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**VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE  
MONTH OF MAY, 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 1,837 (915 males and 922 females), and was equivalent to an annual rate of 31·75 per 1,000, against 29·35 in the preceding month, 28·40 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·00 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate ranged from 10·11 in Nuwara Eliya to 81·90 in Mullaittivu.

3. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 744 (369 males and 375 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 28·70 per 1,000, against 24·03 in the preceding month, 26·51 in the corresponding month of last year, and 21·94 the average for the corresponding months since 1911. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 9·54 in Kollupitiya to 43·66 in Wellawatta.

**Deaths.**

4. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,230 (1,187 males and 1,043 females). There were 1,811 deaths of residents in towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 34·12 per 1,000, against 31·13 in the preceding month, 27·84 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26·99 the average for the month of May in each year since 1911. The rate ranged from 170·19 in Trincomalee to 12·39 in Nawalapitiya.

5. In the city of Colombo the deaths numbered 696 (395 males and 301 females). There were 611 deaths of residents, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 27·34 per 1,000, against 28·90 in the preceding month, 25·79 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·77 the average for the month of May in each year since 1911. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 27·28 in Wellawatta to 8·22 in Kollupitiya.

6. The stillbirths registered numbered 121 (66 males and 55 females), as against 124 in the preceding month.

**Infant Mortality.**

7. The mortality of infants under one year of age was equal to a rate of 274 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended May 31, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 250, against 256 in the preceding month, 183 in the corresponding month of last year, and 236 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

8. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 294 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended May 31, 1921. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 249, against 280 in the preceding month, 167 in the corresponding month of last year, and 268 the average for the corresponding months since 1911.

**Causes of Death.**

9. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 16 per cent. of the total deaths was due, *Convulsions* and *Debility* caused 8 per cent. each. *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, *Enteritis*, *Phthisis*, *Diarrhoea*, and *Dysentery* 5 per cent. each, *Anchylostomiasis* and *Influenza* 4 per cent. each, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis* 3 per cent., and *Enteric Fever*, *Puerperal Septicæmia*, *Prematurity*, and *Bronchitis*, 2 per cent. each.

10. In Colombo too the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 17 per cent. of the deaths, *Convulsions* caused 11 per cent., *Phthisis*, 9 per cent., *Debility*, 7 per cent., *Influenza*, 5 per cent., *Enteritis*, 4 per cent., *Enteric Fever*, 3 per cent., *Bronchitis*, *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, *Dysentery*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, 2 per cent. each, and *Cancer*, *Diarrhoea*, *Puerperal Septicæmia*, and *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, 1 per cent. each.

11. Four deaths from *Plague* were registered (in Colombo), as against 9 in the preceding month and 9 in the corresponding month of last year. One death from *Measles* was also registered (in Negombo).

12. *Infectious Diseases reported.*—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Phthisis*; of which 187 cases were reported (170 in Colombo, 5 in Galle), *Chickenpox* followed with 102 cases (52 in Colombo, 18 in Kandy, 8 in Nuwara Eliya, 6 in Galle), *Enteric Fever* 55 (33 in Colombo, 7 in Galle), *Continued Fever* 31 (16 in Colombo, 8 in Moratuwa, 5 in Galle), *Measles* 17 (10 in Colombo, 5 in Badulla), *Dysentery* 12 (10 in Moratuwa), *Diphtheria* 5 (4 in Colombo), *Whooping Cough* 4 (3 in Moratuwa), *Plague* 2 (in Colombo), *Mumps* 2 (in Lunugala), and *Acute Diarrhoea* 1 (in Colombo).

**Meteorology.**

13. *Rainfall.*—Nawalapitiya recorded the highest rainfall (17·10 inches), followed by Ratnapura (12·93 inches). In other towns it ranged from 11·42 inches in Galle to 0·01 of an inch in Anuradhapura. Colombo recorded 5·09 inches.

14. *Temperature.*—The mean temperature varied from 63·3° in Nuwara Eliya to 87·4° in Trincomalee, and was 83·8° 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.

**Table I.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during May, 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.**

| Mortality of Children under One Year                              |               |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | Mortality of Children under One Year                              |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |   |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|---|
| Death-rate excluding non-residents                                |               |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | Death-rate including non-residents                                |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |   |
| Standardized <sup>a</sup>   |               |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | Standardized <sup>a</sup>   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |                   |  |   |
| Population estimated to the Middle of 1921 by Intensive Increase. | Total Deaths. | Total Births. | Per cent. | Population estimated to the Middle of 1921 by Intensive Increase. | Total Deaths.                                | Total Births.     | Per cent.                                    | Per cent.         | Per cent.                                    |   |
| Provinces and Towns.  | Total Deaths. | Total Births. | Males.    | Females.  | Males.    | Females.  | Males.    | Females.  | Males.    | Females.  | Males.    | Crude, May, 1921.   | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. | Crude, May, 1921. | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. | Crude, May, 1921. | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. | Crude, May, 1921. | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. | Crude, May, 1921. | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. | Crude, May, 1921. | Average Birth-rate for 1911-1920, May, 1921. |   |
| All Towns   | 9,155         | 9,922         | 1,837     | 1,187     | 1,043     | 2,230     | 66        | 55        | 121       | —         | —         | 4,811   | 31.75  | 27.00             | 314.30                                       | 34.12             | 26.99  | 460               | 250  | 250               | 274  | 250               | 274  |   |
| Western.  | 305,249       | 365,375       | 744       | 41        | 37        | 78        | 3         | 2         | 27        | 49        | 22        | 611   | 28.70  | 21.94             | 23.57  | 27.34             | 26.77  | 18.5              | 249  | 211               | 294  | 83.8              | 5.09   |   |
| Colombo   | 27,744        | 37,393        | 76        | 45        | 73        | 118       | 4         | 4         | 5         | 5         | 3         | 75  | 22.25  | 31.83             | 33.29  | 22.88             | 22.88  | 16                | 191  | 31.40             | 191  | —                 | 4.67   |   |
| Negombo   | 13,045        | 17,643        | 117       | 63        | 117       | 25        | 46        | 4         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 117   | 43.25  | 43.25             | 47.31  | 31.40             | 32.25  | 38                | 32.25  | 302               | 220  | —                 | 8.99   |   |
| Moratuwa  | 27,256        | 31,852        | 44        | 20        | 25        | 46        | 4         | 4         | 9         | 9         | 37        | 35.94   | 28.12  | 29.55             | 24.45  | 24.45             | 10   | 222               | 220  | —                 | —  | —                 |  |   |
| Kalutara  | 14,742        | 14,742        | 11        | 15        | 26        | 9         | 8         | 17        | —         | —         | 6         | 10  | 36.64  | 19.18             | 13.71  | 19.48             | 19.48  | 2                 | 77   | 88                | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Panadura  | 8,689         | 11            | 15        | 26        | 9         | 8         | 17        | —         | —         | —         | —         | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Central.  | 34,040        | 52            | 48        | 100       | 69        | 69        | 138       | 6         | 2         | 8         | 32        | 106   | 34.59  | 32.30             | 36.67  | 39.96             | 29.17  | 29                | 290  | 317               | 79.8   | 0.94              |  |   |
| Kandy   | 8,189         | 11            | 13        | 24        | 21        | 10        | 31        | 1         | 2         | 1         | 10        | 25  | 33.72  | 33.40             | 36.17  | 37.53             | 27.63  | 4                 | 167  | 206               | —  | 2.91              |  |   |
| Gampola   | 6,621         | 8,139         | 12        | 9         | 13        | 8         | 6         | 14        | —         | —         | 10        | 4   | 37.03  | 27.28             | 11.39  | 42.10             | 12.39  | 9                 | 94   | 360               | —  | 5.94              |  |   |
| Nawalaipitiya   | 3,767         | 4,134         | 7         | 9         | 12        | 5         | 12        | 15        | 16        | 1         | 1         | 23  | 8  | 43.81             | 26.31  | 29.21             | 34.11  | 30.63             | 3  | 300               | 324  | —                 | 0.91   |   |
| Habuton and Dilwaya   | 3,025         | 3,225         | 18        | 12        | 30        | 33        | 26        | 59        | 2         | 2         | 24        | 35  | 42.41  | 34.74             | 49.48  | 56.96             | 37.07  | 9                 | 692  | 514               | 63.3   | 3.02              |  |   |
| Matale  | 5,792         | 8,320         | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 16        | 30        | —         | —         | 1         | 19  | 10.11  | 11.88             | 14.77  | 16.85             | 11.88  | 9                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Nuwara Eliya  | 14,910        | 15,142        | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 16        | 30        | —         | —         | 1         | 19  | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Halle Southern.   | 43,034        | 53            | 49        | 102       | 47        | 43        | 90        | 4         | 3         | 7         | 20        | 70  | 27.91  | 30.97             | 19.15  | 18.75             | 23.52  | 13                | 127  | 120               | 81.9   | 11.22             |  |   |
| Umbalangoda   | 4,835         | 6             | 5         | 11        | 1         | 2         | 3         | 1         | —         | 1         | —         | 3   | 26.79  | 20.20             | 7.31   | —                 | —  | 1                 | 91   | 101               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Matara  | 18,083        | 33            | 30        | 63        | 30        | 19        | 49        | —         | —         | —         | 8         | 41  | 41.01  | 29.45             | 26.70  | 26.15             | 21.01  | 9                 | 143  | 196               | —  | 7.51              |  |   |
| Wellawaya   | 9,945         | 19            | 9         | 28        | 12        | 13        | 25        | 2         | 1         | 3         | —         | 25  | 33.15  | 33.59             | 29.60  | 26.96             | 16.29  | 5                 | 179  | 205               | —  | 0.50              |  |   |
| Hambantota  | 3,092         | 3,374         | 7         | 6         | 13        | 8         | 16        | —         | —         | 1         | 1         | 7   | 9  | 45.36             | 25.18  | 31.40             | 35.12  | 31.73             | 2  | 154               | 156  | 83.4              | 2.18   |   |
| Tangalla  | 3,505         | 6,711         | 6         | 10        | 16        | 8         | 8         | 16        | —         | —         | 1         | 11  | 28.07  | 38.31             | 19.30  | 19.73             | 20.37  | 4                 | 250  | 240               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Northern.   | 48,545        | 72            | 81        | 153       | 106       | 88        | 194       | 7         | 3         | 10        | 18        | 174   | 37.11  | 32.39             | 42.20  | 43.11             | 31.92  | 42                | 275  | 337               | 86.0   | —                 |  |   |
| affina  | 4,296         | 5             | 3         | 8         | 6         | 4         | 10        | —         | —         | —         | 5         | 5   | 21.93  | 31.45             | 13.70  | 13.70             | 14.09  | 2                 | 126  | 83                | 86.8   | —                 |  |   |
| Dannar  | 3,777         | 4,296         | 4         | 9         | 13        | 5         | 6         | 11        | —         | —         | 2         | 9   | 81.90  | 40.12             | 58.70  | 75.70             | 67.92  | 2                 | 154  | 346               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Jaffna  | 1,392         | 1,869         | 4         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 4         | 2         | 6         | —         | 1         | 2   | 3  | 21.62             | 19.52  | 32.43             | 44.03  | 39.05             | 1  | 500               | 693  | —                 | —  | — |
| Trincomalee   | 808           | 1,197         | —         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 4         | 2         | 6         | —         | —         | —   | 155  | 31.01             | 26.98  | 155.04            | 170.19                                       | 39.39             | 19   | 61.3              | 652  | 87.4              | —  | — |
| Elevuna   | 11,444        | 26            | 17        | 43        | 20        | 32        | 52        | 1         | 3         | 4         | 2         | 50  | 44.24  | 33.74             | 51.44  | 50.73             | 39.89  | 17                | 395  | 444               | 88.4   | 0.04              |  |   |
| Hasthios  | 2,169         | 3             | 5         | 8         | 6         | 8         | 14        | —         | —         | 1         | 4         | 10  | 43.44  | 44.69             | 54.30  | 54.30             | —  | 2                 | 250  | 256               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Almanai   | 1,171         | 11            | 20        | 31        | 76        | 79        | 155       | 4         | 3         | 7         | —         | —   | 155  | 31.01             | 26.98  | 155.04            | 170.19                                       | 39.39             | 19   | 61.3              | 652  | 87.4              | —  | — |
| Udumalaitivu  | 8,840         | 11,771        | 11        | 20        | 31        | 76        | 79        | 155       | 4         | 3         | 7         | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Eastern.  | 11,444        | 26            | 17        | 43        | 20        | 32        | 52        | 1         | 3         | 4         | 2         | 50  | 44.24  | 33.74             | 51.44  | 50.73             | 39.89  | 17                | 395  | 444               | 88.4   | 0.04              |  |   |
| Trincomalee   | 2,169         | 3             | 5         | 8         | 6         | 8         | 14        | —         | —         | 1         | 4         | 10  | 43.44  | 44.69             | 54.30  | 54.30             | —  | 2                 | 250  | 256               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| North-Western.  | 8,167         | 10,402        | 12        | 13        | 25        | 39        | 61        | —         | —         | 1         | 1         | 42  | 16   | 28.30             | 24.10  | 18.11             | 34.22  | 10                | 400  | 331               | 83.0   | 4.88              |  |   |
| Trincomalee   | 6,990         | 7,049         | 15        | 10        | 25        | 22        | 15        | 37        | —         | —         | —         | —   | 36   | 41.76             | 32.54  | 60.13             | 32.20  | 5                 | 207  | 84.8              | 0.38   | —                 | —  |   |
| Uttaramalai   | 1,591         | 1,715         | 3         | 2         | 5         | 2         | 4         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —   | 4  | 34.33             | 17.84  | 27.46             | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | — |
| Jaipitipura   | 6,033         | 6,515d        | 12        | 13        | 26        | 28        | 17        | 45        | 1         | 1         | 2         | 31  | 45.18  | 26.93             | 56.03  | 53.71             | 23.89  | 5                 | 200  | 237               | —  | 2.45              | —  |   |
| North-Central.  | 5,361         | 7,938         | 6         | 10        | 51        | 21        | 72        | —         | —         | —         | 23        | 49  | 14.83  | 24.81             | 72.68  | 89.05             | 47.23  | 3                 | 300  | 157               | 84.4   | 0.04              |  |   |
| Nunradhapura  | —             | —             | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Uva.  | 6,487         | 7,498d        | 14        | 10        | 24        | 5         | 28        | 43        | 1         | 3         | 4         | —   | 16   | 43                | 37.69  | 31.49             | 67.52  | 28.05             | —  | 210               | 76.4   | 1.14              | —  |   |
| unugala   | 616           | 667           | —         | 2         | 2         | 8         | 9         | 17        | —         | —         | —         | —   | 1  | 35.82             | 39.90  | 17.91             | —  | 3                 | 5  | 208               | —  | —                 | —  |   |
| Sabaragamuwa.   | 6,476         | 8,191d        | 8         | 10        | 18        | 20        | 15        | 35        | 1         | 1         | 2         | 21  | 14   | 23.87             | 28.87  | 20.90             | 23.70  | 37.53             | 6  | 278               | 82.2   | 12.94             | —  |   |
| petapura  | 9,525         | 8,756         | 6         | 12        | 7         | 10        | 15        | 35        | 1         | 1         | 2         | 12  | 5  | 61.27             | 33.61  | 21.36             | 13.59  | 13.59             | —  | —                 | —  | —                 | —  | — |

**Negombo.** 2,750 2,750  
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d. 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. o Includes data for the Negombo Local Board and registration area.  
e. Standardized death-rates for Kandy and Kandy towns only. f. Standardized death-rates for Kandy and Kandy towns only.  
g. Estimated at the end of December, 1920, by natural increase method.  
h. Due partly to the extension of the town limits.  
i. As available, as the population of these towns has not been enumerated at the Census of 1911. By sex and age, while the town of Kalutara was treated as a registration division only in January, 1914, and Ambalangoda in January, 1915.  
j. 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 May, 1921, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

\* Two deaths one each from Imperforate Anus and Atresias (in Colombo); 1 from Congenital Malformation (in Moratuwa); and 1 from Peritonitis (in Matara).  
† This includes, besides 24 cases mentioned in Table IV, footnote 1, 1 from Abscess (in Negombo); 1 from Influenza (in Moretawa); 3 from Stomatitis (in Moratuwa) ; 1 from Erysipelas (in Moratuwa); 1 from Dysentery (in Kurunegala); 1 from Retention of Urine (in Galle); 5 from Worms (1 each in Galle, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Chilaw, and Ratnapura); 1 from Starvation (in Kurunegala); 1 from Malaria (in Kurunegala); 1 from Enteric Fever (in Kandy); 1 from Nephritis (in Kandy); 1 from Eye Disease (in Nuwara Eliya); and 1 in Kurunegala; 1 from Syphilis (in Ratnapura).

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

| Causes of Deaths.<br>All 83<br>Towns.              | Western Province. | Central Province. | Southern Province. | Northern Province. | North-Western<br>Province. | North-Central<br>Province. | Province<br>of Uva. | Province<br>of Sabar-<br>gamawwa. | Deaths among all Races. |          |        |           |             |             |           |              |             |           |            |         |          |          |           |             |          |           |            |        |         |         |   |
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|  |                   |                   |                    |                    |                            |                            |                     |                                   | Moratuwa.               | Negombo. | Galle. | Tangalle. | Kamburudde. | Batticaloa. | Vavuniya. | Trincomalee. | Kurunegala. | Pettaham. | Kalpitiya. | Chilaw. | Gelella. | Badulla. | Ludugala. | Hatadepura. | Kegalla. | Burghers. | Sinhalese. | Tamil. | Malays. | Others. |   |
| <b>II.—General Mortality—contd.</b>                |                   |                   |                    |                    |                            |                            |                     |                                   |                         |          |        |           |             |             |           |              |             |           |            |         |          |          |           |             |          |           |            |        |         |         |   |
| 6. Influenza .....                                 | 83                | 30                | —                  | 6                  | —                          | 2                          | 2                   | —                                 | —                       | 13       | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 6. Pyrexia or Fever .....                          | 14                | 6                 | 4                  | —                  | —                          | 1                          | 2                   | 2                                 | 1                       | 6        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 7. Enteric Fever .....                             | 60                | 19                | 1                  | 8                  | 3                          | 1                          | 3                   | 2                                 | 2                       | 1        | —      | 3         | 1           | —           | 4         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 8. Malaria .....                                   | 85                | 6                 | —                  | 3                  | —                          | 1                          | —                   | 2                                 | 3                       | 3        | —      | 31        | —           | 3           | —         | 2            | 1           | —         | 20         | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       |   |
| 9. Malaria Cachexia .....                          | 33                | 1                 | 2                  | —                  | —                          | 1                          | —                   | —                                 | 1                       | —        | —      | 1         | —           | —           | 5         | 3            | 2           | —         | 4          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 10. Cholera .....                                  | —                 | —                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 11. Diarrhoea .....                                | 89                | 6                 | 11                 | 1                  | 3                          | 1                          | 16                  | 1                                 | 2                       | 1        | 3      | 6         | 1           | 1           | 2         | 1            | 1           | 6         | 10         | 1       | —        | 5        | 6         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 11a. Enteritis .....                               | 82                | 16                | 1                  | —                  | —                          | 3                          | 1                   | 1                                 | 1                       | 1        | —      | 6         | 3           | 3           | 1         | 2            | 1           | 1         | 6          | 7       | 1        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 12. Dysentery .....                                | 66                | 12                | 4                  | 5                  | 1                          | —                          | 11                  | 1                                 | 2                       | —        | 3      | 1         | 1           | 1           | 1         | 2            | 2           | —         | 7          | 2       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 13. Ankylostomiasis or Dochmus Duodenalis .....    | 92                | 12                | 8                  | —                  | —                          | 4                          | 5                   | 2                                 | 17                      | 2        | 4      | 9         | 1           | 1           | 2         | 3            | 1           | 1         | 2          | 3       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 14. Cancer .....                                   | 13                | 10                | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 15. Pithisis .....                                 | 111               | 64                | 1                  | 10                 | 1                          | —                          | —                   | 1                                 | 2                       | 1        | —      | 6         | 6           | —           | 6         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 16. Other Tubercular Diseases .....                | 5                 | —                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 17. Anæmia .....                                   | 7                 | 1                 | —                  | 2                  | 1                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 18. Diabetes Mellitus .....                        | 6                 | 3                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 19. Convulsions .....                              | 56                | 18                | 1                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 20. Tetanus .....                                  | 2                 | 1                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 21. Bronchitis .....                               | 25                | 7                 | —                  | 1                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | 6          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       |   |
| 22. Pneumonia .....                                | 303               | 86                | 10                 | 13                 | 5                          | 4                          | 18                  | 4                                 | 1                       | 16       | 3      | 3         | 3           | 14          | 3         | 3            | 4           | 16        | 3          | 49      | 10       | 6        | 13        | 7           | 4        | 3         | 2          | —      | —       | —       |   |
| 23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ..... | 19                | 9                 | 1                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | 2        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis .....           | 65                | 13                | —                  | 4                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | 1                       | 1        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | 5          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 25. Puerperal Eclampsia .....                      | 3                 | 1                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 26. Puerperal Septicæmia .....                     | 43                | 9                 | —                  | 1                  | 2                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 27. Miscarriage .....                              | —                 | —                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth .....  | 18                | 5                 | 1                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 29. Starvation .....                               | —                 | 1                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 30. Accidents or Negligence .....                  | 29                | 8                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 31. Homicide .....                                 | 6                 | 3                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 32. Suicide .....                                  | 6                 | 3                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 33. Execution .....                                | 3                 | —                 | —                  | —                  | —                          | —                          | —                   | —                                 | —                       | —        | —      | —         | —           | —           | —         | —            | —           | —         | —          | —       | —        | —        | —         | —           | —        | —         | —          | —      | —       | —       | — |
| 34. All Other Causes .....                         | 421*              | 137               | 15                 | 24                 | 12                         | 2                          | 27                  | 6                                 | 2                       | 3        | 10     | 5         | 35          | 114         | 31        | 29           | 1           | 3         | 1          | 6       | 7        | 1        | 3         | 5           | 6        | 7         | 1          | 3      | 5       | 6       | 7 |

\* Here are included 107 deaths from Old Age, 70 from Debility, 53 from Intestinal Parasites, and 16 from Paralysis.

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of May, 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 May, 1911 to 1920, in each Ward of the City of Colombo.

| Wards.                                  | Population<br>(Inclusive of<br>the Military) at<br>the Census of<br>1911. | Population<br>Estimated<br>to Middle of<br>1921 by<br>Intercensal<br>Increase. | Total Births<br>registered. | Stillbirths.  |                     |                   |                     | Deaths of<br>Non-<br>residents. | Deaths of<br>Residents. | Per Mille per Annum.                    |                              |                      |     | Mortality of Children<br>under one Year. |        |       |        |       |     |     |      |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|-----|-----|------|
|   |   |  |                             | Total Deaths including<br>Deaths in Hospitals<br>and Jails. |                     |                   |                     |                                 |                         | Birth-rate.*                            | Death-rate.*                 | Per Mille per Annum. |     |  |        |       |        |       |     |     |      |
|   |   |  |                             | Males,<br>Persons   | Females,<br>Persons | Males,<br>Persons | Females,<br>Persons |                                 |                         | Average<br>for May,<br>1911 to<br>1920. | Average<br>for May,<br>1921. |                      |     |  |        |       |        |       |     |     |      |
| City of Colombo ..                      | 210,557   | 305,249  | 869                         | 375   | 744                 | 22                | 27                  | 49                              | 395                     | 301                                     | 696                          | 85                   | 611 | 28·70                                    | 21·94  | 23·57 | 22·46  | 27·34 | 185 | 248 | 294. |
| Fort and Galle Face                     | 3,612   | 3,612‡   | —                           | —   | —                   | —                 | —                   | —                               | 2                       | 2                                       | 4                            | 4                    | —   | —  | —      | —     | —      | —     | —   | —   | —    |
| Pettah ..                               | 7,974   | 7,974‡   | 2                           | —   | 2                   | 1                 | —                   | 1                               | 5                       | 1                                       | 6                            | —                    | 6   | 2·95                                     | 3·58   | 8·86  | 7·43   | —     | —   | —   | 421. |
| San Sebastian ..                        | 11,646  | 14,377   | 18                          | 7   | 25                  | 2                 | 4                   | 17                              | 14                      | 31                                      | —                            | —                    | 31  | 20·47                                    | 16·98  | 25·39 | 18·56  | —     | —   | —   | 360  |
| St. Paul's ..                           | 24,736  | 30,470   | 15                          | 24  | 39                  | 2                 | 1                   | 3                               | 33                      | 35                                      | 68                           | —                    | 68  | 15·07                                    | 14·87  | 26·28 | 17·57  | —     | —   | —   | 337  |
| Kotahena ..                             | 40,771  | 50,138   | 62                          | 57  | 109                 | 1                 | 6                   | 7                               | 38                      | 43                                      | 81                           | —                    | 81  | 25·60                                    | 20·91  | 19·02 | 19·64  | —     | —   | —   | 250. |
| New Bazaar ..                           | 22,309  | 28,735   | 20                          | 28  | 48                  | 1                 | —                   | 1                               | 31                      | 27                                      | 58                           | —                    | 58  | 19·67                                    | 19·50  | 23·77 | 21·23  | —     | —   | —   | 365. |
| Maradana Hospitals                      | 48,093  | 77,371   | 105                         | 119   | 224                 | 12                | 16                  | 28                              | 120                     | 79                                      | 199                          | 76                   | 123 | —  | —      | —     | —      | —     | —   | —   | —    |
| Māradana (exclusive<br>of Hospitals) .. | 68  | 56   | 124                         | —   | —                   | —                 | —                   | 64                              | 51                      | 115                                     | —                            | —                    | 115 | 18·87                                    | 17·16  | 17·50 | 18·11  | —     | —   | —   | 289. |
| Slave Island ..                         | 21,984  | 28,823   | 34                          | 31  | 65                  | 1                 | 2                   | 3                               | 35                      | 18                                      | 53                           | —                    | 53  | 26·55                                    | 21·14  | 21·65 | 20·28  | —     | —   | —   | 350. |
| Kollupitiya ..                          | 25,410  | 44,430   | 19                          | 17  | 36                  | 1                 | —                   | 1                               | 24                      | 11                                      | 35                           | 4                    | 31  | 9·54                                     | 10·01  | 8·22  | 8·62   | —     | —   | —   | 216. |
| Wellawatta ..                           | 13,223  | 19,419   | 36                          | 36  | 72                  | 1                 | —                   | 1                               | 26                      | 20                                      | 46                           | 1                    | 45  | 43·66                                    | 34·33§ | 27·28 | 25·76§ | —     | —   | —   | 312. |

\* 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 May, 1913-1920.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths registered during the Month of May, 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. | Marciana Hospitals (exclusive of Hospitals). | Slave Island. | Kollupitiya. | Wellawatta. | Europeans. | Burgers.                | Sinhalese. | Tamils. | Moors. | Malays. | Others. |    |
| All Causes                                      | 696              | 4                    | 6       | 31             | 68          | 81        | 58          | 199  | 115           | 53           | 35          | 46         | 5                       | 29         | 364     | 132    | 116     | 24      | 26 |
| I.—Infantile Mortality                          | 185              | —                    | —       | 1              | 9           | 23        | 31          | 20   | 20            | 18           | 7           | 19         | —                       | 6          | 99      | 33     | 31      | 10      | 6  |
| A.—One Week and under                           |                  |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 1. Prematurity ..                               | 6                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 2. Debility ..                                  | 15               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 3. Convulsions ..                               | 13               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 4. Diarrhoea ..                                 | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 4a. Enteritis ..                                | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 5. Tetanus ..                                   | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 6. Bronchitis ..                                | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 7. Pneumonia ..                                 | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 8. Other Causes ..                              | 24*              |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.                |                  |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 1. Prematurity ..                               | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 2. Debility ..                                  | 22               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 3. Convulsions ..                               | 47               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 4. Diarrhoea ..                                 | 3                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 4a. Enteritis ..                                | 12               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 5. Tetanus ..                                   | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 6. Bronchitis ..                                | 8                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 7. Pneumonia ..                                 | 32               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 8. Other Causes ..                              | 24†              |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)         | 511              | 4                    | 5       | 22             | 45          | 50        | 88          | 179  | 78            | 35           | 28          | 27         | 5                       | 23         | 265     | 99     | 85      | 14      | 20 |
| 1. Plague ..                                    | 4                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 2. Smallpox ..                                  | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 3. Chickenpox ..                                | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 4. Measles ..                                   | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 5. Influenza ..                                 | 30               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 6. Pyrexia or Fever ..                          | 6                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 7. Enteric Fever ..                             | 19               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 8. Malaria ..                                   | 6                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 9. Malarial Cachexia ..                         | 1                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 10. Cholera ..                                  | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 11. Diarrhoea ..                                | 6                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 11a. Enteritis ..                               | 16               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 12. Dysentery ..                                | 12               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochminus Duodenalis .. | 12               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 14. Cancer ..                                   | 10               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 15. Phthisis ..                                 | 64               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..               | 1                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 17. Anaemia ..                                  | 1                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 18. Diabetes Mellitus ..                        | 3                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 19. Convulsions ..                              | 18               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 20. Tetanus ..                                  | 1                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 21. Bronchitis ..                               | 7                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 22. Pneumonia ..                                | 86               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. | 9                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..           | 13               |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 25. Puerperal Eclampsia ..                      | 1                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 26. Puerperal Septicæmia ..                     | 9                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 27. Miscarriage ..                              | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..  | 5                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 29. Starvation ..                               | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 30. Accidents or Negligence ..                  | 8                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 31. Homicide ..                                 | 3                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 32. Suicide ..                                  | 3                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 33. Execution ..                                | —                |                      |         |                |             |           |             |  |               |              |             |            |                         |            |         |        |         |         |    |
| 34. All Other Causes ..                         | 157†             | 4                    | 2       | 6              | 11          | 12        | 12          | 49   | 34            | 11           | 9           | 7          | 2                       | 4          | 93      | 20     | 26      | 4       | 8  |

\* One death each from Imperforate Anus and Atelectasis.

† Seven deaths from Influenza, 3 from Phthisis and 1 each from Whooping Cough, Gastritis, Syphilis, Eczema, Abscess of Ear, Acute Laryngitis, Starvation, Erysipelas, Sarcoma of Kidney, Dysentery, Miliary Tuberculosis, Ulceration of Umbilicus, Thrush, and Anchylostomiasis.

‡ Here are included 40 deaths from Old Age, 14 from Debility, 13 from Worms, 11 from Rickets, 11 from Heart Disease, and 8 from Marasmus.