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### VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 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 marriages of residents in proclaimed towns numbered 341 (270 General, 6 Kandyan, and 65 Muhammadan), as against 328 in the preceding month and 405 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 108 (71 General and 37 Muhammadan), as against 116 in the previous month and 131 in the corresponding month of last year.

##### Births.

3. The births registered numbered 1,583 (801 males and 782 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 31·54 per 1,000, as against 31·31 in the previous month, 32·29 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·34 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate ranged from 8·62 in Anuradhapura to 50·30 in Hambantota.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 565 (293 males and 272 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 27·45 per 1,000, as against 27·69 in the preceding month, 28·30 in the corresponding month of last year, and 25·10 the average for the corresponding months since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and Pettah Wards, ranged from 12·39 in San Sebastian to 25·85 in Slave Island.

##### Deaths.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,767 (932 males and 835 females). There were 1,414 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 30·49 per 1,000, as against 28·93 in the preceding month, 29·67 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30·31 the average for the month of November in each year since 1913. The rate ranged from 77·81 in Badulla to 7·90 in Mullaittivu.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 703 (367 males and 336 females). There were 582 deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 32·56 per 1,000, as against 29·24 in the preceding month, 29·92 in the corresponding month of last year, and 29·55 the average for the month of November in each year since 1913. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 33·03 in New Bazaar to 12·49 in Kollupitiya.

7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 119 (57 males and 62 females), as against 121 in the preceding month.

##### Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 402 and corresponded to a rate of 247 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended November 30, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 254, as against 248 in the preceding month, 224 in the corresponding month of last year, and 289 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 155 and corresponded to a rate of 264 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended November 30, 1923. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 274, as against 255 in the preceding month, 234 in the corresponding month of last year, and 263 the average for the corresponding months since 1913.

##### Causes of Death.

10. The highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, to which 15 per cent. of the total deaths were due. *Convulsions* and *Phthisis*, each caused 7 per cent. of the deaths, *Debility* (of children under 1 year) 6 per cent., *Dysentery* 5 per cent., *Prematurity*, *Diarrhoea*, *Enteritis*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, each 4 per cent., *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, *Bright's Disease*, and *Nephritis*, each 3 per cent., *Bronchitis*, *Influenza*, *Enteric Fever*, each 2 per cent., *Tetanus*, *Cancer*, and *Puerperal Septicæmia* 1 per cent. each.

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 13 per cent. of the total deaths. *Phthisis* caused 9 per cent., *Convulsions* 7 per cent., *Debility* (of children under one year), *Enteritis*, each 5 per cent., *Prematurity* and *Dysentery*, each 4 per cent., *Influenza*, *Enteric Fever*, and *Anchylostomiasis*, each 3 per cent., *Diarrhoea*, *Bronchitis*, *Plague*, *Cancer*, and *Bright's Disease* and *Nephritis*, each 2 per cent., *Tetanus*, *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia*, *Diabetes Mellitus*, and *Puerperal Septicæmia*, each 1 per cent.

12. Twelve cases of *Plague* (10 males and 2 females) were registered in Colombo, as against 11 in the preceding month and 16 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. *Infectious Diseases reported*.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was *Phthisis*, of which 147 cases were reported (130 in Colombo, 6 each in Kurunegala and Chilaw, 3 in Galle, and 2 in Batticaloa), *Chickenpox* followed with 108 cases (86 in Colombo, 10 in Kalutara), *Enteric Fever* 86 (71 in Colombo, 5 in Galle, 3 in Kalutara), *Continued Fever* 19 (17 in Colombo), *Measles* 17 (9 in Colombo), *Plague* 14 (13 in Colombo and 1 in Galle), *Dysentery* 8 (5 in Kalutara, 2 in Ambalangoda), *Mumps* 4 (3 in Colombo and 1 in Badulla), *Diphtheria* 2 (1 in Colombo and 1 in Galle), *Whooping Cough* 2 (in Colombo), *Leprosy* (2 in Badulla), *Smallpox* 1 (in Colombo).

##### Meteorology.

14. *Rainfall*.—Ratnapura recorded the highest rainfall (20·48 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 20·17 in Trincomalee to 3·48 in Jaffna. Colombo recorded 8·75 in.

15. *Mean Temperature*.—The mean temperature varied from 81·4° in Mannar to 60·6° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 80·0° 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.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during November, 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.

| Provinces and Towns. | Population estimated to the middle of 1923 by Inter-censal Increase. | Marriages. |          | Births. |        | Deaths.  |           | Deaths of Non-residents of Towns registered in Town Hospitals and Jails. | Deaths of Females. | Deaths of Males. | Per cent. | Average Death-rate for Nov. 1913–1922. | Death-rate excluding Non-residents. | Mortality of Obituaries under One Year. |     |
|----------------------|--|------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----|
|                      |  | General.   | Kandyan. | Total.  | Males. | Females. | Per cent. |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| All 33 Towns..       | 597,871  | 610,628    | 270      | 6       | 65     | 341      | 801       | 782  | 1,583              | 932              | 835       | 1,767                                  | 57                                  | 62                                      | 119 |
| Western.             |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Colombo              | 244,163  | 250,431    | 71       | —       | 37     | 108      | 293       | 272  | 565                | 367              | 336       | 703                                    | 24                                  | 20                                      | 44  |
| Negombo              | 27,639   | 28,103     | 19       | —       | 19     | 38       | 46        | 84   | 30                 | 29               | 59        | 1                                      | 1                                   | 2                                       | 5   |
| Moratuwa             | 41,858   | 42,801     | 20       | —       | 20     | 61       | 47        | 108  | 48                 | 61               | 109       | 5                                      | 5                                   | 10                                      | 4   |
| Kalutara             | 13,596   | 13,735     | 8        | —       | 8      | 26       | 26        | 52   | 20                 | 17               | 37        | 2                                      | 7                                   | 9                                       | 7   |
| Panadura             | 10,747   | 10,864     | 9        | —       | 9      | 9        | 16        | 25   | 9                  | 9                | 18        | —                                      | —                                   | 6                                       | 6   |
| Central.             |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Kandy                | 32,562   | 33,195     | 12       | 4       | 3      | 19       | 54        | 46   | 100                | 47               | 33        | 80                                     | 1                                   | 6                                       | 7   |
| Gampola              | 6,202  | 6,369      | —        | —       | —      | 5        | 13        | 18   | 6                  | 12               | 18        | 1                                      | 1                                   | 1                                       | 1   |
| Nawalapitiya         | 3,221  | 3,523      | —        | —       | —      | 1        | 7         | 5  | 12                 | 15               | 9         | 24                                     | —                                   | 1                                       | 1   |
| Hattoru-Dikoya       | 2,940  | 2,968      | 1        | —       | —      | 3        | 8         | 13   | 13                 | 14               | 13        | 21                                     | —                                   | 2                                       | 2   |
| Matale               | 7,865  | 7,962      | 3        | —       | 3      | 10       | 17        | 27   | 6                  | 13               | 19        | —                                      | 2                                   | 2                                       | 5   |
| Nuwara Eliya..       | 7,039  | 7,288      | 1        | —       | —      | 1        | 10        | 17   | 17                 | 13               | 19        | —                                      | —                                   | 5                                       | 5   |
| Southern.            |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Galle                | 39,073   | 39,274     | 15       | —       | 3      | 18       | 55        | 62   | 117                | 53               | 45        | 98                                     | 4                                   | 7                                       | 11  |
| Ambalangoda..        | 3,347  | 3,665      | 2        | —       | 2      | 4        | 1         | 5  | 4                  | 2                | 0         | —                                      | —                                   | —                                       | —   |
| Matale               | 16,719   | 16,898     | 12       | —       | 12     | 29       | 36        | 65   | 27                 | 22               | 49        | 3                                      | 3                                   | 6                                       | —   |
| Weigama              | 9,104  | 9,206      | 7        | —       | 7      | 17       | 14        | 31   | 15                 | 11               | 26        | 1                                      | 1                                   | 2                                       | —   |
| Hambantota           | 2,849  | 2,903      | —        | —       | —      | 6        | 6         | 12   | 6                  | 5                | 11        | —                                      | 3                                   | 3                                       | 3   |
| Tangalle             | 4,896  | 4,935      | 3        | —       | 3      | 9        | 10        | 19   | 5                  | 7                | 12        | 1                                      | 1                                   | 2                                       | 2   |
| Northern.            |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Jaffna               | 42,436   | 42,905     | 37       | 14      | 51     | 68       | 66        | 134  | 54                 | 65               | 109       | 4                                      | 5                                   | 9                                       | 7   |
| Mannar               | 3,705  | 3,721      | —        | —       | —      | 5        | 4         | 9  | 5                  | 7                | 12        | —                                      | —                                   | —                                       | —   |
| Mullaitivu           | 1,563  | 1,605      | 1        | —       | 1      | —        | —         | 2  | 2                  | 3                | 1         | 4                                      | —                                   | 3                                       | 3   |
| Vavuniya             | 936  | 968        | —        | —       | —      | 1        | 1         | 2  | 3                  | 4                | 7         | —                                      | —                                   | —                                       | —   |
| Eastern.             |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Batticaloa           | 10,564   | 10,655     | 13       | —       | 13     | 15       | 7         | 22   | 17                 | 11               | 28        | —                                      | —                                   | 6                                       | 6   |
| Kelunwai             | 2,856  | 2,697      | 7        | —       | 7      | 2        | 5         | 7  | 5                  | 4                | 9         | —                                      | —                                   | 4                                       | 4   |
| Trincomalee          | 9,414  | 9,551      | 8        | —       | 8      | 7        | 6         | 13   | 22                 | 11               | 33        | 1                                      | 1                                   | 1                                       | 1   |
| North-Western.       |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Kurunegala           | 10,187   | 10,605     | —        | —       | 1      | 12       | 16        | 28   | 43                 | 21               | 64        | —                                      | —                                   | 36                                      | 36  |
| Puttalam             | 6,905  | 7,133      | 2        | —       | 6      | 9        | 9         | 18   | 17                 | 5                | 22        | —                                      | —                                   | 4                                       | 4   |
| Kalpitiya            | 1,608  | 1,612      | 2        | —       | 2      | 4        | 2         | 6  | 5                  | 2                | 7         | —                                      | —                                   | —                                       | —   |
| Chilew               | 6,642  | 6,943      | 6        | —       | 6      | 13       | 8         | 21   | 9                  | 9                | 18        | —                                      | —                                   | 4                                       | 4   |
| North-Central.       |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Anuradhapura         | 7,781  | 8,472      | 5        | —       | 5      | 1        | 6         | 17   | 10                 | 27               | 2         | —                                      | —                                   | 27                                      | 27  |
| Uva.                 |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Badulla              | 8,126  | 8,454      | 3        | —       | 2      | —        | —         | 5  | 12                 | 7                | 19        | 30                                     | 60                                  | 3                                       | 7   |
| Lunugala             | 526  | 529        | —        | —       | —      | 2        | —         | —  | 2                  | 7                | 10        | 17                                     | —                                   | 15                                      | 15  |
| Sabaragamuwa.        |  |            |          |         |        |          |           |  |                    |                  |           |  |                                     |   |     |
| Ratnapura            | 7,014  | 7,239      | 1        | —       | 1      | 2        | 5         | 13   | 18                 | 4                | 12        | 16                                     | 2                                   | 8                                       | 8   |
| Kegalla              | 3,608  | 3,624      | 2        | —       | 2      | 3        | 3         | 3  | 3                  | 11               | 12        | 23                                     | 2                                   | 19                                      | 4   |

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

† Not available.

Table II.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during November, 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.                           |      |     | Colombo.          |     |     |    | Kandy. |    |    |    | Panadura. |   |   |    | Gampola.          |   |    |    | Matara. |   |   |    | Wellgama. |   |    |    | Hambantota.        |   |    |    | Tangalle. |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 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         | M  | F |   |   |   |   |   |
| All Causes                              | 932  | 885 | 1,777             | 367 | 338 | 30 | 29     | 48 | 61 | 20 | 17        | 9 | 9 | 47 | 33                | 6 | 12 | 15 | 9       | 9 | 6 | 13 | 14        | 6 | 13 | 53 | 4                  | 2 | 27 | 22 | 15        | 11 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 |   |   |
| I.—Infantile Mortality                  | 188  | 214 | 402               | 78  | 77  | 7  | 11     | 17 | 20 | 2  | 2         | 1 | 1 | 9  | 9                 | 1 | 2  | 5  | 1       | 3 | 1 | 2  | 4         | 3 | 7  | 9  | 11                 | — | —  | 8  | 7         | 2  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |   |
| <i>A.—One Week and under.</i>           |      |     |                   |     |     |    |        |    |    |    |           |   |   |    |                   |   |    |    |         |   |   |    |           |   |    |    |                    |   |    |    |           |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. Prematurity                          | 28   | 29  | 57                | 13  | 11  | 2  | 1      | 3  | 1  | —  | 2         | — | — | 1  | 1                 | — | 1  | 1  | —       | 2 | 3 | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 2. Debility                             | • 21 | 20  | 41                | 4   | 7   | 2  | 2      | —  | —  | 6  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | 2  | 1         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 3. Convulsions                          | 11   | 14  | 25                | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 4. Diarrhoea                            | 1    | —   | —                 | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 4a. Enteritis                           | —    | —   | —                 | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 5. Tetanus                              | —    | 1   | 2                 | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 6. Bronchitis                           | —    | —   | —                 | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 7. Pneumonia                            | —    | —   | —                 | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 8. Other Causes                         | —    | —   | 4*                | —   | —   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| <i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i> |      |     |                   |     |     |    |        |    |    |    |           |   |   |    |                   |   |    |    |         |   |   |    |           |   |    |    |                    |   |    |    |           |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1. Prematurity                          | —    | —   | 2                 | 5   | 7   | 2  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 2. Debility                             | —    | —   | 30                | 40  | 70  | 14 | 11     | 2  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 3. Convulsions                          | —    | —   | 33                | 34  | 67  | 12 | 11     | 1  | 3  | 1  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — |   |   |
| 4. Diarrhoea                            | —    | —   | 5                 | 3   | 8   | —  | —      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 4a. Enteritis                           | —    | —   | 7                 | 13  | 20  | 4  | 10     | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 5. Tetanus                              | —    | —   | 2                 | 3   | 5   | 1  | 1      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 6. Bronchitis                           | —    | —   | 6                 | 9   | 15  | 2  | 1      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 7. Pneumonia                            | —    | —   | 21                | 15  | 36  | 8  | 5      | —  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — |   |
| 8. Other Causes                         | —    | —   | 16†               | 24§ | 40  | 10 | 11     | 1  | —  | —  | —         | — | — | —  | —                 | — | —  | —  | —       | — | — | —  | —         | — | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  | —  | —         | —  | — | — | — | — | — | — |

\* One death each from Morbus Cordis and Toxæmia (in Colombo); 1 from Infanticide (in Moratuwa); and 1 from Jaundice (in Jaffna).

† One death each from Syphilis and Expoliative Dermatitis (in Colombo); and 1 from Fracture of skull due to an accidental fall from bed (in Galle).

‡ This includes besides 16 cases mentioned in Table IV, footnote †, 1 death from Asthma (in Negombo); 1 from Burns (in Hattan-Dikoya); and 1 from Dysentery (in Jaffna).

§ This includes besides 11 cases mentioned in Table IV, footnote §, 1 death each from Burns and Syphilis (in Moratuwa), 1 from Syphilis (in Panadure); 1 from Influenza and Ricketts (in Galle); 4 from Worms (1 each in Matara and Kegalla, and 2 in Mannar); 1 each from Dysentery and Malaria (in Jaffna); 1 from Ascaris Lumbricoides (in Mannar); and 1 from Malaria (in Anuradhapura).

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

|   |    | Deaths among all Races.   |   |   |   |   |   |                         |    |    |   |   |    | Deaths among all Races. |    |    |    |   |   |                    |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|---|----|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|----|----|---|---|----|-------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|--------------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|
|   |    | Province of Sabaragamuwa. |   |   |   |   |   |                         |    |    |   |   |    | Province of Uva.        |    |    |    |   |   |                    |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|   |    | North-Central Province.   |   |   |   |   |   | North-Western Province. |    |    |   |   |    | Eastern Province.       |    |    |    |   |   | Northern Province. |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|   |    | 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 ..                           | 54 | 55                        | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4                       | 17 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 22 | 11                      | 43 | 21 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 2                  | 9 | 9 | 17 | 10 | 30 | 30 |
| I.—Infantile Mortality..                | 12 | 22                        | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | —                       | 5  | 4  | — | — | 1  | 1                       | 1  | 2  | 8  | 6 | 2 | 2                  | 1 | — | —  | —  | —  |    |
| <i>A.—One Week and under.</i>           |    |                           |   |   |   |   |   |                         |    |    |   |   |    |                         |    |    |    |   |   |                    |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| 1. Prematurity ..                       | —  | 2                         | 1 | — | — | — | — | —                       | 1  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 2. Debility ..                          | .. | 2                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 3. Convulsions ..                       | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 4. Diarrhoea ..                         | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 4a. Enteritis ..                        | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 5. Tetanus ..                           | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 6. Bronchitis ..                        | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 7. Pneumonia ..                         | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 8. Other Causes ..                      | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| <i>B.—Over 1 Week and under 1 Year.</i> |    |                           |   |   |   |   |   |                         |    |    |   |   |    |                         |    |    |    |   |   |                    |   |   |    |    |    |    |
| 1. Prematurity ..                       | .. | 1                         | 4 | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 2. Debility ..                          | .. | 1                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 3. Convulsions ..                       | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 4. Diarrhoea ..                         | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 4a. Enteritis ..                        | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 5. Tetanus ..                           | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 6. Bronchitis ..                        | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 7. Pneumonia ..                         | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
| 8. Other Causes ..                      | .. | —                         | — | — | — | — | — | —                       | —  | —  | — | — | —  | —                       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | —                  | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |

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

| Causes of Deaths.                               |    | All 38 Towns. |      |       | Western Province. |     |    | Central Province. |    |    | Southern Province. |   |    |
|---|----|---------------|------|-------|-------------------|-----|----|-------------------|----|----|--------------------|---|----|
|   |    | M             | F    | Total | M                 | F   | M  | F                 | M  | F  | M                  | F | M  |
| <b>II.—General Mortality (1 Year and over)</b>  |    |               |      |       |                   |     |    |                   |    |    |                    |   |    |
| 1. Plague ..                                    | .. | 744           | 621  | 1,365 | 289               | 259 | 18 | 31                | 41 | 18 | 15                 | 8 | 38 |
| 2. Smallpox ..                                  | .. | 10            | 2    | 12    | 10                | 2   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 3. Chickenpox ..                                | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 4. Measles ..                                   | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 5. Influenza ..                                 | .. | 17            | 13   | 30    | 13                | 7   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 6. Pyrexia or Fever ..                          | .. | 5             | 4    | 9     | 1                 | 1   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 7. Enteric Fever ..                             | .. | 17            | 16   | 33    | 9                 | 12  | 2  | 1                 | 1  | 1  | 1                  | 1 | 1  |
| 8. Malaria ..                                   | .. | 26            | 16   | 42    | 3                 | 5   | 2  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 9. Malarial Cachexia ..                         | .. | 6             | 7    | 13    | —                 | 1   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 10. Cholera ..                                  | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 11. Diarrhoea ..                                | .. | 33            | 22   | 55    | 11                | 4   | 1  | 2                 | —  | 2  | 1                  | 1 | 1  |
| 11a. Enteritis ..                               | .. | 26            | 26   | 51    | 12                | 10  | 1  | 1                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 12. Dysentery ..                                | .. | 52            | 36   | 88    | 15                | 14  | 1  | 3                 | 2  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 13. Anthyllosomiasis or Dochmiasis ..           | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 14. Duodenitis ..                               | .. | 26            | 39   | 65    | 5                 | 15  | 2  | 1                 | 1  | 2  | 1                  | 3 | 5  |
| 14. Cancer ..                                   | .. | 9             | 7    | 16    | 6                 | 6   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 4  |
| 15. Phthisis ..                                 | .. | 57            | 69   | 126   | 23                | 42  | —  | 2                 | 3  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 1  |
| 16. Other Tuberculous Diseases ..               | .. | 6             | 1    | 6     | 1                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 17. Anaemia ..                                  | .. | —             | 3    | —     | 1                 | 1   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 18. Diabetes Mellitus ..                        | .. | 7             | 2    | 9     | 4                 | 2   | —  | —                 | 1  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 19. Convulsions ..                              | .. | 15            | 16   | 31    | 5                 | 8   | —  | 2                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | 2  |
| 20. Tetanus ..                                  | .. | 6             | 2    | 7     | 4                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 21. Bronchitis ..                               | .. | 10            | 6    | 16    | 7                 | 2   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 2  |
| 22. Pneumonia ..                                | .. | 134           | 87   | 221   | 46                | 34  | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 2                  | 1 | 1  |
| 23. Other Diseases of the Respiratory System .. | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 24. Bright's Disease and Nephritis ..           | .. | 27            | 30   | 57    | 6                 | 3   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 1  |
| 25. Puerperal Endempsis ..                      | .. | —             | 4    | 4     | —                 | —   | 4  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | 2  |
| 26. Puerperal Septicemia ..                     | .. | —             | 21   | 21    | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | 1  |
| 27. Miscarriage ..                              | .. | —             | —    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | —  |
| 28. Other undefined Accidents of Childbirth ..  | .. | —             | 9    | 9     | —                 | 5   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 3  |
| 29. Starvation ..                               | .. | 1             | 1    | —     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 2                  | 1 | 1  |
| 30. Accidents and Negligence ..                 | .. | 28            | 8    | 36    | 12                | 2   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 2  |
| 31. Homicide ..                                 | .. | —             | 3    | 3     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | 2  |
| 32. Suicide ..                                  | .. | —             | 3    | 3     | —                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | —                  | — | 1  |
| 33. Execution ..                                | .. | 6             | —    | 6     | 2                 | —   | —  | —                 | —  | —  | 1                  | 1 | 3  |
| 34. All Other Causes ..                         | .. | 205*          | 172† | 377   | 82                | 68  | 5  | 7                 | 14 | 22 | 6                  | 2 | 1  |

\* Here are included 67 deaths from Senility, 12 from Debility, 23 from Worms, and 12 from Paralysis.

† Here are included 52 deaths from Senility, 11 from Debility, 18 from Worms, and 12 from Paralysis.

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

Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of November, 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. | Population estimated to the middle of 1923 by Intercensal Increase. | Per Mille per Annum. |          |        |          |              |          |        |          |                          |          |        |          | Mortality of Children under one Year.     |  |       |       |     |     |     |     |
|--|---|---|----------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|---|--|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  |   |   | Total Births.        |          |        |          | Stillbirths. |          |        |          | Deaths of Non-residents. |          |        |          | Standardized Death-rate, Nov., 1922.<br>† | Its proportion per 1000 births registered in Nov., 1923. |       |       |     |     |     |     |
|  |   |   | Males.               | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males.       | Females. | Males. | Females. | Males.                   | Females. | Males. | Females. |   |  |       |       |     |     |     |     |
| City of Colombo ..                         | 244,163   | 250,431   | 293                  | 272      | 565    | 24       | 20           | 44       | 367    | 336      | 703                      | 121      | 582    | 27·45    | 28·30                                     | 28·28  | 25·79 | 32·56 | 155 | 274 | 264 |     |
| Fort and Galle Face                        | 2,690   | 2,760   | —                    | —        | —      | —        | —            | —        | 3      | —        | 2                        | 1        | —      | 4·46     | 4·41                                      | 4·46   | —     | —     | —   | —   | —   |     |
| Pettah ..                                  | 7,601   | 7,797   | 1                    | —        | 1      | —        | —            | —        | 6      | 2        | 8                        | —        | 8      | 1·56     | —   | 12·48  | 9·47  | —     | 1   | —   | 419 |     |
| St. Paul's ..                              | 23,395  | 23,996  | 18                   | 9        | 27     | —        | 4            | 4        | 30     | 22       | 52                       | —        | 62     | 13·69    | 13·33                                     | 26·37  | 31·27 | —     | 13  | 481 | 380 |     |
| San Sebastian ..                           | 11,492  | 11,787  | 5                    | 7        | 12     | —        | —            | —        | 11     | 5        | 16                       | —        | 16     | 12·39    | 20·87                                     | 16·52  | 15·66 | —     | 3   | 250 | 184 |     |
| Kotahena North ..                          | 18,683  | 19,165  | 21                   | 13       | 34     | 3        | 1            | 4        | 16     | 15       | 31                       | —        | 31     | 21·59    | 24·40                                     | 19·68  | 14·77 | —     | 11  | 324 | 311 |     |
| Kotahena South ..                          | 27,488  | 28,194  | 18                   | 28       | 46     | 2        | —            | —        | 2      | 26       | 25                       | 51       | —      | 51       | 19·85                                     | 15·49  | 22·01 | 23·91 | —   | 14  | 304 | 258 |
| New Bazaar ..                              | 23,341  | 23,940  | 20                   | 22       | 42     | 1        | 3            | 4        | 27     | 38       | 65                       | —        | 65     | 21·35    | 25·69                                     | 33·03  | 25·18 | —     | 14  | 333 | 339 |     |
| Maradana Hospitals ..                      | —   | —   | 114                  | 101      | 215    | 14       | 10           | 24       | 145    | 109      | 254                      | 105      | 149    | —        | —   | —  | —     | —     | —   | 49  | —   |     |
| Maradana North ..                          | 30,404  | 31,178  | 20                   | 13       | 33     | 3        | 1            | 4        | 22     | 30       | 52                       | —        | 62     | 12·88    | 27·35                                     | 20·29  | 15·46 | —     | 16  | 485 | 302 |     |
| Maradana East ..                           | 8,593   | 8,814   | 5                    | 6        | 11     | —        | —            | —        | 15     | 6        | 21                       | 2        | 19     | 15·19    | 27·92                                     | 26·23  | 25·13 | —     | 5   | 455 | 338 |     |
| Maradana South (exclusive of Hospitals) .. | 18,531  | 19,007  | 14                   | 13       | 27     | —        | —            | —        | 10     | 13       | 23                       | —        | 23     | 17·28    | 17·47                                     | 14·72  | 18·12 | —     | 2   | 74  | 65  |     |
| Slave Island ..                            | 21,564  | 22,118  | 23                   | 24       | 47     | —        | 1            | 1        | 23     | 29       | 52                       | —        | 52     | 25·85    | 21·69                                     | 28·61  | 23·36 | —     | 12  | 255 | 270 |     |
| Kollupitiya ..                             | 23,752  | 24,362  | 15                   | 13       | 28     | 1        | —            | 1        | 16     | 21       | 37                       | 12       | 25     | 13·98    | 11·62                                     | 12·49  | 16·17 | —     | 6   | 214 | 224 |     |
| Wellawatta North ..                        | 15,816  | 16,223  | 13                   | 14       | 27     | —        | —            | —        | 12     | 12       | 24                       | —        | 24     | 20·25    | 27·31                                     | 18·00  | 21·24 | —     | 3   | 111 | 102 |     |
| Wellawatta South ..                        | 10,813  | 11,090  | 6                    | 9        | 15     | —        | —            | —        | 5      | 9        | 14                       | —        | 14     | 16·46    | 19·97                                     | 15·36  | 9·98  | —     | 6   | 400 | 288 |     |

\* 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 November, 1923, in each Ward and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

