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TOWNS IN THE STATISTICS OF CEYLON VITAL MARCH. 1923. MONTH **OF**

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.

Marriages.

- 2. The marriages of residents in proclaimed towns numbered 291 (208 General, 1 Kandyan, and 82 Muhammadan), as against 328 in the preceding month, and 306 in the corresponding month of last year. In the city of Colombo, the marriages of residents numbered 123 (70 General and 53 Muhammadan), as against 125 in the preceding month and 130 in the corresponding month of last year. Births.
- 3. The births registered numbered 1,714 (883 males and 831 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 33.04 per 1,000, as against 36.50 in the preceding month, 30.50 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29.32 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate ranged from 11.94 in Hatton and Dikoya to 97.35 in Hambantota.
- 4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 660 (339 males and 321 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 31.03 per 1,000, as against 31.91 in the preceding month, 28.91 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and 24.32 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 12.99 in San Sebastian to 26.02 in Maradana South.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 2,004 (1,079 males and 925 females). There were *1,558 deaths of town residents, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 32.48 per 1,000, as against 38.50 in the preceding month, 31.64 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29.50 the average for the month of March in each year since 1913. The rate ranged from 99.62 in Vavuniya to 14.52 in Nawalapitiya.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths numbered 720 (397 males and 323 females). There were 602 deaths of residents equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 32.59 per 1,000, as against 38.78 in the preceding month, 33.87 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26.49 the average for the month of March in each year since 1913. The rate,

exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 32.47 in Slave Island to 11.60 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 141 (71 males and 70 females), as against 107 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The mortality of infants under one year of age was equal to a rate of 239 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended the last day of March 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 229, as against 249 in the preceding month, 235 in the corresponding month of last year, and 230 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

9. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 248 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended March 31, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered in the month only, the rate was 226, as against 241 in the preceding month, 235 in the corresponding month of last year, and 237 the average for the corresponding

months since 1913.

Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from Pneumonia, to which 14 per cent. of the total deaths were due, Convulsions caused 8 per cent., Malaria and Malarial Cachexia 7 per cent., Debility (of infants under one year) and Phthisis 6 per cent. each, Diarrhea and Anchylostomiasis 5 per cent each, Dysentery 4 per cent., Bright's Disease and Nephritis 3 per cent., Prematurity, Bronchitis, Enteritis, and Influenza 2 per cent. each, and Enteric Fever and Puerperal Septicemia 1 per cent. each.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from Pneumonia, which caused 15 per cent. of the deaths, 10 per cent. were due to Phthisis, 9 per cent. to Convulsions, 5 per cent. to Debility (of infants under one year), 3 per cent. each to Enteritis, Influenza, Bronchitis, Dysentery, Enteric Fever and Anchylostomiasis, and 2 per cent. each to Prematurity,

Diarrhæa, Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, and Bright's Disease and Nephritis.

12. Thirteen deaths from *Plague* in Colombo (12 males and 1 female) were registered during the month as against 29 in the preceding month, and 7 in the corresponding month of last year. Four deaths from *Smallpox* were registered

in Kandy as against 3 in the previous month.

13. Infectious Diseases reported.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was Measles, of which
294 cases were reported (175 in Colombo, 75 in Galle, 19 in Nuwara Eliya, 5 in Gampola), Chickenpox followed with 253 cases (182 in Colombo, 20 in Mannar, 12 in Galle, 9 in Gampola, 6 in Moratuwa, 6 in Nuwara Eliya), Phthisis 107 (96 in Colombo, 4 in Galle), Enteric Fever 53 (42 in Colombo, 4 in Galle), Continued Fever 16 (7 in Colombo, 6 in Galle), Plague 13 (in Colombo), Mumps 13 (9 in Colombo), Smallpox 3 (2 in Kandy and 1 in Colombo), Diphtheria I (in Colombo), Diarrhæa 1 (in Moratuwa), and Whooping Cough 1 (in Batticaloa).

- Meteorology.

 14. Rainfall.—Nawalapitiya recorded the highest rainfall (12 94 in.), and was followed by Galle (11 46 in.). In the other towns, the rainfall ranged from 10:84 in. in Ratnapura to 1:46 in. in Hambantota. Colombo recorded 3:25 in. 15. Temperature.—The mean temperature varied between 58.8° in Nuwara Eliya to 82.6° in Mannar, and was 81.2° in Colombo.
- 16. For detailed statistics, see Tables I. and II. for all towns, and III. and IV. for the city of Colombo, in the Appendix.

Registrar-General's Office, Colombo, May 7, 1923.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during March, 1923, the Proportion of Births and Deaths 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 1913, 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.

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† This includes besides 14 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 deaths from Septicæmia (1 each in Negombo and Matara); 6 from Malaria (1 each in Negombo, Mullaittivu, and Puttalam, and 2 in Anuradhapura); 2 from Fever (1 each in Moratuwa'and Kandy); 1 from Dysentery (in Kandy); and 1 each from Sphilis (in Moratuwa); 1 from Smallpox (in Kandy); 2 from Resides 7 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote ‡, 1 death from Purulent Conjunctivitis (in Negombo); 1 from Sphilis (in Moratuwa); 1 from Smallpox (in Kandy); 2 from Malaria (1 each in Matale and Kurunegala); 1 each from Rickets and Ulcer of Umbilicus (in Galle); 1 from Malaria (1 each in Matale and Kurunegala); 1 each from Rickets and Ulcer of Umbilicus (in Galle); 1 from Malaria (1 each in Matale and Kurunegala); 1 each from Rickets and Ulcer of Umbilicus (in Galle); 1 from Malaria (1 each in Matale and Kurunegala); 1 each from Rickets and Ulcer of Umbilicus (in Galle); 1 from Rickets and Ulcer of Umbilicus (in Galle); 1 from Rickets (in Famel Rickets); 1 from Rickets (in Galle); 1 from Rickets (in

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* The city-rake is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into account events in hospitals, &c., not assignable to wards. † "Standardized death-rates," for the wards of the city are not available.

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2. 3.	Convulsions	••	5	4.	9		—	_	—		_				1		_
4.	Diarrhœa		_	_		—	—	—	-	_	—	_	-	_			
4a.	Enteritis Tetanus	••	_ ₁	_	_ ₁			_	_	1			_				_
5. 6.	Bronchitis	••					-	_		_	_		_		_		_
7.	Pneumonia	••		_	-	 -	-	_		-		—	<u> </u>	_		_	
8.	Other Causes	••	1*		1 .	_			— <u> </u>		<u> </u>		-	-	_	1	
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5.	Tetanus	••	1 5	3	1 8	l —	—		-	-	<u> </u>	. —	-1	_		<u> </u>	_
6. 7.	Bronchitis Pneumonia	••	3	7	10	_			_	_	1		=		1	_1	$\frac{1}{3}$
8.	Other Causes		14†	7‡	21		-	_	_		2	1	_	2	_	_	ĭ
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3. 4.	Chickenpox Measles	••	₁	_	1		_		_					1	_		
±. 5.	Influenza	••	8	7	15	_	_		_				1	2	1		
. 6.	Pyrexia or Fever	••	2	— <u>,</u>	2	<u> </u> —	-	_	-	1	_	_		<u> </u>			
7.	Enteric Fever	••	12 4	7 5	19 9				_	1	1	-	-	2		3	1
8. 9.	Malaria Malarial Cachexia	••	ī	2	. 3	I —			_	_	_		1	_	= $ $		_
10.	Cholera		一	— <u> </u>		 –		_	- 1	<u> </u>	-	_	_	_	<u> </u>		
11.	Diarrhœa Enteritis		5 9	8 6	13 15			_		1	=	-	-	1	$-\frac{1}{1}$	1	3
11a. 12.	Dysentery	••	8	11	19	I —				2	2				1		_
13.	Anchylostomiasis or			13	18	1	١ ،				1						
14.	denalis Cancer	••	5 4	13	6					_	_	_	-		_	1	
15.	Phthisis	••	41	31	72	I —	_	1		2	3	$\frac{1}{1}$	1	$\equiv 1$	_	2	2
16.	Other Tuberculous Di	iseases	4		4 3	-		—	-	— i		_		_	-	1	
17. 18.	Anæmia Diabetes Mellitus	••	1 3		3							=	-	-	_		
19.	Convulsions	••	12	8	20	 —	_		_	1	1	1	1	_	_	_	
20.	Tetanus	••	3	1	4	-	—	-	-	1		-	_		-1	<u>·</u>	_
21. 22.	Bronchitis Pneumonia	••	62	6 35	13 97			1 1	_	1 4	4	<u> </u>	$\frac{}{2}$	1	<u>-</u>	$\frac{}{2}$	1 3
22. 23.	Other Diseases of	the Respiratory]		1	1		-	-	-	*	1	4	.	1	4	3
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24. 25	Bright's Disease and Puerperal Eclampsia	Nephritis	6	6 1	12 1					1				-	-		1
25. 26,	Puerperal Septicamia	••	_	4	4			_					1				_
27.	Miscarriage		1 —	1	. 1		¦		J		_		î	_			_
28.	Other undefined Accid	dents of Childbirth		4	4	_		_			1	-			1	[1
29. 30.	Starvation Accidents and Neglige	ence	7	- _i	-8	1			_	=	$\equiv 1$	'		_		_	_
31.	Homicide	•• ••	i	l —	ī	I —		1		_	_	_			=	=	
32.	Suicide Execution	••		_	3		—		-		-	_	1			-	
33. 34.	Execution All Other Causes	••	89§	85 §§	174			1		8	5	1	$\frac{}{2}$	7	4	6	5
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^{*} From Traumatic hæmorrhage.
† Five deaths from Influenza, 3 from thrash and I each from Pemphigus Septicæmia, Erysipelas, Syphilis, Malaria, and Tonsilitis.
† Two deaths from Influenza, and I each frem Mastoid abscess, continued fever, Syphilis, Ascites, and Improper feeding.
§ Here are included 14 deaths from Old Age, 9 from Debility, 7 each from Worms, and Paralysis, and 5 each from Marasmus, and Heart disease.

^{§§} Here are included 29 deaths from Old Age, 10 from Worms, 6 from Debility, and 5 each from Marasmus, Heart disease. and Peritonitis.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

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	All Causes			. 27	33	155	105	24	24	16	8	18	13	32	29	17	14	12	9
ı.–	Infantile Mortality	••		. 11	6	15	16	8	7	2		4	1	9	7	2	3	2	2
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Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of March, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

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	B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Ye	ear.		·														
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II.–	-General Mortality (1 Year and Ov	er)	4	5	1	_	9	7	177	148	57	86	46	40	5	17	25	3.
2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. H1. a. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 22. 23.	Malarial Cachexia Cholera Diarrhoea Enteritis Dysentery Anchylostomiasis or Dochmiu denalis Cancer Phthisis Other Tuberculous Diseases Anæmia Diabetes Mellitus Convulsions Tetanus Bronchitis Pneumonia Other Diseases of the Res System Bright's Disease and Nephritis Puerperal Eclampsia Puerperal Septicæmia Miscarriage Other undefined Accidents of Ci Starvation Accidents and Negligence Homicide Suicide Execution	spiratory	- 1 - -	1			1 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		3	1	5 		3 		1 1 4		1	1