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VITAL STATISTICS OF TOWNS IN CEYLON IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST. 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 295 (251 General, 3 Kandyan, and 41 Muhammadan), as against 357 in the preceding month, and 360 in the corresponding month of last year. In Colombo the number of marriages was 120 (93 General and 27 Muhammadan), as against 132 in the preceding month, and 137 in the corresponding month of last year.

Births.

The births registered numbered 1,484 (773 males and 711 females), and were equivalent to an annual rate of 28.40 per 1,000 of the population, as against 29.74 in the preceding month, 31.87 in the corresponding month of last year, and 26.35 the average for the corresponding months since 1914. The rate ranged from 14.54 in Mullaittivu to 50.06 in Tangalla.

4. In the city of Colombo the births registered numbered 521 (281 males and 240 females), and were equal to an annual rate of $24 \cdot 29$ per 1,000, as against $24 \cdot 62$ in the preceding month, $25 \cdot 86$ in the corresponding month of last year, and $21 \cdot 72$ the average for the corresponding months since 1914. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from $11 \cdot 02$ in Kollupitiya to $29 \cdot 48$ in Wellawatta South.

Deaths.

The total deaths registered during the month numbered 1,712 (925 males and 787 females). The: e 5. were 1,362 deaths of residents in the towns, equivalent to an annual standardized rate of 28 19 per 1,000, as against 27 18 in the preceding month, 34 83 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27 86 the average for the month of August in each year since 1914. The rate ranged from 68 19 in Mullaittivu to 8 40 in Kalpitiya. 6. In the city of Colombo the deaths registered numbered 619 (348 males and 271 females). There were 540

deaths of town residents, which corresponded to an annual standardized rate of 28.99 per 1,000, as against 23.95 in the preceding month, 39.74 in the corresponding month of last year, and 27.54 the average for the month of August in each year since 1914. The rate, exclusive of the Fort and the Pettah Wards, ranged from 29.72 in San Sebastian

to 13.69 in Wellawatta South. 7. The stillbirths registered during the month numbered 110 (52 males and 58 females), as against 94 in the preceding month.

Infant Mortality. 8. The deaths of children under one year amounted to 367 and corresponded to a rate of 232 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended August 31, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 247, as against 221 in the preceding month, 275 in the corresponding month of last year, and 242 the average for the corresponding months since 1914. 9. In the city of Colombo the deaths of children under one year numbered 139 and corresponded to a rate of

242 per 1,000 births registered during the twelve months ended August 31, 1924. Reckoned on the births registered during the month only the rate was 267, as against 216 in the preceding month, 327 in the corresponding month of last year, and 262 the average for the corresponding months since 1914.

Causes of Death.

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

Septicæmia, each 1 per cent. 11. In Colombo, too, the highest mortality was from *Pneumonia*, which caused 14 per cent. of the total deaths. Phthisis caused 9 per cent. of the deaths, Convulsions and Debility (of children under 1 year), each 6 per cent., Enteritis and Enteric Fever, each 5 per cent., Bronchitis 4 per cent., Dysentery and Influenza, each 3 per cent., Diarrhaga, Bright's Disease and Nephritis, Cancer, and Prematurity, each 2 per cent., and Anchylostomiasis and Plague, each 1 per cent.

12. Seven deaths from Plague (in Colombo) were registered, as against 8 in the previous month, and 21 in the corresponding month of last year.

13. Infectious Diseases reported .- The infectious disease most prevalent during the month was Phthisis, of which 13. Infectious Discusses reported.—Ine infectious discusses most provaidly during the month was 1 months, or which 138 cases were reported (115 in Colombo, 9 in Galle, 6 in Matara). Measles followed with 100 cases (64 in Colombo, 17 in Jaffna, 9 in Kandy), Enteric Fever 74 (36 in Colombo, 14 in Galle), Chickenpox 54 (25 in Colombo, 9 in Nuwara Eliya, 6 in Ambalangoda), Continued Fever 30 (23 in Colombo and 7 in Galle), Plague 7 (in Colombo), Dysentery 7 (4 in Panadure and 3 in Weligama), Mumps 5 (4 in Colombo and 1 in Kandy), and Whooping Cough 1 (in Badulla).

Meteorology

Rainfall.-Nawalapitiya recorded the highest rainfall (46.15 in.). In the other towns the rainfall ranged 14. from 23.98 in. in Ratnapura to 0.15 in. in Puttalam. Colombo recorded 4.53 in.

15. Mean Temperature.—The mean temperature varied from 85.6° in Trincomalee to 61.3° in Nuwara Eliya, and was 81.4° 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, September 23, 1924. H. W. CODBINGTON, Registrar-General.

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Table I.--Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered during August, 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 Ordinanoe No. 1 of 1895

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Table III.—Number of Births and Deaths registered during the Month of August, 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-retes for the community Months of 1022 in each Souttany Ward of the City of Chlombo

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		of March, 1921.	Intercensal Increase.	.aəls M	elame¥	Person	.aəlaM	Female	Terson	.şəlaM	Mame¥	Person			Aug., 1 1924.	Average for Aug., 1922-23.	Aug., 1924.	Average for Aug., 1922-28.	Death- rate, Aug., 1924.†	during Aug., 1924.	registered during Aug., 1924.	registered during the Year ended last day of Aug., 1924.
	City of Colombo	244,163	253,224	281	240	521	16	24	40 3	348 2	271 6	619	79 5	540	24 · 29	26 · 15	25 · 17	29 · 90	28 · 99	139	267	242
	Fort and Galle Face	2,690	2,790]	I	I	I.	•	1				1	H I	l	I	4.23	2.16	1	I	I	
	Pettah	7,601	7,883	67	61	4	1	1	1	4	67	9	 !	9	5.99	3.79	8.99	11 • 38	١	l	١	
	St. Paul's	23,395	24,264	ক	19	23	T	က	4	16	17	33		33	11.19	13.56	16.06	32-31	I	12	522	363
	San Sebastiau	11,492	11,918	ŝ	11	14	1	1	63	19	11	30		30	13.87	17.10	29.72	24 · 09	ľ	6	643	542
	Kotahena North	18,683	19,378	2 6	13	35	e		n	20	17	37		37	21 · 32	21.63	22 • 54	21.95	•	10	286	285
	Kotahena South	27,488	28,509	25	18	43	1	1	П	26	30	56		56	17.81	23.09	23.19	$24 \cdot 34$	I	20	465	384
•	New Bazaar	23,341	24,207	27	6	36	5	ũ	-	27	12	39		39	16.77	18.32	18 · 17	26 44	I	15	417	374
	Maradana Hospitals	1	ļ	86	68	175	4	10	14 1:	130	84 2	214	76 1	138	I	Ì	ł	1	ł	27	١	1
	Maradana North	30,404	31,527	20	. 15	35	-	Ţ	61	53	31	53		53	13.11	18.61	19.85	19.53	1	15	429	273
	Maradana East	8,593	8,912	11	П	. 12		, - 1	67	10	61	12		12	15 90	13-41	15.90	22.13	I	5	417	298
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	Slave Island	21,564	22,365	18	15	33	1		1	23	18	41 -		41	17.42	18.73	21.64	27.79	I	6	273	218
	Kollupitiya	23,752	24,635	14	6	23	61	ł	63	17	16	33		32	11.02	$14 \cdot 60$	15.34	13.58	I	ũ	217	161
;	Wellawatta North	15,816	16,403	14	15	29	1			10	15	25	63	53	20.87	19.34	16.55	23.31	1	62	69	59
•	Wellawatta South	10,813	11,214	14	14	28	.		-	80	20	13		13	29 · 48	17-08	13 · 69	18.13	1	er	107	138

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

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Causes of I	Death.	Cit	y of Colo	ombo.	Fort and Galle	Face.	Dattah		St Davil's	- T 8 11 9.		CHARLES CORSULAT.	Kotahena	North.	Kotahena	Scuth.
		 M	F	Total.	M	F	м		M	F		F	м	F	м	F
All Causes	•• ••	348	271	619	1		4	2	16	17	19	11	20	17	26	80
IInfantile Mortality	••	78	61	139					7	5	4	5	8	2	7	13
A.—One Week a 1 Prematurity 2. Debility 3. Convulsions 4. Diarrhœa 4a. Enteritis 5. Tetanus 6. Bronchitis 7. Pneumonia 8. Other Causes	under. <t< td=""><td>1 7 4 1 4*</td><td>5 2 4 1 1 1</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td> - - - - </td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>	1 7 4 1 4*	5 2 4 1 1 1								 - - - -					
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* One death each from Respiratory Failure, Cerebral Hæmorrhage, Heart Failure, and Cerebral Compression.
† From Cerebral Compression.
‡ Three deaths from Syphilis, 2 from Influenza, and 1 each from Worms, Dysentery, and Stomatitis.
§ One death each from Influenza, Gastritis, Enteric, Meningitis, and Dysentery.
|| Here are included 9 deaths from Old Age, 8 from Paralysis, 7 each from Worms and Cerebral Hæmorrhage, 6 from Gangrene, and 4 each from Marasmus and Heart Disease.
¶ Here are included 21 deaths from Old Age, 8 from Paralysis, 7 from Worms, and 6 from Marasmus.

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

			1		•					nued Ward								
Cause	s of Death.			New Bazaar.	Monday U.	pitals.	Maradana	North.		Maradana Bast.	Maradana South	(exclusive of Hospitals)	Slave Island	THREE AND		woundhing.	Wellawatta	North.
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All Causes	•.•	••	27	12	130	84	22	31	10	2	15	11	23	18	17	16	10	15
I,—Infantile Mortali	ty	•	11	4	15	12	7	8	4	1	6	1	5	4	3	2		2
AOne	Week and under.																	
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B.—Over 1 Weel	k and under 1 Y	ear.																
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II.—General Mortalit	y (1 Year and	Over)	16	8	115	72	15	23	6	1	9	10	18	14	14	14	10	18
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	All Causes	•••		••	8	5	2	1	18	11	180	160	63	46	59	40	10	9	16	4
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3.	Convulsions	••	•			—	÷	·			1		2	2		2	1	_	_	-
4. 4a.	Diarrhœa Enteritis	••	·.	••					_							`				
5.	Tetanus	•••		••	· `	. —		_	·					1		_		_	_	_
6. 7. –	Bronchitis Pneumonia	••		••	: <u> </u>	_	_	_			$\frac{1}{1}$	·	_	•			_	_		_
8.	Other Causes	••		••			-	(4	1	—	_	_	_	_		=	
	B.—Over 1 Week	and unde	r 1 Year	•																
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4α. 5.	Enteritis Tetanus	••		• •		-	<u> </u>			—	4	4	1	1	1	2		_	-	<u> </u>
6.	Bronchitis	•••		•		_	_			1	2	$\begin{vmatrix} -3\\ -7\\ 7 \end{vmatrix}$	1	_		1	_	1		
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±. 5.	Influenza			••				_	.1		2	2	2	3	2			_	$\overline{2}$	
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7. 8.	Enteric Fever Malaria	••		•••				_	2		9	8 1	3		5	1	-1	-	1	1
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6.	Other Tuberculo	us Disease	38	••	2	- 1	—	·		1	$\begin{array}{c} 20\\2\end{array}$	10 2	8	5	3	4		L	1	
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