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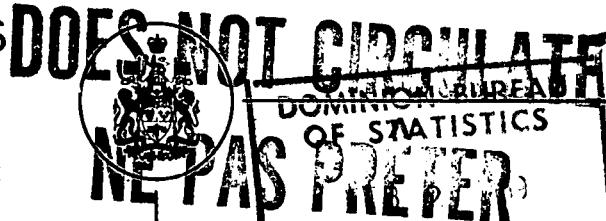
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VITAL STATISTICS — STATISTIQUE DE L'ETAT CIVIL

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**Births** — The 35,787 births registered in the 10 provincial vital statistics offices during December, 1958, brought the total number of records filed during the year to almost 474,000 — almost exactly the number registered in the previous year. On the basis of these figures it is estimated that of this number an all-time record total of 472,000 infants will have been born during 1958 in the 10 provinces and the 2 Territories, as compared with a final total of 469,093 in 1957. However only 4 provinces accounted for all of this increase in the total crop of babies — namely Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia counteracting decided drops in the Maritimes with little or no change in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

As has been the case since 1953 more babies were born in Ontario in 1958 than in any other province, followed by Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta in that order.

The 1958 total brought the number of babies added to the population during the past 2 years alone to 941,000 as compared with 2,150,000 between the 1951 and 1956 Censuses, and about 2,200,000 between the end of World War II and the 1951 Census, or a total of over 5½ million since the end of World War II.

Although there was a slight increase over 1957 in the total number of infants born, the birth rate (per 1,000 population) dropped drastically from 28.3 in 1957 to an estimated 27.7, dropping below 28 for the first time since 1953 and the lowest since 1951. It is estimated that 1958 birth rates dropped in all provinces (with the possible exception of Alberta), even in the provinces with higher total births. After a series of progressively increasing birth rates since the end of World War II, the estimated 1958 rates have dropped back in practically all provinces to the level of the rates in the early 1950's and in some cases to pre-World War II levels.

**Marriages** — Some 9,757 marriages were registered in the provincial offices during December bringing the total filed during the year close to 135,000, about the same as in the previous year. Final total of the number of marriages solemnized during 1958 are expected to reach 135,000 — the second highest number on record — as compared with 133,186 in 1957 and the record 137,398 in the immediate post-war year of 1946. Final returns may raise the figures for some provinces — notably Quebec, Ontario and possibly Alberta and British Columbia — to record totals during 1958. All other provinces had about the same or slightly less than in 1957.

Despite the increase in the total number registered, because of an increase in the total population the marriage rate (per 1,000 population) dropped slightly from 8.0 to 7.9, continuing the gradual decline in marriage rates since the all-time high of 10.9 in 1946.

**Deaths** — Total deaths registered during the year were 2.6 p.c. lower than in 1957. Final total of 1958 deaths is estimated to reach 133,600 as compared with 136,579 in 1957. After remaining stationary at 8.2 for the past 4 years the national rate (per 1,000 population) is estimated to have dropped drastically to 7.8 — the lowest in Canadian history — representing a 15-20 p.c. decrease since the end of World War II. Final figures are expected to show similar declines in rates for all provinces.

A summary of the principal vital statistics since the end of World War II are given in the table below together with estimated final figures for 1958.

Summary of Principal Vital Statistics, 1946-58 — Récapitulation des principales statistiques de l'état civil, 1946-58

		'46	'47	'48	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	(Est.) '58
(000's)														
Number — Nombre	Births — Naissances ..	343.5	372.6	359.9	367.1	372.0	381.1	403.6	417.9	436.2	442.9	450.7	469.1	472.0
	Marriages — Mariages ..	137.4	130.4	126.1	124.1	125.1	128.4	128.5	131.0	128.6	128.0	132.7	133.2	135.2
	Deaths — Décès ..	118.8	121.5	123.0	124.6	124.2	125.8	126.4	127.8	124.9	128.5	132.0	136.6	133.6
Rates — Taux	Births — Naissances ..	27.2	28.9	27.3	27.3	27.1	27.2	27.9	28.1	28.5	28.2	28.0	28.3	27.7
	Marriages — Mariages ..	10.9	10.1	9.6	9.2	9.1	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.0	7.9	
	Deaths — Décès ..	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, DECEMBER, 1958

## NAISSANCES, MARIAGES ET DÉCÈS, DÉCEMBRE, 1958

	December - Décembre			Year to date - Année à ce jour			
	1958	1957	3 year median - Médiane de 3 ans 1955-1957	1958	1957	Av.-Moy. 1955-57	% change from % de changement
							1957
<b>BIRTHS - NAISSANCES</b>							
Canada .....	35,787	34,521	32,989	473,854	474,086	453,792	(1)
Newfoundland .....	650	911	902	14,573	15,598	14,656	- 6.6
Prince Edward Island .....	222	206	206	2,558	2,698	2,703	- 5.2
Nova Scotia .....	1,552	1,650	1,529	18,839	20,199	19,328	- 6.7
New Brunswick .....	1,182	1,200	1,243	16,651	17,733	17,220	- 6.1
Quebec .....	9,550	9,681	10,540	144,459	142,299	136,351	+ 1.5
Ontario .....	12,645	11,733	9,939	153,801	153,773	146,122	(2)
Manitoba .....	1,761	1,834	1,834	21,995	22,665	22,335	- 3.0
Saskatchewan .....	2,114	1,917	1,866	24,011	23,937	24,309	+ 0.3
Alberta .....	2,778	2,300	2,541	37,207	36,661	34,677	+ 1.5
British Columbia .....	3,333	3,089	2,691	39,760	38,523	36,091	+ 3.2
<b>MARRIAGES - MARIAGES</b>							
Canada .....	9,757	8,971	8,318	134,813	135,320	130,606	- 0.4
Newfoundland .....	147	278	225	3,022	3,280	3,188	- 7.9
Prince Edward Island .....	48	51	38	616	629	649	- 2.1
Nova Scotia .....	432	428	428	5,220	5,379	5,382	- 3.0
New Brunswick .....	238	237	268	4,178	4,361	4,380	- 4.2
Quebec .....	2,585	3,127	2,167	37,810	39,105	36,701	- 3.3
Ontario .....	3,659	2,497	2,497	48,195	46,287	45,445	+ 4.1
Manitoba .....	457	399	427	6,432	6,619	6,688	- 2.8
Saskatchewan .....	443	373	373	6,464	6,507	6,470	- 0.7
Alberta .....	874	691	527	10,353	10,521	9,940	- 1.6
British Columbia .....	874	890	787	12,523	12,632	11,763	- 0.9
<b>DEATHS - DÉCÈS</b>							
Canada .....	11,740	11,398	9,961	133,700	137,230	131,405	- 2.6
Newfoundland .....	119	175	175	3,043	3,117	2,810	- 2.4
Prince Edward Island .....	97	85	85	936	899	905	+ 4.1
Nova Scotia .....	601	588	557	6,127	6,329	5,962	- 3.2
New Brunswick .....	353	390	378	4,573	4,781	4,656	- 4.4
Quebec .....	3,090	3,081	2,498	33,912	36,128	34,092	- 6.1
Ontario .....	4,475	4,239	3,725	49,146	49,597	47,874	- 0.9
Manitoba .....	658	638	638	7,141	7,441	7,092	- 4.0
Saskatchewan .....	575	579	567	6,557	6,768	6,680	- 3.1
Alberta .....	620	512	438	8,422	8,465	8,008	- 0.5
British Columbia .....	1,152	1,111	1,016	13,843	13,705	13,326	+ 1.0

(1) Less than 0.1 per cent decrease - Moins de 0.1 p.c. de diminution

(2) Less than 0.1 per cent increase - Moins de 0.1 p.c. d'augmentation

The figures shown represent the number of registrations filed in provincial vital statistics offices during the period under review, regardless of when the events actually occurred but exclude "delayed" registrations (events more than 12 months old). They will thus differ slightly from the final figures which will be tabulated in due course according to the actual month of occurrence and the province of residence.

Ces chiffres représentent le nombre d'enregistrements déposé aux bureaux provinciaux de l'état civil durant la période observée, indépendamment du mois de l'événement mais, à l'exclusion des enregistrements "différés" (événements datant de plus de 12 mois). Pour cette raison, ils différeront dans une certaine mesure des chiffres définitifs qui seront établis en temps et lieu selon le mois de l'événement et la province de domicile.