	First Quarter, 1918.	Average, First Quarter, 1908-1917.	Mean Temperature.	Rainfall in Inches.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Registered Towns.	Non-registered Towns.	Crude, First Quarter, 1918.	First Quarter, 1918.	Crude, First Quarter, 1918.									
All 33 Towns	2,474	2,290	4,764	2,427	2,137	4,614	142	124	286	804	3,791	30.46	31.68	24.34	26.43	31.92	1,042	247	261	290	78.5	6.30		
Western Provinces.																								
Colombo	874	832	1,706	903	725	1,628	56	57	113	205	1,421	25.01	26.85	20.83	24.17	29.87	372	261	290	78.5	6.30			
Negombo	148	131	279	104	117	221	9	5	14	36	185	42.40	45.78	28.12	29.41	33.86	47	200	184	4.97	4.97			
Moratuwa	194	144	338	127	134	261	5	6	11	4	257	45.04	49.65	34.24	37.77	36.08	70	227	186	—	—			
Kalutara	61	71	132	55	50	105	1	5	6	24	31	37.67	39.49	23.11	22.97	29.73	15	139	190	—	—			
Panadura	28	14	42	19	15	34	—	2	2	10	24	22.33	29.72	12.76	15.19	22.26	3	77	208	—	—			
Central Province.																								
Kandy	127	131	258	142	141	283	9	11	20	65	215	31.92	31.04	26.60	28.99	27.09	60	244	219	75.1	10.14			
Gampola	35	36	71	38	28	66	2	4	4	20	45	39.60	36.97	25.10	26.05	36.31	15	294	282	—	—			
Nawalapitiya	25	18	43	43	43	86	—	1	1	—	95	43.32	31.34	95.71	104.04	24.18	14	411	297	—	—			
Hatton and Dikoya	3,025	3,168	6,193	24	29	53	2	1	3	37	15	33.28	22.36	19.20	22.43	35.71	3	150	267	—	—			
Matale	5,792	7,948	13,740	54	57	111	5	2	7	53	58	31.33	33.92	29.60	34.01	39.08	15	241	283	—	—			
Nuwara Eliya	14,910	15,129	30,039	17	18	35	1	2	3	13	22	13.94	15.12	5.90	6.72	10.22	11	195	233	—	—			
Southern Province.																								
Galle	39,936	42,113	82,049	159	178	337	21	5	26	32	305	32.65	34.41	29.37	28.76	30.31	72	246	220	78.3	6.62			
Ambalangoda	4,492	4,492	8,984	7	14	21	—	2	2	—	21	26.18	—	18.96	—	—	8	342	207	—	—			
Macara	13,851	17,258	31,109	56	66	122	1	4	5	16	106	40.42	42.27	24.91	24.40	25.83	30	213	207	—	—			
Welligama	8,672	9,555	18,227	26	22	48	2	2	2	—	44	39.47	36.08	18.67	16.82	23.63	15	178	133	—	—			
Hambantota	3,092	3,290	6,382	8	8	16	2	2	3	2	13	32.05	38.39	16.02	17.92	37.38	3	89	275	—	—			
Tangalla	3,505	5,940	9,445	25	25	50	—	2	2	5	45	32.77	35.33	30.72	31.40	26.86	15	348	202	—	—			
Northern Province.																								
Jaffna	40,441	46,036	86,477	185	161	346	5	7	12	12	333	33.65	33.97	26.75	27.33	45.54	108	298	366	78.2	6.36			
Mannar	3,777	4,139	7,916	16	15	31	2	2	2	6	23	42.13	38.48	22.54	24.81	52.06	10	260	300	79.6	10.35			
Mullaitivu	1,392	1,457	2,849	8	6	14	3	—	3	4	9	38.97	40.45	25.05	33.21	59.37	3	164	442	—	—			
Vavuniya	808	1,049	1,857	9	2	11	—	—	—	—	5	3.87	26.52	19.33	26.25	45.31	2	477	603	—	—			
Eastern Province.																								
Batticaloa	10,671	11,213	21,884	44	35	79	—	—	—	1	83	28.57	26.77	30.02	29.60	31.37	24	216	337	77.8	17.82			
Kalmunai	2,102	2,102	4,204	20	12	32	—	—	—	11	21	54.01	40.08	40.51	—	—	7	234	240	—	—			
Trincomalee	8,840	10,832	19,672	44	41	85	3	—	3	3	32	22.84	27.72	30.70	33.70	39.98	21	304	320	78.8	15.21			
N.-Western Province.																								
Kurunegala	8,167	9,704	17,871	62	63	125	5	2	7	54	71	38.03	30.56	29.67	30.49	50.46	21	260	364	78.3	8.69			
Puttalam	5,990	6,723	12,713	31	33	64	2	—	2	13	51	41.02	35.96	30.76	32.90	36.34	20	408	319	77.5	11.01			
Kalpitiya	1,591	1,679	3,270	6	8	14	—	—	—	—	14	24.15	28.16	33.81	—	—	1	90	582	—	—			
Chilaw	5,033	5,775	10,808	12	10	22	3	2	5	—	21	38.62	39.03	14.75	14.14	36.85	10	240	217	—	—			
N.-Central Province.																								
Anuradhapura	5,361	7,085	12,446	32	17	49	1	2	3	11	37	25.19	24.59	21.18	25.95	68.62	13	283	352	78.2	17.96			
Province of Uva.																								
Badulla	6,487	7,293	13,780	38	49	87	1	1	2	38	49	42.82	34.86	27.25	30.06	31.17	13	168	249	70.0	14.07			
Lunugala	515	614	1,129	34	26	60	—	—	—	58	2	19.80	27.63	13.20	—	—	—	—	257	—	—	—		
Province of Sabaragamuwa.																								
Ratnapura	5,476	7,377	12,853	26	35	61	1	—	1	38	23	33.53	33.86	12.64	14.33	39.67	11	221	268	79.5	20.30			
Kegalla	2,536	2,690	5,226	19	22	42	1	4	5	27	15	48.24	32.04	22.61	20.74	16.62	10	394	200	—	—			

^a 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.
^b Calculated on the births registered during the year ending the last day of the quarter.
^c Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.
^d Includes population of the Negombo Local Board and registration area.
^e This increase of population is due to the extension of the town limits.
^f Estimated to the end of December, 1917, by natural increase method.
^g Standardized death-rates for Kalpitiya and Lunugala towns not available, as the population of these towns has not been enumerated at the Census of 1911 by age and sex, while the town of Kalmunai was created a registration division only in January, 1914, and Ambalangoda in January, 1915. The death-rate given for "All Towns" is therefore independent of the towns, but is scarcely affected by their rates.

Table VII.—Causes of Death Registered on Estates in the Central, Uva, and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, in the Colombo and Kalutara Districts of the Western Province, Galle and Matara of the Southern Province, and Kurunegala in the North-Western Province, during the First Quarter of 1918.

Causes of Death.	Central Province.				Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.		Southern Province.		North-Western Province.
	Ceylon.	Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Matara.	Kurunegala.
All Causes	4,463	1,274	301	703	675	366	522	121	283	78	51	89
1. Enteric Fever	9	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia ..	48	2	7	—	10	7	8	4	3	2	1	4
3. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery	317	98	17	49	50	41	29	4	11	7	8	3
8. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases	30	10	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Septicæmia	5	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Other Septic Diseases	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
14. Tetanus	8	4	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	70	16	2	7	7	8	16	2	8	1	—	3
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Ricketts	17	6	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	—	—	—
18. Parangi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer	5	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever	9	3	1	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
21. Diabetes	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Anæmia	24	5	1	1	5	8	2	—	—	—	—	—
23. Alcoholism	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases	30	8	1	1	6	6	6	—	2	—	—	—
25. Meningitis	10	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Cerebral Hæmorrhage or Apoplexy ..	17	5	—	7	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	1
27. Paralysis	18	5	2	3	2	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
28. Epilepsy	11	4	—	2	—	1	2	—	3	—	—	—
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal)	17	4	1	—	1	2	3	2	4	—	—	1
30. Infantile Convulsions	435	120	21	48	50	38	56	30	37	20	8	7
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System ..	11	2	—	—	1	—	4	—	3	—	—	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart	17	7	1	4	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
33. Hæmorrhoids	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	11	2	—	3	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
35. Bronchitis	123	26	10	26	27	12	13	1	5	—	—	2
36. Pneumonia	460	131	33	104	86	24	41	9	17	1	—	11
37. Pulmonary Congestion	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38. Asthma	18	6	1	3	4	—	3	1	—	—	—	—
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	7	2	1	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
40. Thrush, Stomatitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhœa	46	12	3	11	9	4	3	3	1	—	—	—
42. Diarrhœa undefined	348	102	26	56	50	27	38	4	28	7	—	6
43. Enteritis	59	12	—	8	3	18	13	1	2	—	—	1
44. Anchylostomiasis	458	149	37	34	69	27	50	15	42	11	11	13
45. Intestinal Parasites	23	8	1	3	4	1	1	—	3	—	—	—
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver	14	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
48. Peritonitis	14	3	2	3	2	—	3	1	5	1	—	—
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	39	9	2	5	8	3	5	1	2	2	1	1
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	50	13	2	8	14	1	6	1	3	1	—	1
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	9	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth	143	34	14	12	19	16	19	4	13	3	1	8
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	16	4	1	3	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	1
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth	169	65	3	33	30	17	4	2	5	6	1	3
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	777	247	67	175	101	41	79	9	37	7	4	10
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy	4	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility	170	42	14	31	22	16	24	3	10	3	1	4
60. Suicide	9	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61. Homicide	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes	54	21	3	6	7	5	5	1	1	—	—	1
64. Dropsy	56	10	9	11	7	7	7	3	1	—	—	—
65. Heart Failure	18	2	—	1	5	3	5	1	—	—	—	—
66. Debility (3 months and over)	200	40	10	29	33	22	38	5	19	1	—	2
67. Pyrexia	27	3	2	1	7	1	6	—	3	—	—	1
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
69. Other ill-defined diseases	10	2	1	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—

Table VIII.—Causes of Death registered during the First Quarter of 1918 in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 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.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Katutura.	Pandure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalpitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Matara.	Weligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jafna.	Mannar.	Mullattivu.	Vaunuiya.	Batticaloa.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.				
All Causes	1,628	221	261	105	34	288	66	98	53	111	35	337	21	122	48	16	50	346	31	14	11	84	82	85	125	64	14	22	49	87	60	42	17	129	230	1,430	590	73	71					
I.—Infantile Mortality	372	47	70	15	3	60	15	14	3	15	11	72	8	80	15	8	15	108	40	3	2	24	7	21	21	20	1	10	13	11	10	—	30	519	307	153	19	14						
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																																												
1. Prematurity	104	5	6	—	—	11	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	1	1	—	19	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Debility	183	10	—	2	—	11	3	2	1	6	4	17	—	1	2	—	36	7	1	1	—	7	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	90	2	2	—	—	2	3	4	—	—	—	5	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	18	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other causes	11	5	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																												
1. Prematurity	23	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	151	12	9	1	—	17	3	2	—	2	2	12	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	200	67	10	6	1	6	2	1	—	3	5	24	5	20	6	2	8	3	—	—	—	4	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	27	3	9	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	39	27	6	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	30	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	71	34	11	2	—	7	2	2	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	15	1	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other causes	77	36	4	1	—	3	—	1	—	1	2	3	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,256	174	191	90	31	223	51	82	50	96	24	265	13	92	33	13	85	238	21	11	9	60	25	64	104	44	13	12	36	74	60	32	17	98	1,785	1,128	437	54	57					
1. Plague	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
1a. Smallpox	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Typhoid or Fever	11	2	17	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Enteric Fever	104	48	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Malaria	99	12	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Malarial Cachexia	65	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
9. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
10. Diarrhoea	211	25	29	6	2	4	7	20	4	14	18	—	—	3	1	2	3	20	3	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

