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VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

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

I.—Population.

THE estimated population of the Island on the last day of the quarter was 4,686,383, being a decrease of 15,576 on the previous quarter, due to an excess of 23,150 deaths over births, counterbalanced by an increase of 7,574 arrivals over departures of Indian coolies. There was a marked excess of deaths over births in all the districts in the Island, except Negombo, Batticaloa, and Chilaw.

2. *Indian Coolies.*—During the quarter 10,603 Indian coolies arrived in the Island and 3,029 left, as against averages of 18,642 and 11,958 respectively in the fourth quarters of the past decade.

II.—Marriages.

3. 4,724 marriages (3,701 General and 1,023 Kandyan) were registered during the quarter, as against 6,152 in the previous quarter, 6,734 in the corresponding quarter of previous year, and 6,215 the average for the fourth quarters of the years 1908 to 1917. Table I. in the Appendix gives their distribution by Provinces and districts.

III.—Births.

4. The births registered during the quarter numbered 45,164 (23,144 males and 22,020 females), being 2,295 more than the number registered in the previous quarter. The number of births during the quarter corresponded to an annual rate of 38.1 per 1,000 of the population. This rate, though 2.6 per 1,000 higher than that in the preceding quarter, is 6.1 per 1,000 below the rate in the fourth quarter of 1917, and .4 less than the average rate for the fourth quarters 1908 to 1917. In the districts the rate ranged from 29.1 in Negombo to 57.8 in Trincomalee. The births registered in the estates numbered 6,581, the corresponding rate being 51.5 per 1,000 of the population. The estates in Kegalla showed the highest birth-rate (82.6), and the lowest rate (42.2) was recorded in the estates of Kurunegala. In the principal towns 4,252 births were registered, corresponding to a rate of 26.6 per 1,000 of the population, Kalmunai recorded the highest rate (69.8), and Nawalapitiya the lowest (12.8). In the city of Colombo the number of births registered was 1,456, corresponding to a rate of 20.9. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V. in the Appendix.) There were registered 498 births of twins and 9 of triplets during the quarter, as against 522 and 12 respectively in the previous quarter.

IV.—Deaths.

5. The number of deaths registered during the quarter was 68,314 (32,924 males and 35,390 females), and is the highest recorded in the Island in any single quarter. This abnormally high mortality during the quarter is due to the virulent Influenza pandemic prevalent in the Island during the last three months of the year. The number of deaths registered is more than double the number registered in any of the previous quarters of the year, and represents a rate of 57.6 per 1,000 of the population, as against 22.4 in the previous quarter and 25.2 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Compared with the average rate (28.5) for the fourth quarters of the ten years preceding, the rate for the quarter under review is slightly more than double. Mannar, as usual, has been the unhealthiest, with a death-rate as high as 157.5 per 1,000, as against an average rate of 37.8 for the fourth quarters 1908 to 1917. In the Districts of Matale, Badulla, and Mullaittivu too, the mortality rates have been very high, being over 100 per 1,000 of the population. The death-rates in the remaining districts also have been excessively high, and range from 27.4 per 1,000 in Negombo to 93.7 in Nuwara Eliya. The number of deaths registered in the estates amounted to 17,862, and exceeded the total number registered in the three previous quarters by 4,727. The mortality rates in estates was 139.6 per 1,000 of the population, and ranged from 87.8 per 1,000 in the estates of Colombo to 211.6 in those of Ma'ale. In the 33 principal towns the deaths registered numbered 8,937. 7,517 of these were residents in towns, and represented a standardized rate of 51.2 per 1,000. The town of Mullaittivu recorded the highest rate (155.2), and Nuwara Eliya the lowest (26.9). In the city of Colombo the death-rate was 40.4, as against an average of 30.5. The number of still-births registered in the 33 principal towns was 303 (149 males and 154 females), as against 263 in the previous quarter. (For detailed statistics see Tables I. to V. in the Appendix.)

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 240, as against 147 in the previous quarter and 177 in the corresponding quarter of previous year. The highest rate of infant mortality among the Sinhalese was 524 in Puttalam, among the Tamils 592 in Mannar, and among the Moors 325 in Puttalam. The lowest rate among the Sinhalese was 136 in Negombo, among the Tamils 288 in Jaffna, and among the Moors 240 in Batticaloa. The rate of infant mortality in estates was 273 per 1,000 births registered, and ranged from 155 in Ratnapura to 379 in Kurunegala. In the principal towns 331 children under one year died to every 1,000 births registered, Anuradhapura recording the highest rate (619), and Ambalangoda the lowest (47).

VI.—Causes of Death.

7. Of the 68,314 deaths registered in the Island during the quarter, 18,887, or nearly 28 per cent., were attributed to Influenza. In the previous quarter the percentage of deaths from this cause was less than one. 18 per cent. of the deaths registered during the quarter was assigned to Pneumonia, as against 7 per cent. in the previous quarter. The extent of the havoc caused by the Influenzal pandemic during the quarter can be sufficiently gauged from the fact that nearly half the number of deaths in the Island was attributed to Influenza and Pneumonia. Pyrexia caused 11 per cent. of the deaths, Infantile Convulsions 6 per cent., Diarrhoea 5 per cent., Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue 4 per cent., Debility of Infants (three months and under) 3 per cent., Rickets, Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or Childbirth, Senility, and Phthisis 2 per cent. each, and Intestinal Parasites, Anæmia, Dysentery, and Bronchitis 1 per cent. each. The number of deaths registered from Plague was 3 (in Colombo), as against 12 in the preceding quarter and 20 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

8. Affections produced by external causes:—

(a) *Suicide*.—Sixty-three deaths were attributed to suicide, as against 62 in the previous quarter and 47 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

(b) *Homicide*.—Fifty-seven deaths were registered as due to homicide, as against 47 in the previous quarter and 45 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

(c) *Executions*.—Twelve judicial executions took place during the quarter, as against 9 in the previous quarter and 12 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

(d) *Accidents*.—Of the 419 deaths attributed to accidents and other affections produced by external causes, 116 were due to drowning (36 in wells and 13 in pits), 75 to falls from trees, and 40 to burns (18 of these being due to bottle lamps upsetting). Snake-bite caused 47 deaths, injuries by animals 14, and poisoning by food 5. 15 deaths were due to the explosion of a mine cast ashore at Wadduwa in Kalutara District. 9 deaths resulted from being run over by railway trains, 5 by motor cars, and 5 by carts.

9. *Causes of Death on Estates*.—By far the heaviest mortality on estates was from Pneumonia, to which 53 per cent. or more than half the total number of deaths was due, and was followed by Influenza, to which 17 per cent. of the deaths was due. In other words, of the total deaths registered on estates during the quarter, the deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza alone represent a rate of 70 per cent., whereas in the Island (exclusive of the estates) the percentage of deaths from these was 37. It would not be amiss therefore to conclude that the Influenzal pandemic has been much more fatal to the estate population than to the general population in the Island. 4 per cent. of the deaths in estates was from Debility (of children under three months), 3 per cent. each from Infantile Convulsions, Diarrhoea, and Anchylostomiasis, 2 per cent. each from Bronchitis, Pyrexia, and Dysentery, and 1 per cent. each from Diseases and Accidents of Pregnancy and of Childbirth and Senility.

10. *Causes of Death in Towns*.—In the 33 principal towns too the causes which contributed to the highest mortality were Pneumonia and Influenza; 26 per cent. of the deaths was due to the former and 25 to the latter. 6 per cent. of the deaths was due to Debility, 4 per cent. each to Convulsions and Phthisis, 3 per cent. to Dysentery, 2 per cent. each to Diarrhoea, Enteritis, Anchylostomiasis, and Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, and 1 per cent. each to Bronchitis, Bright's Disease and Nephritis, Prematurity, and Puerperal Septicæmia. (For detailed statistics see Table VIII.)

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, March 10, 1919.

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APPENDIX.

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

Province and District,	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population on October 1, 1918.	Marriages.			Births.			Deaths.		
			Total.	General.	Kandyan.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Ceylon ..	25,481	4,701,959	4,724	3,701	1,023	45,164	23,144	22,020	68,314	32,924	35,390
Western ..	1,432	1,207,934	1,735	1,735	—	9,503	4,891	4,612	11,855	5,822	6,033
Central ..	2,279	725,470	388	144	244	8,077	4,117	3,960	16,548	7,557	8,991
Southern ..	2,146½	693,755	731	725	6	6,611	3,414	3,197	7,911	3,775	4,136
Northern ..	3,519	385,194	327	327	—	4,100	2,088	2,012	6,843	3,419	3,424
Eastern ..	3,848½	196,631	72	64	8	2,600	1,310	1,290	2,752	1,415	1,337
North-Western ..	3,016	455,776	800	495	305	4,639	2,394	2,245	6,695	3,389	3,306
North-Central ..	4,068	88,430	71	6	65	1,135	591	544	1,806	963	843
Uva ..	3,271½	226,007	166	39	127	2,808	1,396	1,412	6,256	2,960	3,296
Sabaragamuwa ..	1,901	433,576	434	166	268	5,691	2,943	2,748	7,648	3,624	4,024
Western.											
Colombo ..	560½	704,947	1,023	1,023	—	5,299	2,721	2,578	6,692	3,349	3,343
Negombo ..	247½	190,755	297	297	—	1,400	730	670	1,315	652	663
Kalutara ..	623½	312,232	415	415	—	2,804	1,440	1,364	3,848	1,821	2,027
Central.											
Kandy ..	911	443,459	244	89	155	4,635	2,394	2,241	8,799	3,921	4,878
Matale ..	905½	110,421	70	19	51	1,375	688	687	3,697	1,763	1,934
Nuwara Eliya ..	462½	171,590	74	36	38	2,067	1,035	1,032	4,062	1,873	2,179
Southern.											
Galle ..	652½	324,154	378	373	5	2,739	1,398	1,341	3,285	1,551	1,734
Matara ..	481½	256,371	244	243	1	2,392	1,244	1,148	2,422	1,160	1,262
Hambantota ..	1,012½	113,230	109	109	—	1,480	772	708	2,204	1,064	1,140
Northern.											
Jaffna ..	1,147½	343,542	297	297	—	3,543	1,800	1,743	5,409	2,656	2,753
Mannar ..	904½	24,122	16	16	—	317	165	152	958	524	434
Mullaitivu ..	1,466½	17,530	14	14	—	240	123	117	476	239	237
Eastern.											
Batticaloa ..	2,800½	165,690	58	50	8	2,149	1,089	1,060	2,064	1,067	997
Trincomalee ..	1,048	30,941	14	14	—	451	221	230	688	348	340
North-Western.											
Kurunegala ..	1,843½	320,139	479	184	295	3,453	1,769	1,684	5,433	2,699	2,734
Puttalam ..	909½	38,843	51	41	10	334	186	148	535	292	243
Chilaw ..	262½	96,794	270	270	—	852	439	413	727	398	329
North-Central.											
Anuradhapura ..	4,068	88,430	71	6	65	1,135	591	544	1,806	963	843
Uva.											
Badulla ..	3,271½	226,007	166	39	127	2,808	1,396	1,412	6,256	2,960	3,296
Sabaragamuwa.											
Ratnapura ..	1,259	173,176	209	76	133	2,203	1,154	1,049	3,285	1,602	1,683
Negalla ..	642	260,400	225	90	135	3,488	1,789	1,699	4,363	2,022	2,341

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

Province and District	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
	Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Third Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Average for 4th Quarters, 1908-1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Third Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Average for 4th Quarters, 1908-1917.
Ceylon	38.1	35.5	44.2	38.5	57.6	22.4	25.2	28.5
Western	31.2	28.3	41.1	36.0	38.9	21.3	23.5	23.8
Central	44.2	46.5	49.8	40.5	90.5	28.6	28.6	31.7
Southern	37.8	36.9	48.7	42.3	45.2	23.8	27.3	28.1
Northern	42.2	37.7	39.4	38.2	70.5	24.4	23.2	27.8
Eastern	52.5	47.9	42.4	44.5	55.5	26.3	30.6	30.4
North-Western	40.4	40.2	51.9	37.9	58.3	21.6	24.8	30.3
North-Central	50.9	50.7	52.7	40.7	81.0	24.2	29.3	34.2
Uva	49.3	50.4	47.6	44.8	109.8	32.0	34.2	40.5
Sabaragamuwa	52.1	43.9	58.5	43.1	70.0	25.2	27.2	32.9
Western.								
Colombo	29.8	26.2	37.5	33.0	37.7	21.7	23.0	24.0
Negombo	29.1	28.7	45.0	38.9	27.4	15.6	22.3	21.6
Kalutara	35.6	33.0	46.9	41.0	48.9	24.0	25.5	25.0
Central.								
Kandy	41.5	44.7	46.9	39.8	73.4	28.4	28.9	30.6
Matale	49.5	51.1	47.7	42.8	133.1	30.5	34.8	43.0
Nuwara Eliya	47.8	48.1	58.8	40.9	93.7	27.9	28.7	27.3
Southern.								
Galle	33.5	30.4	46.3	44.1	40.2	22.7	27.4	27.4
Matara	37.0	39.5	49.5	43.5	37.5	21.6	26.3	26.3
Hambantota	52.0	49.9	53.8	39.0	77.4	33.2	29.2	34.2
Northern.								
Jaffna	40.9	37.0	38.6	37.5	62.5	23.3	27.1	26.5
Mannar	52.1	40.8	44.8	37.1	157.5	39.0	41.4	37.8
Mullaitivu	54.3	47.8	48.8	39.8	107.7	26.2	31.8	37.9
Eastern.								
Batticaloa	51.5	48.7	40.6	44.5	49.4	26.0	30.6	29.7
Trincomalee	57.8	43.8	52.2	44.0	88.2	27.6	30.4	34.2
North-Western.								
Kurunegala	42.8	44.4	57.0	39.6	67.3	22.8	27.1	33.3
Puttalam	34.1	28.7	38.4	29.1	54.6	28.4	23.4	30.2
Chilaw	34.9	31.1	40.7	35.4	29.8	14.7	18.0	20.3
North-Central.								
Anuradhapura	50.9	50.7	52.7	40.7	81.0	24.2	29.3	34.2
Uva.								
Badulla	49.3	50.4	47.6	44.8	109.8	32.0	34.2	40.5
Sabaragamuwa.								
Ratnapura	50.4	49.9	64.5	45.2	75.3	33.1	33.4	38.6
Kegalla	53.1	39.9	54.5	41.6	66.5	19.9	23.1	28.9

[For Table III. see page 4.]

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

District.	Population at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Births registered during the Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Deaths registered during the Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Birth-rate per Mille per Annum.				Death-rate per Mille per Annum.			
				Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Third Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Average, Fourth Quarters, 1908-1917.	Fourth Quarter, 1918.	Third Quarter, 1918.	Fourth Quarter, 1917.	Average, Fourth Quarters, 1908-1917.
Kandy	147,738	1,629	4,662	43.7	53.7	54.3	38.3	125.2	38.5	37.3	32.8
Matale	31,186	389	1,663	49.5	57.2	48.3	37.2	211.6	33.6	43.5	47.6
Nuwara Eliya	100,393	1,239	3,284	48.9	53.7	70.9	40.4	129.8	32.3	26.9	28.9
Badulla	71,957	842	2,447	46.4	49.3	42.8	37.2	134.9	31.5	35.3	35.5
Ratnapura	30,455	425	1,210	55.4	76.8	80.5	44.0	157.6	53.7	51.1	65.3
Kegalla	62,518	1,301	2,329	82.6	39.9	35.7	30.5	147.8	23.3	17.5	29.0
Colombo	13,377	143	296	42.4	32.9	48.9	29.2	87.8	30.5	32.6	39.9
Kalutara	30,768	392	1,073	50.5	59.4	69.5	41.2	138.3	42.4	46.5	38.9
Galle	6,295	70	290	44.1	55.5	59.2	38.8	183.4	40.3	51.7	41.2
Matara	3,191	47	110	58.4	57.0	54.7	47.0	136.8	38.5	59.7	51.2
Kurunegala	9,789	104	498	42.2	58.8	47.0	28.6	201.8	40.9	32.0	40.4
Total	507,667	6,581	17,862	51.5	52.9	55.6	37.4	139.6	35.1	34.4	35.1

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. Prov.		Sabaragamuwa Province.												
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Kalutara.	Kandy.	Katale.	Nuwara Elyya.	Galle.	Matara.	Hambantota.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullaitivu.	Batticaloa.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burgbers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Veddas.	Others.		
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	1022	215	50	87	127	74	9	88	21	—	6	—	—	2	79	11	32	17	5	102	97	—	—	3	891	42	82	—	—	—	1
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	136	21	—	6	—	—	4	5	—	1	45	8	18	3	1	3	5	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
48. Peritonitis ..	25	11	—	2	4	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	302	29	4	7	20	1	10	7	6	—	25	7	128	17	2	2	2	—	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	192	55	4	13	18	7	10	8	4	17	13	—	5	—	7	—	—	4	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	35	9	1	1	2	2	3	4	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	1541	127	42	83	183	90	48	55	49	40	114	31	32	20	232	15	30	43	135	52	108	—	—	2	961	459	108	6	1	4	
53. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	2826	228	145	44	337	166	22	17	10	1	258	11	287	37	624	21	83	162	16	132	240	—	—	2	2078	501	235	5	2		
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
55. Congenital Malformations ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
56. Premature Birth ..	485	53	2	4	61	3	40	5	1	1	30	1	9	4	5	3	5	15	177	48	18	—	—	4	255	195	18	—	—	—	1
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	1906	122	28	49	284	123	235	32	18	93	134	80	25	30	57	28	12	51	151	119	160	—	—	5	690	1056	136	10	2	8	
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	65	16	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
59. Senility ..	1255	338	37	121	110	26	62	146	107	14	90	1	4	1	15	5	13	1	59	40	64	—	—	17	745	389	83	11	—	—	10
60. Suicide ..	63	7	2	6	5	2	2	7	1	—	10	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	5	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
61. Homicide ..	57	11	2	5	1	1	1	5	6	1	4	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
62. Execution ..	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	419	44	9	43	47	7	13	42	27	14	24	2	3	14	42	3	8	5	21	18	32	—	—	1	298	95	19	—	—	—	5
64. Dropsy ..	645	19	7	32	68	27	23	25	4	10	71	18	3	118	12	91	9	4	32	13	46	—	—	2	338	224	87	1	—	—	1
65. Heart Failure ..	56	15	1	1	5	5	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	544	82	5	41	89	31	60	24	10	8	26	1	4	—	11	—	—	1	43	34	72	—	—	2	13	38	1	—	—	—	2
67. Pyrexia ..	7728	400	195	241	1142	366	115	125	264	336	873	29	380	51	977	93	149	169	311	583	625	—	—	3	121	381	30	5	—	—	4
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	31	7	—	2	2	—	—	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5249	1710	719	18	—	7
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	82	21	8	7	5	4	2	8	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 1918.

Causes of Death.	Ceylon.	Central Province.			Province of Uva.	Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Western Province.		Southern Province.		North-Western Province.
		Kandy.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Badulla.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Colombo.	Kalutara.	Galle.	Matara.	Kurunegala.
All Causes ..	17,862	4,662	1, 63	3,284	2,447	1,210	2,329	296	1,073	290	110	498
1. Enteric Fever ..	15	5	1	—	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	2
2. Malaria and Malarial Cachexia ..	58	5	6	3	13	4	17	2	4	1	—	3
3. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Dysentery ..	302	86	30	52	46	21	33	5	16	3	5	5
8. Plague ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Other Epidemic Diseases ..	3019	785	309	413	516	197	299	37	226	97	20	120
11. Septicæmia ..	8	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
12. Other Septic Diseases ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Hydrophobia ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Tetanus ..	10	2	—	2	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—
15. Phthisis ..	81	11	2	6	4	3	25	6	15	3	—	6
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	4	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
17. Rickets ..	24	9	2	2	2	—	5	1	3	—	—	—
18. Parangi ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
19. Cancer ..	8	2	—	2	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
20. Acute Rheumatic Fever ..	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
21. Diabetes ..	6	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Anæmia ..	12	3	—	1	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	3
23. Alcoholism ..	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Other General Diseases ..	27	9	1	5	4	1	4	1	1	—	—	1
25. Meningitis ..	10	1	2	1	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	—
26. Cerebral Hæmorrhage or Apoplexy ..	14	4	—	4	1	—	2	—	1	1	—	1
27. Paralysis ..	24	7	3	9	2	—	4	—	1	—	—	—
28. Epilepsy ..	17	6	—	2	2	2	4	—	1	—	—	—
29. Convulsions (non-puerperal) ..	32	7	6	3	1	1	6	3	3	—	—	—
30. Infantile Convulsions ..	544	121	51	76	49	25	93	20	69	13	4	23
31. Other Diseases of the Nervous System ..	8	1	—	2	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
32. Organic Diseases of the Heart ..	10	2	—	4	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—
33. Hæmorrhoids ..	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
34. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	5	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35. Bronchitis ..	409	71	32	56	54	64	61	18	38	5	1	9
36. Pneumonia ..	9622	2731	859	1994	1276	646	1119	111	430	123	45	238
37. Pulmonary Congestion ..	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—
38. Asthma ..	41	13	4	4	5	3	10	—	1	—	—	1
39. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	10	2	—	—	2	—	4	—	1	—	—	1
40. Thrush, Stomatitis ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
41. Infantile Diarrhœa ..	43	11	3	13	5	1	4	—	2	—	1	3
42. Diarrhœa undefined ..	484	92	58	84	45	45	96	14	31	2	6	11
43. Enteritis ..	50	7	4	7	6	8	11	—	—	1	2	4
44. Anchylostomiasis ..	502	133	87	52	40	24	71	9	49	10	6	21
45. Intestinal Parasites ..	22	6	—	2	1	—	6	2	2	—	2	1
46. Appendicitis and Typhilitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47. Diseases of the Liver ..	11	5	—	2	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
48. Peritonitis ..	5	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
49. Other Diseases of the Digestive System ..	28	4	—	9	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
50. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	47	7	5	7	10	1	8	1	7	—	—	1
51. Other Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System ..	6	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52. Diseases or Accidents of Pregnancy or of Childbirth ..	247	63	24	22	38	12	39	10	27	5	2	5
53. Diseases of the Skin or Cellular Tissue ..	18	2	1	—	3	—	5	1	3	—	1	2
54. Diseases of the Bones and of the Organs of Locomotion ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55. Congenital Malformations ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Premature Birth ..	147	47	2	27	26	16	17	5	3	2	—	2
57. Infantile Debility (under 3 months) ..	780	175	63	202	111	32	126	8	36	6	8	13
58. Other Diseases of Early Infancy ..	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
59. Senility ..	259	60	20	60	42	11	39	5	13	3	2	4
60. Suicide ..	10	2	1	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—
61. Homicide ..	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
62. Execution ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
63. Accidents and other affections produced by external causes ..	35	12	4	7	3	2	5	1	—	—	—	1
64. Dropsy ..	58	7	8	15	7	1	7	2	7	2	1	1
65. Heart Failure ..	32	5	4	8	2	2	9	1	—	1	—	—
66. Debility (3 months and over) ..	331	70	29	59	29	24	67	6	35	6	1	6
67. Pyrexia ..	364	5	37	51	75	54	98	15	23	—	1	5
68. Diseases not specified or ill-defined ..	3	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
69. Other ill-defined diseases ..	31	4	2	2	4	1	11	4	3	—	—	—

Table VIII.—Causes of Death registered during the Fourth 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.					Northern Province.				Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.				North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.																												
	Western Province.				Central Province.							Northern Province.				Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.				North-Central Province.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.																																	
	Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratupa.	Kalutara.	Panadura.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton and Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambalangoda.	Matara.	Wellisama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullattivu.	Vavuniya.	Batticaloa.	Kalmunai.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpituya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Katnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.																				
All 33 Towns																					2,780	802	497	194	104	546,143	95	123,278	106	575,225	183,949	84,706	134,483	38,181	54,191	363,181	248	249,75	154	97	23	222	429	295	115	185	99													
All Causes																					502	44	87	29	14	64	5	8	26	30	58	1	36	16	20	17	170	11	4	7	48	10	30	39	33	3	18	32	36	1	18	9	2	35	705	430	207	42	10	
I.—Infantile Mortality																					1,431																																							
A.—One Week and under.																																																												
1. Prematurity																					96																																							
2. Debility																					245																																							
3. Convulsions																					94																																							
4. Diarrhoea																																																												
4a. Enteritis																																																												
5. Tetanus																					16																																							
6. Bronchitis																					1																																							
7. Pneumonia																					3																																							
8. Other causes																					12																																							
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																																												
1. Prematurity																					13																																							
2. Debility																					188																																							
3. Convulsions																					202																																							
4. Diarrhoea																					39																																							
4a. Enteritis																					54																																							
5. Tetanus																					13																																							
6. Bronchitis																					60																																							
7. Pneumonia																					161																																							
8. Other causes																					234																																							
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)																																																												
1. Plague																																																												
1a. Smallpox																																																												
2. Chickenpox																																																												
3. Measles																																																												
4. Influenza																					2,089																																							
5. Pyrexia or Fever																					46																																							
6. Enteric Fever																					63																																							
7. Malaria																					104																																							
8. Malarial Cachexia																					55																																							
9. Cholera																					4																																							
10. Diarrhoea																					225																																							

