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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1923.

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 number of marriages of residents in the proclaimed towns was 201 (168 General, 2 Kandyan, and 31 Muhammadan), as against 291 in the preceding month and 170 in the corresponding month of last year. In the city of Colombo there were 85 marriages, of which 63 were General and 22 Muhammadan.

Births.

3. The number of births registered was 1,517 (760 males and 757 females), and was equivalent to an annual rate of 30·24 per 1,000, as against 33·04 in the preceding month, 31·16 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·94 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate ranged from 11·49 in Anuradhapura to 69·07 in Nawalapitiya.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 550 (280 males and 270 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 26·72 per 1,000, as against 31·03 in the preceding month, 28·74 in the corresponding month of last year, and 22·59 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 12·49 in Kollupitiya to 24·97 in Maradana North.

Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,860 (1,030 males and 830 females). The deaths of town residents only amounted to 1,521, corresponding to an annual standardized rate of 32·77 per 1,000, as against 32·48 in the previous month, 28·35 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27·14 the average for the month of April in each year since 1913. The rate ranged from 102·94 in Vavuniya to 13·11 in Panadure.

6. In the city of Colombo 698 deaths were registered during the month, of which 398 were males and 300 females. The deaths of residents only numbered 611, which were equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 34·18 per 1,000, as against 32·59 in the preceding month, 26·62 in the corresponding month of last year, and 24·22 the average for the month of April in each year since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 32·02 in New Bazaar to 14·26 in Wellawatta South.

7. The stillbirths registered numbered 120 (72 males and 48 females), as against 141 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The mortality of infants under one year was equal to a rate of 254 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended the last day of April 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 265, as against 229 in the preceding month, 215 in the corresponding month of last year, and 227 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

9. In the city of Colombo the mortality of infants was equal to a rate of 264 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended April 30, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 278, as against 226 in the preceding month, 222 in the corresponding month of last year, and 251 the average for the month of April in each year since 1913.

Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 17 per cent. of the total deaths were due, *Convulsions* caused 9 per cent. of the deaths; *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, 7 per cent.; *Debility* (of children under one year) and *Phthisis*, 6 per cent. each; *Diarrhaea*, 5 per cent.; *Dysentery*, 4 per cent.; *Enteritis*, *Anchylostomiasis*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, 3 per cent. each; and *Bronchitis*, *Prematurity*, *Influenza*, *Enteric Fever*, and *Puerperal Septicaemia*, 2 per cent. each.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia* which caused 17 per cent. of the total deaths. *Convulsions* and *Phthisis* caused 9 per cent. each; *Enteritis* and *Diarrhaea*, 4 per cent. each; *Enteric Fever*, *Bronchitis*, *Influenza*, and *Dysentery*, 3 per cent. each; *Debility* (of children under one year), *Prematurity*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, 2 per cent. each; and *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* and *Puerperal Septicaemia*, 1 per cent. each.

12. Eleven deaths from *Plague* were registered (10 males and 1 female) in the city of Colombo, as against 13 in the preceding month and 2 in the corresponding month of last year. One death from *Smallpox* was registered in Kandy, and 8 from *Measles* (5 in Colombo and 3 in Galle.)

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Chickenpox*, of which 201 cases were reported (144 in Colombo, 8 each in Gampola and Nuwara Eliya, 7 in Kandy, 5 each in Panadure, Ambalangoda, and Jaffna); *Measles* followed with 147 cases (122 in Colombo, 11 in Galle, 7 in Nuwara Eliya); *Phthisis* 111 (98 in Colombo, 9 in Galle); *Enteric Fever* 58 (46 in Colombo, 6 in Galle); *Plague* 17 (in Colombo); *Continued Fever* 14 (9 in Colombo); *Mumps* 4; *Smallpox* 2 (in Colombo); *Diphtheria* 1 (in Colombo); and *Dysentery* 1 (in Panadure).

Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Galle recorded the highest rainfall (13·84 in.) followed by Kalutara (11·67 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 10·45 in. in Negombo to 0·04 of an in. in Batticaloa. Colombo recorded 7·48 in.

15. *Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 60·8° in Nuwara Eliya to 86·6° in Jaffna and was 82·8° in Colombo.

16. 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, June 7, 1923.

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Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during April, 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 each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Provinces and Towns	Population exclusive of the estimated to the middle of March 1923 by Intercensal Increase.	Total Marriages.	Total Deaths.	Deaths of Non-Residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails.	Deaths of Females.	Birth-rate.	Death-rate excluding Non-residents Standardized.	Mortality or Mortality under One Year.	Mean Temperature.		Rainfall in Inches.	
									1913-1922.	1922.	1923.	1923.
All 38 Towns..	597,492	610,773	168	2	31	201	760	757	1,517	1,030	830	1,860
Western.												
Colombo ..	244,163	250,431	63	—	22	85	280	270	550	388	300	698
Negombo ..	27,639	28,103	5	—	5	55	61	20	95	81	1	12
Moratuwa ..	41,858	42,801	12	—	12	59	64	123	50	93	5	7
Kalutara ..	13,596	13,735	2	—	2	14	20	34	9	17	26	4
Panadura ..	10,747	10,864	6	—	6	14	10	24	7	7	14	1
Kandy.	32,682	33,195	10	2	1	13	48	91	39	46	5	4
Gampola ..	6,202	6,369	2	—	2	9	8	17	18	13	1	2
Navalapitiya†	3,221	3,523	—	—	—	8	12	20	12	14	26	2
Hettin-Dikoya ..	2,940	2,958	—	—	—	5	3	8	10	7	17	—
Matale ..	7,865	7,962	2	—	2	11	8	9	17	16	32	—
Nuwara Eliya..	7,029	7,288	1	—	1	8	9	17	11	4	15	1
Southern.												
Galle ..	39,073	39,274	4	—	4	51	41	92	62	41	93	3
Ambalangoda ..	3,347	3,565	3	—	1	4	2	6	2	3	5	4
Matale ..	16,779	16,898	3	—	1	4	21	33	54	20	21	41
Welligama ..	9,225	9,356	1	—	1	12	24	9	10	19	—	—
Hambantota ..	2,849	2,903	—	—	—	4	3	7	6	2	8	1
Tangalle ..	4,896	4,935	—	—	—	1	6	9	15	5	7	12
Northern.												
Jaffna ..	42,436	42,905	26	—	3	29	61	52	113	61	46	107
Mannar ..	3,705	3,721	2	—	2	7	5	12	14	6	20	—
Mullaithivu ..	1,563	1,605	1	—	1	2	2	4	6	10	—	—
Vavuniya ..	936	968	1	—	1	—	1	1	9	8	17	—
Eastern.												
Batticaloa ..	10,564	10,655	6	—	6	11	6	17	14	23	37	4
Kalmunai ..	2,588	2,597	4	—	4	4	1	5	5	7	5	1
Trincomalee ..	9,414	9,551	3	—	3	14	22	36	24	34	58	—
North-Western.												
Kurunegala ..	10,187	10,605	3	—	3	6	10	11	29	47	24	5
Futaleem ..	6,905	7,133	—	—	—	3	10	11	21	27	47	2
Kalpitiya ..	1,608	1,612	—	—	—	1	3	1	4	4	6	1
Chilaw ..	6,642	6,943	7	—	7	10	9	19	22	6	28	1
North-Central.												
Anuradhapura ..	7,781	8,472	1	—	1	5	3	8	27	28	55	1
Uva.												
Badulla ..	8,126	8,454	—	—	—	13	7	20	16	14	30	2
Lunugala ..	526	529	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	4	—
Sabaragamuwa ..	7,014	7,239	1	—	1	2	9	13	22	21	11	3
Ratnapura ..	3,608	3,624	—	—	—	1	7	8	14	16	30	—
Kegalla ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Blanks indicate that there are no observatories or rain gauges.

† Limits of the town have been extended as from February 1, 1923.

‡ Standardized death-rates not available.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1923, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895.

Causes of Deaths.		Western Province.												Central Province.												Southern Province.																
	All 33 Towns.	M	F	Total.	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F										
All Causes	..	1,030	880	1,860	398	300	61	20	43	50	9	17	7	7	39	46	18	13	12	14	10	7	17	15	11	4	52	41	2	3	20	21	9	10	6	2	5	7				
I.—Infantile Mortality	..	217	186	403	90	63	12	4	12	21	1	5	2	1	6	10	2	2	3	1	1	4	1	1	12	7	1	2	5	7	4	—	—	1	3	2						
4.—One Week and under.																																										
1. Prematurity	..	18	17	35	5	7	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
2. Debility	..	19	23	42	4	6	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
3. Convulsions	..	12	16	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
4. Diarrhoea	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
4a. Enteritis	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
5. Tetanus	..	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
6. Bronchitis	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
7. Pneumonia	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
8. Other Causes	..	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																																										
1. Prematurity	..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2. Debility	..	—	31	44	89	14	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
3. Convulsions	..	—	45	6	18	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	..	—	12	7	16	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	..	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	..	—	8	7	15	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	..	—	20	12	32	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes	..	—	23†	20§	43	12	8	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* One death from Syphilis (in Colombo).

† One death from Malformation (in Galle).

‡ This includes besides 12 cases mentioned in Table IV, footnote †, 2 deaths from Nephritis (1 each in Negombo and Jaffna); 1 each from Thrush and Syphilis (in Moratuwa); 1 from Intestinal Obstruction (in Navalapitiya); 1 each from Fever and Pyrexia (in Matale); and 2 from Malaria (1 each in Jaffna and Mullaitivu).

§ This includes besides 8 cases mentioned in Table IV, footnote †, 1 death from Enteric Fever (in Negombo); 2 from Thrush (in Moratuwa); 1 from Ulcer (in Kandy); 1 from Dysentery (in Batticaloa); 1 from Erysipelas (in Jaffna); 1 from Anuradhapura; and 1 from Abscess (in Kegalla).

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1923, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Deaths.	Northern Province.		North-Western Province.		Province of Uva.		Province of Sabaragamuwa.		Deaths among all Races.		Deaths among all Races.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	61	46	14	6	9	8	14	23	7	5	24	34
	48	46	14	6	9	8	14	23	7	5	24	34
I.—Infantile Mortality.	21	10	1	—	2	3	—	1	2	8	1	3
	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	3
A.—One Week and under.												
1. Prematurity	4	—	3	2	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	1
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.												
1. Prematurity	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1923, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31–36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Deaths.	All 88 Towns.		M	F	Total.	Western Province.						Central Province.						Southern Province.						
	M	F				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)																								
1. Plague	10	644	1,457	808	287	49	16	31	29	8	12	5	6	33	38	18	11	9	13	9	6	13	4	5
2. Smallpox	1	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	4	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	19	13	32	14	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever	4	9	13	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever	16	16	32	10	12	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Malaria	44	43	87	6	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia	25	10	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera	—	34	42	76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	18	18	36	8	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11a. Enteritis	—	—	40	27	67	11	8	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochimus Duodenalis	20	30	50	2	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Cancer	6	8	14	2	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Phthisis	61	45	106	32	28	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	2	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	11	3	14	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	23	26	49	6	11	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus	2	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis	13	10	23	9	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Pneumonia	172	108	280	65	36	6	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	19	1	20	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicemia	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	17	4	—	21	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Suicide	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. All Other Causes	—	219*	162†	371	91	70	11	2	16	10	2	3	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	18	9	1	1

* Here are included 61 deaths from Senility, 26 from Debility, 26 from Worms, and 14 from Paralysis.

† Here are included 49 deaths from Senility, 21 from Debility, 20 from Worms, and 6 from Paralysis.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during April, 1923, in each Town of the Island proclaimed under Sections 31-36 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1895—continued.

Causes of Deaths.	Northern Province.			Eastern Province.			North-Western Province.			North-Central Province.			Province of Uva.			Province of Sabaragamuwa.			Deaths among all Races.					
	M	F	M	M	F	M	M	F	M	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	F	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over) ..	40	36	13	6	2	3	9	7	12	15	6	3	21	24	43	19	21	17	4	1	18	5	22	4
1. Plague	
2. Smallpox	
3. Chickenpox	
4. Measles	
5. Influenza	
6. Pyrexia or Fever	
7. Enteric Fever	
8. Malaria	
9. Malarial Cachexia	
10. Cholera	
11. Diarrhoea	
11a. Enteritis	
12. Dysentery	
13. Ankylostomiasis or Dothmius Dendalis	
14. Cancer	
15. Pithritis	
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	
17. Anaemia	
18. Diabetes Mellitus	
19. Convulsions	
20. Tetanus	
21. Bronchitis	
22. Pneumonia	
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	
26. Puerperal Septicaemia	
27. Miscarriage	
28. Other undeneffed Acci- dents of Childbirth	
29. Starvation	
30. Accidents and Negligence	
31. Homicide	
32. Suicide	
33. Execution	
34. All Other Causes	

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of April, 1923, and the Deaths of Children under One Year, and their Proportion per 1,000 of the Registered Births, together with the Birth- and Death-rates for the corresponding Month of 1922, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo.

Wards.	Population (exclusive of the Military and Shipping) at the Census of March, 1921.	Total Births.		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.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	April, 1923.	April, 1922.	Birth-rate.*	Death-rate.*	Its proportion to 1000 births registered during April, 1923.†						
City of Colombo ...	244,163	250,431	280	270	550	29	21	50	398	300	698	87	611	26.72	28.74	29.68	22.94	34.18	153	278	264	
Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,760	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	2	5	—	—	22.05	8.92	—	—	—	—	—	
Pettah ..	7,601	7,797	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	—	8	8	1.66	6.31	12.48	3.16	—	1	—	—	553	
St. Paul's ..	23,395	23,996	19	14	33	2	2	4	31	27	58	58	16.73	17.94	20.41	20.51	—	23	697	708	—	
San Sebastian ..	11,492	11,787	8	5	13	1	—	1	13	8	21	21	13.42	16.70	21.68	30.27	—	5	385	292	—	
Kotahena North ..	18,683	19,165	21	18	39	2	3	5	10	26	36	36	24.76	17.98	22.86	21.19	—	9	231	231	7	
Kotahena South ..	27,488	28,194	24	26	50	2	2	4	33	33	66	66	21.63	19.92	28.11	23.46	—	20	400	378	—	
New Bazaar ..	23,341	23,940	16	23	39	2	—	2	32	31	63	63	19.82	21.58	32.02	17.47	—	14	359	333	—	
Maradana Hospitals —	—	—	78	81	159	14	10	24	147	79	226	79	147	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	—	
Maradana North ..	30,404	31,178	35	29	64	3	1	4	27	24	51	51	24.97	22.10	19.90	20.52	—	15	234	258	—	
Maradana East ..	8,693	8,814	7	10	17	1	—	1	14	9	23	—	23	23.47	23.73	31.75	13.98	—	6	353	401	—
Maradana South (ex- clusive of Hospitals)	18,531	19,007	16	11	26	—	1	1	17	8	25	—	25	16.64	22.00	16.00	13.59	—	10	385	338	—
Slave Island ..	21,584	22,118	21	20	41	—	—	—	25	19	44	—	44	22.55	18.91	24.20	12.81	—	8	195	191	—
Kollupitiya ..	23,752	24,362	16	10	25	1	1	2	18	19	37	5	32	12.49	14.65	15.98	12.63	—	7	280	243	—
Wellawatta North ..	15,816	16,223	14	10	24	1	1	2	10	10	20	—	20	18.00	24.27	15.00	15.93	—	3	125	103	—
Wellawatta South ..	10,813	11,090	7	12	19	—	—	—	8	6	13	—	13	20.84	25.51	14.26	12.20	—	4	211	183	—

* The city-rate 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.

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

Causes of Death.	City of Colombo.			Wards.												
				Port and Galle Face.			Pettah.		St. Paul's.		San Sebastian.		Kotahena North.		Kotahena South.	
	M	F	Total.	M	F	8	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	398	300	698	5	2	—	31	27	18	8	10	26	33	33	33	33
I.—Infantile Mortality	90	63	153	—	—	—	1	—	14	9	2	3	3	6	12	8
A.—One Week and under.																
1. Prematurity	5	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
2. Debility	4	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
3. Convulsions	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Other Causes	—	1*	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.																
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Debility	21	8	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	3
3. Convulsions	14	19	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	2	1	1
4. Diarrhoea	8	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	2
4a. Enteritis	4	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
6. Bronchitis	3	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
7. Pneumonia	12	5	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	3	1
8. Other Causes	—	12†	8‡	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	308	287	595	5	2	7	—	—	17	18	11	5	7	20	21	25
1. Plague	10	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Measles	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Influenza	14	7	21	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
6. Pyrexia or Fever	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Enteric Fever	10	12	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	1	1
8. Malaria	6	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Malarial Cachexia	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Diarrhoea	7	7	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	3
11a. Enteritis	8	10	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Dysentery	11	8	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Ankylostomiasis or Dochmiasis Duo-denalis	2	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
14. Cancer	2	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2	—	—	1
15. Phthisis	32	28	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	3
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Anaemia	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
18. Diabetes Mellitus	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Convulsions	6	11	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
20. Tetanus	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Bronchitis	9	5	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	2
22. Pneumonia	65	36	101	2	1	3	—	—	2	1	2	1	2	5	5	1
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	10	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	7	4	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Puerperal Septicæmia	—	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Accidents and Negligence	5	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Homicide	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
32. Suicide	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Execution	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
34. All Other Causes	—	91§	70	161	3	—	2	—	—	3	7	3	—	1	3	9

* One death from Syphilis.

† Four deaths from Syphilis, and 1 each from Worms, Rickets, Influenza, Septicæmia, Improper Feeding, Dysentery, Thrush, and Measles.

‡ Three deaths from Influenza, 2 from Syphilis, and 1 each from Ankylostomiasis, Improper Feeding, and Otitis Media.

§ Here are included 23 deaths from Old Age, 8 from Debility, 6 each from Paralysis and Heart Disease, and 5 each from Marasmus and Worms.

|| Here are included 23 deaths from Old Age, 7 from Worms, 6 each from Marasmus and Debility, and 4 each from Paralysis and Heart Disease.

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

Causes of Death.	Wards.		Deaths among all Races.																Others. M F
	Wellawatta South.		Europeans.				Burghers.				Sinhalese.				Tamil.				Malays. M F
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
All Causes	8	5	4	1	12	12	211	172	89	53	51	54	10	8	21	—	—	—	
I.—Infantile Mortality	3	1	1	—	—	—	5	2	51	37	19	11	10	12	3	1	1	—	
A.—One Week and under.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1. Prematurity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Debility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
II.—General Mortality (1 Year and Over)	5	4	3	1	7	10	160	135	70	42	41	42	7	7	7	20	—	—	
1. Plague	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
2. Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
3. Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5. Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6. Pyrexia or Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
7. Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8. Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9. Malarial Cachexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10. Cholera	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11. Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11a. Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
12. Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13. Anchylostomiasis or Dochmiasis Duodenalis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14. Cancer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15. Phthisis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
16. Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
17. Anaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
18. Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19. Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20. Tetanus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21. Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25. Puerperal Eclampsia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26. Puerperal Septicæmia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27. Miscarriage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29. Starvation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30. Accidents and Negligence	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31. Homicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32. Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
33. Execution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
34. All Other Causes	4	2	2	1	2	4	47	37	18	13	14	14	4	1	4	—	—	—	