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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1921.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL.

THIS report deals with the Vital Statistics of the 33 principal towns in the Island proclaimed under sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Births.

2. The number of births registered was 1,628 (834 males and 794 females), and was equivalent to an annual rate of 28·14 per 1,000, against 29·97 in the preceding month, 26·56 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·75 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate ranged from 10·89 in Nuwara Eliya to 65·06 in Chilaw.

3. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 541 (271 males and 270 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 20·87 per 1,000, against 22·85 in the preceding month, 22·39 in the corresponding month of last year, and 24·66 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 7·95 in Kollupitiya to 37·59 in Wellawatta.

Deaths.

4. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,282 (1,216 males and 1,066 females). There were 1,788 deaths of residents in towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 33·69 per 1,000, against 37·23 in the preceding month, 28·27 in the corresponding month of last year, and 28·86 the average for the month of March in each year since 1911. The rate ranged from 116·32 in Anuradhapura to 8·53 in Hatton and Dikoya.

5. In the city of Colombo the deaths numbered 714 (384 males and 330 females). There were 617 deaths of residents, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 27·61 per 1,000, against 32·25 in the preceding month, 22·87 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26·21 the average for the month of March in each year since 1911. Excluding the Fort and the Pettah Wards, the rate ranged from 25·81 in New Bazaar to 6·10 in Kollupitiya.

6. The stillbirths registered numbered 130 (73 males and 57 females), as against 122 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

7. The mortality of infants under one year of age was equal to a rate of 263 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March 31, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 264 as against 295 in the preceding month, 233 in the corresponding month of last year, and 222 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

8. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 258 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March 31, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 294, as against 318 in the preceding month, 238 in the corresponding month of last year, and 235 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

Causes of Death.

9. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 12 per cent. of the total deaths was due, *Debility* caused 8 per cent., *Convulsions* 7 per cent., *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* 6 per cent., *Dysentery*, *Enteritis*, *Anchylostomiasis*, *Diarrhœa*, and *Phthisis* 5 per cent. each, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* 4 per cent., *Enteric Fever* 3 per cent., *Prematurity*, *Bronchitis*, *Puerperal Septicæmia*, and *Influenza* 2 per cent. each, and *Pyrexia* 1 per cent.

10. In Colombo too the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 11 per cent. of the deaths, *Convulsions* caused 10 per cent., *Debility*, 9 per cent., *Phthisis*, 7 per cent., *Enteritis*, 5 per cent., *Enteric Fever*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, and *Plague*, 4 per cent. each, *Dysentery*, 3 per cent., *Bronchitis*, *Anchylostomiasis*, *Influenza*, and *Diarrhœa*, 2 per cent. each, and *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* and *Puerperal Septicæmia*, 1 per cent. each.

11. Twenty-seven deaths from *Plague* were registered (26 in Colombo and 1 in Moratuwa), as against 53 in the preceding month and 3 in the corresponding month of last year.

12. *Infectious Diseases reported.*—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 205 cases were reported (149 in Colombo, 18 in Nuwara Eliya, 8 in Kandy, 7 in Galle, 7 in Chilaw). *Phthisis* followed with 126 cases (110 in Colombo, 5 in Galle), *Enteric Fever* 73 (45 in Colombo, 11 in Moratuwa, 6 in Galle, 5 in Batticaloa), *Continued Fever* 49 (31 in Colombo, 12 in Moratuwa), *Measles* 41 (35 in Colombo), *Plague* 28 (in Colombo), *Dysentery* 5 (3 in Weligama), *Diphtheria* 2 (1 in Colombo and 1 in Kandy), *Mumps* 2 (in Colombo), *Whooping Cough* 1 (in Colombo).

Meteorology.

13. *Rainfall.*—Kegalla recorded the highest rainfall (7·29 inches), followed by Ratnapura (6·79 inches). In other towns it ranged from 6·48 inches in Nawalapitiya to 0·06 of an inch in Mullaittivu. Colombo recorded 4·90 inches.

14. *Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 57·5° in Nuwara Eliya to 83·6° in Trincomalee, and was 80·9° in Colombo.

15. For detailed statistics, see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and Tables III. and IV. for the city of Colombo, in the Appendix.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, April 22, 1921.

F. BARTLETT,
Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during March, 1921, their Proportion per 1,000 of the Population per Annum, and the Stillbirths and Deaths of Children under One Year and their Proportion per 1,000 Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates in the corresponding months since 1911, and the Mean Temperature and Rainfall in the Month in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns.	Population (Inclusive of the Military) at the Census of March 10, 1911.	Population estimated to the Middle of 1921 by Interannual Increase.	Total Births.			Total Deaths.			Total Stillbirths.			Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Towns (Total) in March and July.	Deaths of Town Residents.	Birth-rate.		Death-rate excluding non-residents.		Mortality of Children under One Year.			Mean Temperature. ^b	Rainfall in Inches. ^c		
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			March, 1921.	Average Birth-rate for Mar., 1911-1920.	Crude, March, 1921.	Standardized. ^a		Number registered during Mar., 1921.	Its proportion to 1000 births registered during Mar., 1921.			Its proportion per annum to 1000 births registered during the year ended the last day of Mar., 1921.	
																	March, 1921.	Average Death-rate for Mar., 1911-1920.						
All Towns	517,877	681,151	834	794	1,628	1,216	1,066	2,282	73	57	130	483	1,788	28.14	29.75	30.91	33.69	28.86	429	264	263			
<i>Western.</i>																								
Colombo	219,557	305,249	271	270	541	384	330	714	39	24	63	96	617	20.87	24.66	23.80	27.61	26.21	159	294	258	80.9	4.90	
Negombo	13,045	27,746 ^c	47	41	88	55	50	105	2	3	5	13	92	37.34	44.01	39.04	40.84	26.21	15	170	182	—	2.88	
Moratuwa	27,256	31,852	55	75	130	56	71	127	3	—	3	2	125	48.06	47.87	46.21	40.84	32.61	15	170	182	—	2.88	
Kalutara	13,005	14,742	14	18	32	22	11	33	1	—	1	11	22	25.56	37.20	17.57	50.96	36.79	35	269	284	—	—	
Panadura	5,709	8,589	14	15	29	18	11	29	1	1	2	11	18	39.75	24.11	24.68	17.46	24.98	8	260	191	—	5.16	
<i>Central.</i>																								
Kandy	30,149	34,040	46	44	90	75	59	134	1	2	3	41	93	31.13	33.08	32.17	35.06	24.89	4	138	191	—	—	
Gampola	5,521	8,139	13	6	19	14	15	29	1	1	2	12	17	27.49	34.14	24.59	25.52	24.89	25	278	271	78.8	3.31	
Nawalapitiya	3,767	4,134	7	4	11	14	9	23	—	—	—	10	13	31.33	30.77	37.03	30.34	211	219	—	—	4.11		
Hatton and Dikoya.	3,025	3,225	2	2	4	5	17	22	1	1	2	20	2	14.60	24.35	7.30	40.25	34.86	4	182	201	—	6.48	
Matale	5,792	8,329 ^d	18	13	31	46	27	73	1	1	2	31	42	43.82	33.80	59.37	8.53	23.97	3	750	388	—	3.77	
Nuwara Eliya	14,910	15,142 ^e	4	10	14	11	12	23	2	1	3	8	15	10.89	13.13	11.66	33.58	33.58	6	194	211	—	0.90	
<i>Southern.</i>																								
Galle	39,936	43,034	55	53	108	60	76	136	1	6	7	34	102	29.55	32.53	27.91	27.32	26.29	7	500	380	57.5	2.40	
Ambalangoda	—	4,835	4	5	9	5	5	10	1	—	1	—	10	21.92	26.81	24.35	—	26.29	9	83	86	80.8	3.39	
Matara	13,851	18,083 ^d	28	27	55	29	17	46	—	—	—	12	34	35.81	37.67	22.14	—	—	1	111	97	—	—	
Weligama	8,672	9,945	15	9	24	10	6	16	1	1	2	—	15	28.41	37.21	17.76	21.68	25.05	9	164	216	—	3.08	
Hambantota	3,092	3,374	7	6	13	5	6	11	—	1	1	3	8	45.36	38.80	27.91	16.00	21.06	3	125	128	—	—	
Tangalla	3,505	6,711 ^d	12	11	23	10	3	13	—	—	—	5	8	40.36	31.13	14.04	14.35	27.55	2	154	178	80.6	3.88	
<i>Northern.</i>																								
Jafna	40,441	48,545	83	59	142	102	107	209	6	4	10	4	203	34.44	31.14	49.24	50.30	40.73	48	338	402	82.8	1.19	
Mannar	3,777	4,296	6	4	10	5	11	16	1	—	1	4	12	27.41	32.42	32.89	36.21	54.98	3	300	225	83.2	0.66	
Mullaittivu	1,392	1,869	2	2	4	6	9	15	—	1	1	6	9	25.20	54.97	56.70	75.17	70.20	1	250	218	—	0.06	
Vavuniya	808	1,167	—	—	—	7	2	9	—	—	—	1	6	—	38.31	60.52	82.19	46.34	—	—	—	—	3.39	
<i>Eastern.</i>																								
Batticaloa	10,671	11,444	23	17	40	30	25	55	—	3	3	6	49	41.15	28.59	50.41	49.72	35.53	15	375	387	81.2	1.42	
Kalmunai	—	2,169	5	4	9	5	2	7	—	—	—	4	3	48.87	50.02	16.29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.52
Trincomalee	8,840	11,771	13	12	25	21	28	49	1	—	1	—	49	25.01	26.82	49.01	53.80	41.15	11	440	391	83.6	0.16	
<i>North-Western.</i>																								
Kurunegala	8,167	10,402	12	14	26	48	35	83	1	2	3	59	23	29.43	31.74	26.03	26.75	35.45	7	269	239	82.6	2.69	
Puttalam	5,990	7,049	17	13	30	29	11	40	1	1	2	8	32	50.11	35.50	53.45	57.17	36.20	6	200	248	81.6	0.27	
Kalpitiya	1,591	1,715	2	4	6	4	10	14	—	1	1	—	14	41.20	29.07	96.12	—	—	4	667	703	—	0.47	
Chilaw	5,033	6,515 ^d	18	18	36	27	18	45	3	—	3	8	37	65.06	36.55	66.87	64.10	29.59	11	306	600	—	3.09	
<i>North-Central.</i>																								
Anuradhapura	5,361	7,938	9	6	15	51	35	86	2	1	3	22	64	22.25	23.05	94.93	116.32	54.05	13	867	665	81.9	2.81	
<i>Uva.</i>																								
Badulla	6,487	7,498 ^d	15	21	36	25	24	49	2	1	3	18	31	56.53	29.45	48.68	53.71	29.87	6	167	255	73.4	3.93	
Lunugala	515	657	1	—	1	13	4	17	—	—	—	16	1	17.91	25.72	17.91	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	
<i>Sabaragamuwa.</i>																								
Ratnapura	5,476	8,191 ^d	10	8	18	14	11	25	1	—	1	12	12	26.87	30.69	17.92	20.31	33.16	8	444	371	82.9	6.79	
Kegalla	2,536	2,756	6	3	9	10	9	19	—	1	1	9	10	38.45	35.14	42.73	39.18	17.70	—	—	—	—	—	7.29

^a The standardized death-rates represent the crude death-rates multiplied by the respective standardizing factor in order to make correction for differences of sex- and age-constitution of the several populations in 1911, as compared with that of the Island. ^b Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges. ^c Includes population of the Negombo Local Board and registration area. ^d This increase of population is due partly to the extension of the town limits. ^e Estimated to the end of December, 1920, by natural increase method. ^f Standardized death-rates for Kalpitiya and Lunugala towns are 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-rates given for "All Towns" are, therefore, independent of the towns, but are scarcely affected by their rates.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths registered during March, 1921, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.	All 83 Towns.	Western Province.					Central Province.					Southern Province.					Northern Province.			Eastern Province.		North-Western Province.				North Central Province.		Province of Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.											
		Colombo.	Negombo.	Moratuwa.	Kalutara.	Panadure.	Kandy.	Gampola.	Nawalapitiya.	Hatton & Dikoya.	Matale.	Nuwara Eliya.	Galle.	Ambaligoda.	Matara.	Weligama.	Hambantota.	Tangalla.	Jaffna.	Mannar.	Mullattiva.	Vavuniya.	Batticaloa.	Kaimuna.	Trincomalee.	Kurunegala.	Puttalam.	Kalpitiya.	Chilaw.	Anuradhapura.	Badulla.	Lunugala.	Ratnapura.	Kegalla.	Europeans.	Burglers.	Sinhalese.	Tamil.	Moors.	Malaya.	Others.		
All Causes	2,282	714	105	127	33	29	134	29	23	22	73	23	136	10	46	16	11	13	209	16	15	9	55	7	49	83	40	14	45	86	49	17	25	19	6	41	1105	790	257	48	35		
I.—Infantile Mortality	429	159	15	35	8	4	25	4	2	3	6	7	9	1	9	3	2	2	48	3	1	15	11	7	6	4	11	13	6	2	8	—	1	11	195	141	59	18	4				
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																																											
1. Prematurity ..	40	4	—	4	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	6	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	14	20	4	—	—		
2. Debility ..	52	13	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	28	9	—	—			
3. Convulsions..	27	14	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes.	2*	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<i>B.—One Week and under 1 Year.</i>																																											
1. Prematurity ..	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility ..	68	31	1	7	—	—	8	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions..	104	44	4	7	4	1	3	1	—	—	3	—	5	—	4	2	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea ..	11	3	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis ..	21	9	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis ..	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia ..	42	19	4	4	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other Causes.	45†	17	2	4	2	2	2	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)	1,853	555	90	92	25	25	109	25	21	19	67	16	127	9	37	13	9	11	161	13	14	9	40	7	38	76	34	10	34	73	43	15	17	19	5	80	910	649	198	30	31		
1. Plague ..	27	26	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

* One from Atelectasis and the other from Accidental Fall (in Colombo).

† This include, besides 17 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 deaths from Whooping Cough (1 each in Negombo and Panadure); 1 from Fever (in Negombo); 5 from Influenza (3 in Moratuwa, 1 in Kandy, and 1 in Gampola); 3 from Stomatitis (1 in Moratuwa and 2 in Chilaw); 2 from Worms (1 each in Kalutara and Puttalam); 1 from Rickets (in Kalutara); 1 from Intestinal Obstruction (in Panadure); 1 from Gastritis (in Kandy); 1 from Burns (in Hatton-Dikoya); 1 from Syphilis (in Matale); 1 from Leukemia (in Nuwara Eliya); 1 from Tabes Mesenterica (in Galle); 3 from Nephritis (2 in Matara and 1 in Jaffna); 1 from Colic (in Jaffna); 3 from Malaria (1 in Puttalam and 2 in Anuradhapura); and 1 from Pyæmia (in Ratnapura).

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of March, 1921, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Registered Births, together with the Average Birth- and Death-rates for March, 1911 to 1920, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (inclusive of the Military) at the Census of 1911.	Population Estimated to Middle of 1921 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Births registered.			Stillbirths.			Total Deaths including Deaths in Hospitals and Jails.			Deaths of Non-residents.	Deaths of Residents.	Per Mille per Annum.					Mortality of Children under one Year.			
			Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.			Birth-rate.*		Death-rate.*		Standardized Death-rate, † Mar., 1921.	Number registered during Mar., 1921.	Its proportion to 1000 births registered during Mar., 1921.	Its proportion per annum to 1000 births registered during the year ended last day of Mar., 1921.	
														March, 1921.	Average for March, 1911, to 1920.	March, 1921.	Average for March, 1911, to 1920.					
City of Colombo ..	219,557	305,249	271	270	541	39	24	63	384	330	714	97	617	20·87	24·66	23·80	22·83	27·61	159	294	258	
Fort and Galle Face	3,512	3,512‡	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1·86	—	5·39	—	—	—		
Pettah ..	7,974	7,974‡	2	2	4	1	—	1	8	—	8	—	8	5·91	4·62	11·81	8·77	—	2	500	760	
San Sebastian ..	11,546	14,377	11	10	21	—	—	—	11	8	19	—	19	17·20	19·94	15·56	16·83	—	5	238	235	
St. Paul's ..	24,735	30,470	26	26	52	4	3	7	29	22	51	—	51	20·09	16·44	19·71	20·42	—	16	308	394	
Kotahena ..	40,771	50,138	64	70	134	5	6	11	37	47	84	—	84	31·47	25·12	19·73	22·37	—	21	157	171	
New Bazaar ..	22,309	28,735	36	17	53	2	2	4	29	34	63	—	63	21·72	24·08	25·81	22·34	—	27	509	495	
Maradana Hospitals	48,093	77,371	7	6	13	17	5	22	148	99	247	93	154	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—
Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals) ..			70	70	140	5	3	8	65	56	121	—	121	—	121	21·30	19·21	18·41	17·67	—	38	271
Slave Island ..	21,984	28,823	14	18	32	2	1	3	24	34	58	—	58	13·07	21·77	23·69	20·65	—	18	563	363	
Kollupitiya ..	25,410	44,430	13	17	30	1	3	4	15	10	25	2	23	7·95	12·61	6·10	10·13	—	3	100	91	
Wellawatta ..	13,223	19,419	28	34	62	2	1	3	17	20	37	1	36	37·59	33·42§	21·83	26·10§	—	10	161	169	

* The city-rate is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., not assignable to wards.

† For explanation of the "standardized death-rate" see note a, Table I. The population of the several wards of the city not being available by age- and sex-constitution, their standardized death-rates cannot be calculated.

‡ The population of these two wards being a fluctuating one, their population cannot be estimated to the middle of 1921. Hence the Census figures are retained.

§ Average for the months of March, 1913-1920.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of March, 1921, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

Causes of Death.	Wards.												Deaths among all Races.						
	City of Colombo.	Fort and Galle Face.	Pettah.	San Sebastian.	St. Paul's.	Kotahena.	New Bazaar.	Maradana Hospitals.	Maradana (exclusive of Hospitals).	Slave Island.	Kollupitiya.	Wellawatta.	Europeans.	Burghers.	Sinhalese.	Tamils.	Moors.	Malays.	Others.
All Causes ..	714	1	8	19	51	84	63	247	121	58	25	37	4	25	367	148	105	34	31
I.—Infantile Mortality ..	159	—	2	5	16	21	27	19	38	18	3	10	—	8	66	36	32	13	4
<i>A.—One Week and under.</i>																			
1. Prematurity ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	—	—	—
2. Debility ..	13	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	2	4	1	1	—	—	4	4	4	2	—
3. Convulsions ..	14	—	—	—	4	1	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	5	1	1
4. Diarrhoea ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes ..	2*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
<i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i>																			
1. Prematurity ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility ..	31	—	—	—	—	5	2	6	11	6	1	—	—	—	—	7	6	4	—
3. Convulsions ..	44	—	2	2	7	5	8	2	13	2	1	2	—	2	12	9	10	2	2
4. Diarrhoea ..	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
4a. Enteritis ..	9	—	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	4	—	—	3	1
5. Tetanus ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis ..	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia ..	19	—	—	1	1	5	3	2	4	—	—	3	—	1	11	3	3	1	—
8. Other Causes ..	17†	—	—	1	—	—	3	4	7	2	—	—	—	2	10	2	3	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over) ..	555	1	6	14	35	63	36	228	83	40	22	27	4	17	301	112	73	21	27
1. Plague ..	26	—	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	13	—	—	13	4	6	—	3
2. Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza ..	13	—	—	1	4	2	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	4	3	4	1	1
6. Pyrexia or Fever ..	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—
7. Enteric Fever ..	28	—	—	1	2	3	1	14	4	2	—	1	—	1	15	5	3	—	4
8. Malaria ..	7	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
10. Cholera ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea ..	9	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis ..	24	—	—	—	1	2	—	15	4	2	—	—	—	1	10	7	2	2	3
12. Dysentery ..	21	—	—	—	1	3	1	9	4	2	1	—	—	—	7	6	2	3	3
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmius Duodenalis ..	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	1	—	—
14. Cancer ..	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—
15. Phthisis ..	53	—	—	—	1	8	5	28	6	2	3	—	—	1	36	8	5	2	1
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
17. Anæmia ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus ..	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions ..	14	—	—	1	3	1	2	—	3	2	2	—	—	1	4	1	6	1	1
20. Tetanus ..	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis ..	13	—	—	—	2	1	4	1	—	4	—	1	—	—	6	3	4	—	—
22. Pneumonia ..	61	—	1	2	2	9	3	34	7	1	—	2	—	3	31	16	3	1	7
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..	9	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..	27	—	—	1	—	2	1	14	4	3	1	1	—	—	16	7	2	1	1
25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia ..	7	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	2	1	—	—
27. Miscarriage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
29. Starvation ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents or Negligence ..	11	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	1	—	1	1	—	—	8	2	1	—	—
31. Homicide ..	6	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—
32. Suicide ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes ..	182‡	1	—	6	14	21	14	62	32	17	10	5	3	9	96	34	27	10	3

* One death from Atelectasis and 1 from Asphyxia by being accidentally dropped into a cesspit.

† Two deaths each from Worms, Syphilis, Dysentery, and Pyrexia, and 1 each from Rickets, Starvation, Dochmius, Cerebral, Concussion, Sores, Jaundice, Nephritis, Strangulation of Bowels, and Influenza.

‡ Here are included 35 deaths from Old Age, 17 from Debility, 14 from Worms, 13 from Marasmus, 11 from Paralysis, 8 from Heart Disease, and 8 from Rickets.