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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON FEBRUARY, MONTH OF 1924.

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 365 (285 General, 2 Kandyan, and 78 Muhammadan), as against 340 in the preceding month and 328 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 153 (106 General and 47 Muhammadan), as against 120 in the preceding month and 125 in the corresponding month of last year.

The births registered numbered 1,570 (796 males and 774 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 32.14 per 1,000 of the population, as against 33.25 in the previous month, 36.50 in the corresponding month of last year, and 31 27 the average for the corresponding months since 1914. The rate ranged from 4 25 in Hatton-Dikoya to 48.40 in Matara.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 600 (305 males and 295 females), and were equal to an annual rate of 29.90 per 1,000, as against 29.89 in the preceding month, 31.91 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26.66 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 9.22 in Kollupitiya to 33.08 in Wellawatta North.

5. The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,831 (962 males and 869 females). There were 1,474 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 32.64 per 1,000, as against 34.86 in the preceding month, 38.50 in the corresponding month of last year, and 33.64 the average for the month of February in each year since 1914. The rate ranged from 83.24 in Puttalam to 7.59 in Tangalla.

6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 665 (349 males and 316 females). There were 574 deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 32.94 per 1,000 as against 24.00 in the

deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 32.94 per 1,000, as against 34.90 in the preceding month, 38.78 in the corresponding month of last year, and 30.42 the average for the month of February in each year since 1914. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 29.65 in San Sebastian to 10.25 in Kollupitiya.

The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 100 (51 males and 49 females), as against 116 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality.

8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 386 and corresponded to a rate of 252 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended February, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only, the rate was 246, as against 249 in the preceding month, same in the corresponding month of last year, and 253 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 145 and corresponded to a rate of 262 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended February, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 242, as against 234 in the preceding month, 241 in the corresponding month of last year, and 248 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

Causes of Death.

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

11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from Pneumonia, which caused 12 per cent. of the total deaths. Convulsions and Phthisis, each caused 9 per cent. of the deaths; Debility (of children under 1 year) 7 per cent., Enteric Fever, 5 per cent., Enteritis, Plague, Influenza, and Dysentery, each 3 per cent., Prematurity, Diarrhæa, Cancer, and Bright's Disease and Nephritis, each 2 per cent., Tetanus, Bronchitis, Malaria and Malarial Cachexia, Anchylosto-

miasis and Puerperal Septicæmia, 1 per cent. each.

12. Twenty-two deaths from Plague (15 males and 7 females) were registered, 21 in Colombo and 1 in Kalutara,

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13. Infectious Diseases reported.—The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was Chickenpox, of which 143 cases were reported (88 in Colombo, 21 in Tangalla, 8 in Galle, 6 each in Moratuwa and Weligama, 5 in Kandy), Philists followed with 121 cases (105 in Colombo, 7 in Galle, 3 each in Kurunegala and Chilaw), Enteric Fever, 88 (52 in Colombo, 8 in Galle, 7 in Moratuwa, 5 in Panadure, 4 in Jafna), Measles 43 (40 in Colombo), Continued Fever, 39 (31 in Colombo, 4 in Galle), Plague 23 (22 in Colombo and 1 in Kalutara), Mumps, 11 (7 in Colombo, 3 in Nuwara Eliya), Dysentery 4 (2 in Kalutara), Smallpox, 4 (3 in Colombo and 1 in Ratnapura), and Whooping Cough, 2 (in Colombo). There was also reported 1 case of Cholera in Kurunegala.

Meteorology.

Rainfall.—Galle recorded the highest rainfall (7.73 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged from 7.51 in. in Ratnapura to 0.03 in. in Kalpitiya. Colombo recorded 2.66 inches.

15. Mean Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from 82·4° in Ratnapura to 58·6° in Nuwara Eliya and was 81·0° in Colombo.

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

Registrar-General's Office, Colombo, March 24, 1924.

H W. CODRINGTON, Registrar-General.

Table I.—Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during Febuary 1924, 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 1914, 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. 2.660.454.18 $7.51 \\ 1.89$ 1.42 1.93 1.36 2.69 4.48 7.73 3.42 $\begin{array}{c} 0.20 \\ 1.18 \end{array}$ 0.00 1.22 0.32 0.03 0.19 99.0 $1 \cdot 99$ 38 53 67 Raintall in Inches. 79.8 80.6 9-89 8.6<u>7</u> 1.1 9.64 78.4 1111 111 1 1 1 85. Eeb., 122...

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† Besides 3 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote †, 2 deaths from Syphilis (1 each in Negombo and Kandy); 1 from Sore on anus (in Kandy); 1 each from Influenza, Whooping Cough, an Worms (in Galle); 1 from Fracture of Skull, accident (in Juffna); 1 from Dysentery (in Batticaloa); and 1 from Abscess in (Kegalla,).

§ Besides 6 cases mentioned in Table IV., footnote ‡, 2 deaths from Syphilis (1 each in Negombo and Badulla); 2 from Worms (1 each in Moratuwa and Galle); 1 from Stromatitis (in Kalutara); 1 from Sarcoma (in Galle); 2 from Nephritis (1 each in Matara and Jaffna); and 1 from Toxamia (in Anuradhapura).

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Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of February, 1924, 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 the corresponding Months of 1922 and 1923, in each Sanitary Ward of the City of Colombo

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City of Colombo	244,163	253,224	305	282	8	19	17	83	349 3	316 6	665	91	574	29 - 90	31 03	28.61	31.29	32.94	145	242	262
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St. Paul's	23,395	24,264	11	21	တ္တ	-	-	. 64	31	22	53	1	53	19.77	21.27	27.57	30.85	. 1	11	447	220
San Sebastian	11,492	11,918	6	12	21	.	i	1	13	16	28	1	28	22.24	24.46	29.62	06·87	i	10.	476	651
Kotahena North	18,683	19,378	22.	22	44	1	1	1 -	17	15	32	!	35	28.66	27.72	20.84	32.42	ĺ	10	227	296
Kotahena South	27,488	28,509	87	26	. 54	-	, ,	63	25	67	54	1	54	$23 \cdot 91$	28.10	23.91	32.07	!	17	315	341
New Bazaar	23,341	24,207	. 22.	17	39	!	_	Ţ	97	56	22	i	52	20.33	21.89	27.11	26 02	. 1	15.	385	396
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Maradana North	30,404	31,527	34	31	65	ಣ	-	4	33	31	64		₹9	26.03	19.12	25.62	18.51	1	61	292	368
Maradana East	8,593	8,912	91	12	. 22		l	. [6	<u></u>	91:	1	16	31 · 16	20.81	22.66	20.76	1	· 69	136	198
Maradana South (ex-	18,531	19,219	14	18	32	1		-	15	10	30	1.	30	21.01	18 96	19.70	15.84	ı	7	219	236
Slave Island	21,564	22,365	97	16	42	1	-		22	5	37	1	37	23.70	22.49	20.88	33.15	1	G	214	222
Kollupitiya	23,752	24,635	=		18	i	1	-	01	17	27	-	20	9.22	12.66	10.25	9.12	1	67	111	81
Wellawatta North	15,816	16,403	21	22	43	1.	-		20	21	41	7	34	33.08.	19.81	26.16	24.19	1	1 0	116	170
Wellawatta South	10,813	11,214	14	10	24		-	<u></u>	က	00	=	J _.	n .	27.01	26.03	12.38.	15.37	l	67	83	102

* The city-rate is worked differently from the ward-rates, and takes into secount 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 February, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo.

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^{*} Two deaths from Imperforate Anus and I each from Cerebral Hæmorrhage and Morbus Cordis.

† One death each from Suppurating Wound of knee, Rickets and Syphilis.

‡ Two death from Influenza, and I each from Rickets Improper feeding, Enteric and Cretinism.

§ Here are included 23 deaths from Old Age, 6 each from Paralysis, and Heart Disease, 3 from Debility.

§§ Here are included 31 deaths from Old Age, 7 from Paralysis, 6 each from Heart Disease and Worms, 5 from Marasmas, 4 from Debility.

Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of February, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

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Table IV.—Causes of Deaths by Sex registered during the Month of February, 1924, in each Ward, and of each Race in the City of Colombo—continued.

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