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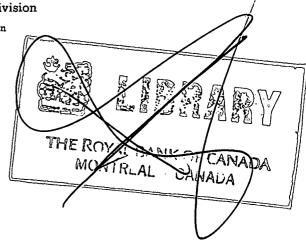
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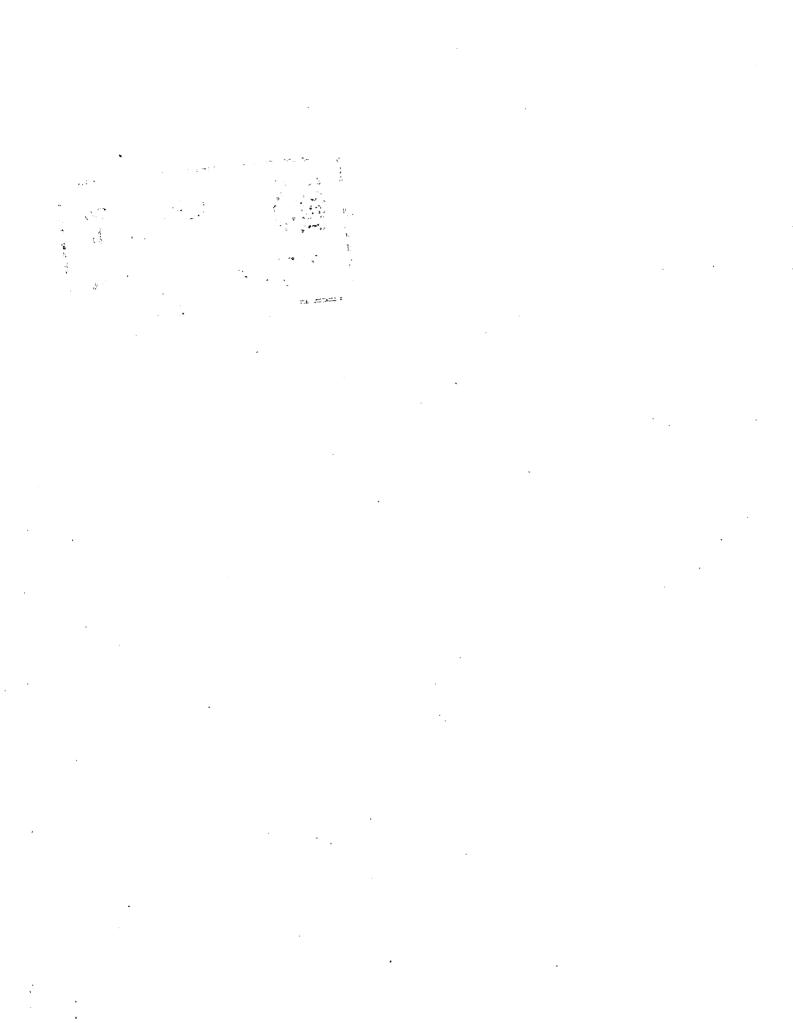
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## **PREFACE**

This report, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is a summary of the mortality experience described in the five official Canadian and Regional Life Tables published to date. These have been prepared about each of the census years 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956 and 1961 using corresponding three-year deaths.

The report contains descriptive analyses of various mortality functions by age, sex, and region appearing in the life tables from 1930-1932 to 1960-1962, and an international comparison of life expectancy among selected countries as closely comparable to the Canadian period of 1960-1962 as possible, supplemented by tables and charts.

The next official complete life tables to be published will be the 1965-1967 ones, these being for Canada and each of the ten provinces.

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### INTRODUCTION

This Report describes various mortality functions appearing in life tables for Canada and the regions from 1930-1932 to 1960-1962. The first section deals with Canadian life tables for the period; the second section summarizes the changing pattern of mortality by leading causes and its effect on life expectancy; the third section pertains to regional life tables; the fourth section deals with the concept of life years lost by cause of death; and the final section compares Canadian life expectancy at various ages with that of other countries.

The analysis contained in this Report is based on the official Canadian and Regional Life Tables [1-5], prepared about each of the census years 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956 and 1961 using corresponding three-year deaths. The methods followed in the preparation of Life Tables for Canada and Regions, 1931 and 1941 have been described by N. Keyfitz in Census Monograph No. 13 [7] and in a paper published in Estadistica [8], respectively, The method followed in the preparation of Canadian and Regional Life Tables for the years 1950-1952, 1955-1957 and 1960-1962 is to be described in a Health and Welfare Technical Report to be released shortly.

The force of mortality in a population is usually measured by means of such indices as the crude death rate, infant mortality rate, age-specific death rate, or standardized death rate; the life table is another effective and comprehensive method

of describing mortality in a population. The life table indicates what happens to a cohort of 100,000 live births when it is subjected to the mortality influences at various ages affecting the population at a certain period of time. From the numbers of survivors the average lifetime a person can expect to live after any age is calculated. The principal life table functions are defined as follows:

- $1_x$  is the number of persons, starting with a cohort of 100,000 live births, who survive to the exact age x marking the beginning of the age interval;
- d is the number of persons dying in the age interval beginning with age x out of 100,000 live births;
- $q_x$  is the probability of dying before reaching the end of the age interval beginning with age x;
- $L_x$  denotes the number of persons in the hypothetical stationary population in the age interval beginning with age x;
- $T_x$  denotes the total number of persons in the hypothetical stationary population in the age interval beginning with age x and all subsequent age intervals; and
- o is the average remaing lifetime at age x, also  $e_x$  called the expectation of life or life expectancy at that age.

Throughout the Report, unless otherwise stated, death rates are given per 100,000 population. The symbols—, \*, and.. represent nil or zero, less than 0.5, and figures not available, respectively.

#### CANADIAN LIFE TABLES, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

## Life Expectancy

Table 1 compares expectation of life by sex for selected ages. The table shows a substantial increase in life expectancy at birth for both sexes over the period. The female gain from 62.10 years in 1930-1932 to 74.17 years in 1960-1962 is considerably larger than the corresponding male advance from 60.00 to 68.35 years.

Due to heavy infant mortality in 1931, an infant surviving to one year of age at that time had a much higher life expectancy than at birth. By 1961 the infant mortality picture was much improved. At this time, an infant surviving its first year of life still had a higher life expectancy than at birth but the difference between the two life expectancies was much smaller. Much of the gain in life expectancy at birth over the period was due to the great reduction in mortality among young persons, especially infants.

Throughout the period, female life expectancy has been consistently higher than the corresponding male life expectancy. Table 2 measures the excess

of female life expectancy over male life expectancy and illustrates how this sex difference has increased over the period for most ages. In 1930 - 1932, female life expectancy at birth was 2.10 years higher than the corresponding male figure. This was largely due to the higher level of infant mortality for males since the sex difference in expectancies for young children was only about one year. At 50 years of age the excess of female life expectancy over male life expectancy was 1.07 years and this difference steadily diminished with advancing years. In 1960-1962 the excess of female life expectancy over male life expectancy had increased to the point where the difference was more than five years from birth through to adolescence, more than four years to age 50, and more than three years at age 60. At age 75 the difference was still more than one year.

Table 3 shows the gains in life expectancy for each selected age as between life tables throughout the period, and the total gains for the entire period. By and large, gains in life expectancy were greatest from 1940-1942 to 1950-1952. For the entire period,

these gains were greatest at the younger ages, and female gains were generally higher than the corresponding male gains.

Female life expectancy has increased substantially over almost the whole range of the female life span. By contrast, while the male gains for infants and young children have been considerable, the advances for adult males have been small. The table shows that the period gain in life expectancy at birth was 8.35 years for males and 12.07 years for females. The corresponding gains at 25 years of age were 2.08 years for males and 6.26 years for females. At 40 years of age, female life expectancy had increased by a still substantial 4.43 years while male expectancy had risen by less than one year. In fact, as death rates for older men rose slightly between 1931 and 1941, life expectancy for males 40 or more years old actually declined.

Chart A compares life expectancy by age and sex between the life tables at the extremes of the period under study.

#### Survivorship of Life Table Cohorts

Table 4 shows the number of survivors from the original cohorts of 100,000, at five-year age intervals, as they are listed in the official Canadian Life Tables since the 1930-1932 one. Throughout the table, the probability of female survival at any given age exceeded the corresponding probability of male survival. Also, the number of males or females surviving from birth to any given age was invariably higher in each life table than it was in the previous one.

In the 1960-1962 male cohort, 3,058 of the hypothetical 100,000 births failed to survive their first year of life, as compared with 8,695 of the 1930-1932 cohort. These figures reflect the great decline in infant mortality during the past generation. Over the whole interval between birth and 50 years of age, the difference between the number of surviving males in the 1960-1962 table and the corresponding number in the 1930-1931 table grew constantly larger. In the 1960-1962 table, 87,896 of the original 100,000 males survived to 50 years of age as compared with 75,244 of the 1930-1932 males, a difference of 12,652.

Above 50 years of age, the male age-group death rates declined relatively little during the thirty-year period, and the size of the 1960-1962 male cohort decreased rapidly. There were 43,791 males survivors in the latter cohort at age 75, as compared with 36,589 in the 1930-1932 male cohort, a gain of only 7,202. The 1960-1962 cohort diminished very quickly over age 75.

In the 1960-1962 table, only 2,387 of the female cohort failed to survive their first year of life, as compared with 6,931 in the 1930-1932 life table. Throughout the interval from birth to 50 years

of age, the number of survivors in the 1960-1962 female cohort rose steadily relative to the corresponding number for 1930-1932. In the 1960-1962 cohort there were 92,394 survivors at age 50, a gain of 15,635 as compared with the 76,759 survivors in the 1930-1932 female cohort. As already stated, the corresponding number of survivors in the 1960-1962 male cohort was 87,896.

Between 1930-1932 and 1960-1962, female age-group death rates declined rapidly in the range from 50 to 75 years. In the 1960-1962 table, 43,791 of the male cohort, constituting less than one half of the survivors at age 50, were alive at age 75. By contrast, 61,052 of the female cohort, amounting to nearly two thirds of the survivors at age 50, were alive at age 75. More than three fifths of the entire 1960-1962 female cohort survived to age 75, as compared with just over two fifths of the 1930-1932 female cohort.

In the 1930-1932 table, the excess survivorship of aged women over elderly men was still relatively moderate. This excess rose steadily over the entire thirty years until the cohorts for the 1960-1962 life table showed a great predominance of surviving elderly women.

Chart D graphs the survivors out of 100,000 born alive by age and sex as indicated in the 1930-1932 and 1960-1962 life tables.

### **Deaths of Life Table Cohorts**

Chart E compares the number of deaths out of 100,000 born alive by age and sex as indicated in the 1930-1932 life table with the corresponding figures in the 1960-1962 life table.

According to the 1930-1932 life tables, the number of male deaths out of 100,000 born alive declined abruptly from 8,695 at age 0 to a minimum of 133 at age 11, then rose rather steadily to a peak of 2,771 at age 77, and declined sharply henceforth until the cohort expired. The number of female deaths out of 100,000 born alive declined abruptly from 6,931 at age 0 to a minimum of 126 at age 10, then rose rather steadily to a peak of 2,909 at age 78, and declined sharply henceforth until the cohort expired.

Considerable changes occurred during the period between the 1930-1932 life tables and the 1960-1962 life tables. According to the 1960-1962 life table, the number of male deaths out of 100,000 born alive declined more abruptly, from 3,058 at age 0 to a minimum of 48 at age 10, then rose, interrupted by some oscillations during the twenties, to a peak of 2,992 at age 78, and declined sharply thereafter. The number of female deaths out of 100,000 born alive also declined quite abruptly, from 2,387 at

age 0 to a minimum of 27 at age 11, then rose quite steadily to a maximum of 3,700 at age 82, and declined very sharply thereafter.

The male 1930-1932 graph remained above the male 1960-1962 graph until age 50, after which the reverse held. For the females, the change in the relative positions of the two graphs occurred much later, at age 73.

## **Mortality Rates**

Table 6 presents the mortality rates for the Canadian life tables by sex for certain selected ages, 1960-1962 compared with 1930-1932. These are also shown in Chart C, plotted on semi-logarithmic graph paper for ease in graphing and presentation. Male mortality has been consistently higher than female mortality in the 1960-1962 tables, but

this was not so in the 1930-1932 life tables. Female mortality was higher than male mortality in the latter tables between ages 23 and 42.

A very interesting phenomenon shows up in the mortality curve for males; there is a peak in the early twenties, followed by a trough in the late twenties, before the inevitable rise that occurs with advancing age. However, this is less prominent in the 1930-1932 life tables than in the 1960-1962 life tables. For all four mortality curves, the customary trough occurs at about age 10 or 12, following the sharp decline from the mortality rates at the infant and younger ages. The secondary peak and subsequent trough in the twenties for males are more noticeable in the 1960-1962 life tables than in the 1930-1932 life tables. These observations are quite similar to those made in connection with the United States Life Tables for 1959-1961 [9].

#### LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH BY AGE AND SEX, CANADA, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961

It is necessary to consider cause of death by age group in order to explain and assess changes in life expectancy. This section presents a mortality summary for the relevant years to be used in an appraisal of life expectancy trends.

#### Infant Mortality

It can be seen from Table 7 that infant death rates for both sexes have been greatly reduced and that the discrepancy between male and female rates has diminished between 1931 and 1961. This is illustrated graphically in Chart F. The chart also shows that the decrease in the infant death rate began to lessen for both sexes around 1951.

The table shows that much of the reduction in the infant death rate over the period is due to lower mortality from diarrhoea and enteritis, influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, and the virtual elimination of whooping cough as a leading cause of death. Most of these reductions had been effected by 1951. Since then, improvement has been slower because of the steady toll from such causes as immaturity, congenital malformations, asphyxia and atelectasis, and accidents.

#### Age Group 1-4

Table 7 shows that great progress has been made over the period in reducing mortality among young children. Chart F traces this progress and clearly shows that the rate of improvement began to slow down quite perceptibly around 1951.

Investigation of the table reveals that mortality reduction in this age group was due in part to the virtual eradication of diarrhoea and enteritis, infectious diseases, and appendicitis, as leading causes of death. Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, the leading cause of death in 1931, while still the second leading cause in 1961, has shown a very marked decrease. Accidents, the third leading cause in 1931, easily rank as the leading cause

of death in 1961 despite a rate decline of approximately 40 per cent over the period. Again, improvement has been slower since 1951 because of such causes as accidents, influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, congenital malformations, and cancer.

#### Age Group 5-14

Death rates for this age group, already low in 1931 as compared with the other age groups, were reduced by more than two-thirds over the period. Table 7 shows that accidents have been the leading cause of death for males throughout the period and for females since 1951. In 1931, several diseases such as tuberculosis, appendicitis, diphtheria, and influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia took a fairly heavy toll of older children. By 1961, these diseases were almost eliminated as causes of death in this age group and cancer had become the second leading cause of death.

Chart F shows that improvement in the death rates for the both sexes began to slacken around 1951. It would seem that this trend will continue as it appears to be difficult to reduce deaths due to accidents and cancer in this age group.

#### Age Group 15-24

Mortality in this age group was greatly reduced between 1931 and 1961. Table 7 shows that the male death rate has been reduced by more than 50 per cent and the female death rate by more than 80 per cent over the period. One result of the very large female reduction has been that the difference between male and female rates has increased considerably by 1961. These changes are clearly shown in Chart F. It is evident from the table that the elimination of tuberculosis as a leading cause of death was the largest single factor in these rate changes. Important reductions also were made in the death rates for influenza, bronchitis and pneumonia, cardiovascular disease, appendicitis, and

maternal causes. By 1961, accidents and cancer were distinctly the leading causes of death. Accidents now account for over 70 per cent of all male fatalities in this age group. Not much improvement in the overall death rates for this age group can be expected because the rates for the current leading causes, accidents and cancer, have remained constant throughout the period.

#### Age Group 25-44

Table 7 shows that the female death rate, which was higher than the male death rate in 1931, has been reduced by more than 70 per cent during the period while the male death rate was reduced by almost one-half. Chart F traces these changes and shows that the rate of improvement for the both sexes began to slow down around 1951.

The table shows that these rate reductions were possible largely through the elimination of tuberculosis as a leading cause of death, along with such other causes as maternal ones, influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, nephritis and nephrosis, and appendicitis. Accidents, cardiovascular disease, and cancer remain the leading causes of death in this age group. Accident death rates have changed very little over the period. While the female cardiovascular rate has declined by more than one-half and the female cancer rate has also fallen, the male death rates for these causes have remained relatively stable over the period.

A pattern is beginning to take shape in this age group which becomes more pronounced in the later age groups. As diseases which formerly exacted a heavy toll have been eliminated as major causes of death, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and accidents have emerged as leading causes of death for all adults, making further reductions in mortality reduction for this age group difficult.

#### Age Group 45 - 64

It can be seen from Table 7 that, while the male death rate has declined only slightly, the female rate was reduced by more than 40 per cent during the period. Chart F clearly shows that the slight and irregular decline of the male death rate almost disappeared between 1956 and 1961 while the female death rate has declined steadily throughout the period, increasing considerably the discrepancy between male and female death rates by 1961.

The table shows that cardiovascular disease and cancer have been the leading causes of death for this age group throughout the period. The male death rates for these diseases have increased, while the corresponding female death rates have declined somewhat over the last one half of the period. Accidents have been the third leading cause of death for males throughout the period, and for females since 1951.

Examination of other leading causes shows that the trend in death rates, expecially for females, has been one of decline. It would seem that further

improvement for the both sexes depends largely on what can be done to lower the death rates due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, and accidents,

#### Age Group 65 - 74

Table 7 shows that the male death rate from all causes reached a peak in 1941, fell to the period low in 1951, and then rose steadily until 1961, while the corresponding female rate was reduced by almost 30 per cent between 1941 and 1961. Chart F shows how the difference between the male and female death rates has increased over the period. While the female death rate continues to decline, the increase in the male death rate appears to be almost checked.

The table shows that cardiovascular disease and cancer have been the leading causes of death in this age group throughout the period. The male cardiovascular death rate has risen by more than 40 per cent during the period, and the male cancer death rate has also risen steadily but to a lesser extent. On the other hand, the female cancer death rate has declined by more than 15 per cent during the period; the female cardiovascular death rate has been declining since 1951.

Death rates from most other leading causes have been reduced over the period. The biggest improvement was for nephritis and nephrosis, a prominent cause of death until 1941; its mortality rate has been reduced by 90 per cent over the period. The death rate for influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia has been greatly reduced, yet this group has been the third leading cause of death for most of the period. Accident rates, which have been reduced only moderately by comparison, are almost identical to the rates for influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia in 1956 and 1961.

As more advanced ages are considered, it becomes increasingly difficult to talk meaningfully about improvement in longevity. A larger proportion of each sex reached this age group in 1961 than in 1931. Many of these people are not in good health and formerly would have died at an earlier age. Considering these facts, it is encouraging to note that the death rates for most major diseases in this age group have declined over the period.

### Age Group 75 +

Table 7 indicates that mortality rates for both males and females in this terminal age group have declined steadily since 1941. This trend and the widening gap between male and female rates is shown in Chart F.

The table clearly demonstrates that cardiovascular disease has been the dominant cause of death in this age group throughout the period. Cardiovascular death rates for both sexes have declined somewhat from the period high in 1951. For cancer, the second leading cause of death, the male death rate has risen by 40 per cent over the period while the female death rate has increased relatively little over the period, and has been declining since 1956. Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, the third leading cause of death, still takes a heavy toll of lives in this age group despite a sharp rate reduction since 1931.

Since this terminal age group is open-ended, improvement in longevity is impossible in the broadest sense. However, the situation is improving in that a larger proportion of the population is reaching this age group and the death rates for most of the leading causes have been reduced over the period.

# Summary of Mortality in Relation to Life Expectancy

The significance of age group mortality patterns in relation to life expectancy may be summarized as follows. During the period under study, reductions in death rates and, hence, improvement in life expectancy have been greatest at the younger ages and have tended to diminish with advancing age. Many diseases have been eliminated as leading causes of death in all or some age groups, and the death toll of most other major diseases has been reduced.

Generally, death rates from birth to middle age have been reduced except for leading causes such as congenital malformations, asphyxia and atelectasis, and birth injury for infants and accidents, cancer, and cardiovascular disease for the later age groups. Increases in life expectancy coincide with the reduc-

tions in the death rates. The greater part of these improvements occurred in the first half of the period. Since that time the rate of improvement in mortality reduction and, hence, life expectancy has declined.

Further improvement in life expectancy will depend largely on two conditions being met. Firstly, although infant mortality has been reduced sharply to the point where, in 1961, there is little difference between the life expectancy at birth and the life expectancy at one year of age, there is still room for improvement. Secondly, since life expectancy at a given age depends on the mortality rate at that age and at subsequent ages, an increasingly large proportion of the future improvement in life expectancy must come from death reductions at the older ages.

At the younger ages, death rates for most leading causes have generally been reduced to the point where they will have little effect on future overall mortality reduction. Future gains in life expectancy will depend to a large extent on a reduction in the death rates for major causes such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, and accidents. In the older age groups, influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia and, possibly, diabetes must also be considered as major causes of death. While most other leading causes are declining, they can be reduced further. The trend is towards a situation in which the probability of reaching an older age is increased but so too is the probability of dying from cardiovascular disease, cancer, accidents, influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia, or diabetes.

## REGIONAL LIFE TABLES, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

Table 8 and Table 9 are based on the official Regional Life Tables, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962 [1,3,5]. Regional life tables for the Atlantic Provinces excluded Newfoundland prior to 1950-1952. Generally speaking, all the regional life tables exhibited the same trends as the national tables.

#### Atlantic Provinces, 1950-1952

Table 8 indicates that, since 1950-1952, male life expectancy at birth in the Atlantic Provinces has been just above the national average. Male life expectancies at all subsequent ages were invariably slightly higher for the Atlantic Provinces than for Canada.

Female life expectancies for infants and young women in the Atlantic Provinces have remained close to the national levels. Life expectancies for women forty years of age and over have been only slightly higher than the corresponding Canadian figures.

Table 9 shows that male survivorship at one year of age was moderately below the corresponding Canada figure, reflecting a fairly high rate of infant mortality. Male survivorships in the Atlantic Provinces remained below the Canadian figures until

the age of about sixty. However, a comparatively large proportion of the Atlantic cohort survived to the advanced age of 75.

Female survivorships in the Atlantic region were somewhat lower than the corresponding national figures through most of the lifetime of the cohort.

#### Québec

Male life expectancy at birth in Quebec was nearly four years below the Canadian figure for 1930-1932. Quebec male life expectancy rose sharply, the difference being reduced to about one year by 1960-1962. Male life expectancy at one year of age advanced by over six years, and was less than a year below the national level by 1960-1962. Quebec life expectancies for men twenty years of age and over remained moderately below the Canadian level throughout the period.

Quebec female life expectancies at birth and at one year of age recorded very large gains, moving closer to the corresponding Canadian life expectancies by 1960-1962. The female life expectancy at age twenty rose slightly relative to the Canadian figure. Life expectancies for women forty years of

age and over increased by about the same amount as the national figures, and remained moderately below the Canadian figures throughout the period.

According to Table 9, male survivorship figures for Quebec were far below the corresponding Canadian figures at all ages for 1930-1932, but rose sharply during the period to reduce the gap markedly by 1960-1962. Quebec survivorships for elderly and aged men were still well below the Canadian level figures for 1960-1962.

The provincial female survivorship figures followed virtually the same pattern. The Quebec survivorships for middle-aged and elderly women showed particularly large gains over the period.

#### Ontario

Male life expectancy at birth in Ontario was somewhat above the national figure for 1930-1932, but the two were almost identical by 1960-1962. Male life expectancy at one year of age followed about the same course as the corresponding Canadian expectancy. Life expectancies for adult males in Ontario were slightly below the Canadian level throughout the period, rising only slightly after forty years of age.

Female life expectancies at birth and at one year of age rose less than the corresponding Canadian life expectancies during the period, and were almost equal to the 1960-1962 Canadian figures. Life expectancy at age 20 was also close to the national figure in that year. Ontario life expectancies for older women conformed to the Canadian pattern.

Ontario male survivorship figures up to the age of fifty were distinctly above the national level for 1930-1932, but were only moderately higher by 1960-1962. Survivorship at age 60 stood at just about the national level in 1960-1962. The proportion of the Ontario male cohort surviving to age 75 corresponded quite closely with the national figure in 1930-1932, but was distinctly below it by 1960-1962.

The Ontario female survivorship figures for all ages up to sixty-five were well above the Canadian level for 1930-1932, but were only moderately above the national figures by 1960-1962. The percentage of the female cohort surviving to age 75 was almost identical with the Canadian percentage for 1960-1962.

#### **Prairie Provinces**

Male life expectancy at birth in the Prairie Provinces was 3.5 years above the corresponding Canadian figure for 1930-1932, and was still 1.4 years greater in 1960-1962. Life expectancy at one year of age was 1.5 years above the Canadian level for 1960-1962. Life expectancies for adult males of all ages in the Prairie Provinces remained somewhat higher than the corresponding national figures throughout the period.

Female life expectancies at birth and at one year of age were considerably above the Canadian figures for 1930-1932, and still appreciably higher at the end of the period. Life expectancies for adult females in the Prairie region were consistently higher than the corresponding Canadian figures, with the gains since 1930-1932 following the national pattern very closely.

According to Table 8, the Prairie Provinces had the highest life expectancy at each of the selected ages for each of the two sexes for 1960-1962. Male survivorships at the ages of one and twenty were appreciably above the national level for 1930-1932, rising moderately to the Canadian levels in 1960-1962. Survivorship at age 40 was far above the Canadian level at the beginning of the period, but only slightly higher in 1960-1962. The proportion of the Prairie male cohort surviving to age 60 was much higher than the national proportion in 1930-1932, and still substantially above it thirty years later. In 1960-1962, 48,743 of the Prairie Region male cohort reached age 75, as compared with the male national figure of 43,791.

Female survivorship trends in the Prairie Provinces followed a similar pattern. Survivorships for all ages up to forty were distinctly above Canadian levels in 1930-1932, and about the same as the national figures at the end of the period. The proportion of the Prairie female cohort surviving into their sixties was far above the corresponding Canadian proportion for 1930-1932, and still appreciably higher at the end of the period under study. In 1960-1962, 65,408 of the female Prairie Region cohort reached age 75, as compared with 61,052 of the Canadian female cohort.

### British Columbia

Male life expectancy at birth in British Columbia was appreciably above the national figure for 1930-1932, but only slightly greater by 1960-1962. Male life expectancies throughout the remainder of the life span were a little higher than the corresponding Canadian figures for 1960-1962.

Female life expectancy at birth was well above the Canadian level in 1930-1932, and still appreciably higher thirty years later. Female life expectancies in British Columbia at all subsequent ages followed about the same pattern of increase as Canadian life expectancies, but remained somewhat above the corresponding national figures throughout the period.

Male survivorship at one year of age in British Columbia was the highest in the five regions for 1930-1932. It rose relatively little, being only slightly above the Canadian level by 1960-1962. Male survivorship at age 20 followed a similar course. Survivorships at age 40 and age 50 rose less than the corresponding national survivorships, and stood at about the Canadian level in 1960-1962. The proportions of the British Columbia male cohort

surviving to age: 60 and to more advanced ages were somewhat, above the corresponding. Canadian proportions throughout the period on the corresponding of th

1930-1932. Gains in survivorship were considerably

below the national increases. In 1960-1962, provincial survivorships at all ages up to age 50 were still slightly higher than the corresponding Canadian figures and survivorship at age 60 was moderately greater. 68,184 of the British Columbia female cohort were alive at age 75, as compared with 61,052 of the Canadian female cohort.

## LIFE YEARS LOST BY CAUSE AND SEX, CANADA, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961

Life years lost, as used in this report, means the total number of years of life lost through the failure of individuals to live an allotted, normal life span. Certain diseases claim more lives at younger ages than do other diseases, and thus exact a heavier toll in terms of the years of life they destroy. Conversely, most victims of certain other diseases are advanced in years and may be said to have completed the normal span which they can reasonably expect to live. What constitutes a normal life span to open to debate but for this report a normal life span is defined to be the life expectancy at birth in the year concerned.

In Table 12, the number of years of life lost was obtained by multiplying the remainder of the allotted normal life span for a given age group by the number of deaths in that age group and summing the products for all age groups [6]. The totals do not pretend to be precise but they do create a common denominator, in terms of lost years, through which the relative importance of deaths due to different causes can be assessed. The allotted life spans appear in parentheses at the column heads of Table 12 under the sex designations. It is important to note that when a man and a woman of the same age die, the woman is the potentially greater loser by reason of her longer normal life span.

Two main observations follow from Table 12. Firstly, the relative importance of the leading causes of death is different in terms of life years lost than in terms of the number of deaths. Secondly, the number of life years lost exhibits a downward trend over the period for a majority of the leading causes, despite the fact that life expectancies have increased during the period.

To illustrate the first point, diseases of the circulatory system accounted for 39 per cent of all deaths in 1961, followed by cancer with 17 per cent,

diseases of the nervous system and sense organs with 12 per cent, and accidents, poisonings, and violence with 8 per cent, while certain diseases of early infancy ranked sixth, accounting for only 5 per cent of all deaths. Diseases of the circulatory system represent largely the natural termination of life, as discussed earlier, while deaths in early infancy represent the elimination of entire life spans. When life years lost are considered, diseases of early infancy become the leading cause accounting for 25 per cent of all life years lost, accidents, poisonings and violence are second with 18 per cent, followed by diseases of the circulatory system with 12 per cent and cancer with 11 per cent.

Since 1941, the total number of life years lost annually appears to have remained fairly steady at slightly over two million despite increasing life expectancies and a steadily growing population. The fact that this total has not increased reflects the declining death rates for infants and young people. Consequently, the number of life years lost due to such leading causes of death as infective and parasitic diseases has been greatly reduced as has the number of lost years associated with child birth and diseases of the digestive respiratory, and genito-urinary systems; on the other hand, deaths and life years lost have increased greatly for diseases of the circulatory system, cancer, and accidents, poisonings and violence. Lost years totals for diseases of early infancy have not changed greatly over the period because lower infant mortality rates have been largely offset by the increased number of births and the increase in life expectancy. It is interesting to note that, while total deaths due to diseases of the nervous system and sense organs have more than tripled over the period, the number of life years lost due to this cause has increased by only 44 per cent. This indicates that the deaths are in the older age groups and that the increase is much less severe when viewed from the point of view of life years lost.

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF LIFE EXPECTANCY

International comparisons of life expectancies are limited by the quality of the vital registration and census systems in the countries concerned, as well as by differences in the methods used for constructing the life tables. Vital statistics and census records are quite complete in most European countries, so that nineteen such countries are among those compared with Canada in Table 11. The list also includes the United States; four Asiatic

countries, Israel, Japan, Taiwan and India; two Latin American nations, Mexico and Venezuela; and one African country, Egypt. In all the countries selected, an official life table had been computed for a period reasonably comparable to the Canadian period of 1960-1962 [10].

Life expectancies for these nations are compared at four ages in the life span. Life expectancy

at one year of age may be compared with dife expect. ancy at birth to measure the effect of infant mortality: If the former is appreciably greatenthan the latter, such mortality is high Life expectancies at the beginning and at the end of the reproductive years are instructive from the economic and social 61,052 of the Canadian temple cohort. weiv to stniog

The table shows that Canadian life expectancies, for both sexes and at all ages, compared quite favourably, with the other countries represented. Only Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and the Netherlands, had consistently higher life expectancies than Canada for both sexes. Israel and Denmark had higher male life expectancies than Canada, but their female life expectancies were not as high. Among the twenty-eight countries shown, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, the Netherlands, Denmark and Canada best achieved a consistently high expectation of life, for both sexes, from birth through to general expectation of life, for both sexes, from birth through to expect the sex of the

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MAZ GALifezhexpectancies y ingathe Latin American countries, Egypt, and India were distinctly higher atmone years of lage than at sbirth; indicating the effect of heavy infant mortality. Life expectancies at age 20 showed only India to be conspicuously below the general level. His and the first of the

India was also the only exception to the rule that female life expectancy for an infant or young. person in any country was some years above the corresponding male life expectancy. By age 60, the female life expectancy exceeded the male life expectancy even in India.

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TABLE 1. Expectation of Life at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

			1930	- 1932	1940	- 1942	1950	- 1952	1955	- 1957	1960	- 1962
		Age	Male	Female								
At b	irth		60.00	62. 10	62.96	66. 30	66.33	70.83	67.61	72.92	68.35	74. 17
1 y	ear		64.69	65. 71	66. 14	68.73	68. 33	72. 33	69.04	73.99	69.50	74.98
5 y	ears	3	62.30	63. 17	63. 22	65.69	64.86	68.80	65.45	70.35	65.83	71.27
10	**		57.96	58.72	58.70	61.08	60.15	64.02	60.67	65.51	61.02	66.41
15	••		53.41	54. 15	54.06	56. 36	55. 39	59. 19	55.86	60.64	56. 20	61.51
20	**		49.05	49. 76	49. 57	51.76	50. 76	54.41	51. 19	55.80	51.51	56.65
25	"		44.83	45. 54	45. 18	47. 26	46. 20	49.67	46.61	50.97	46.91	51.80
30	••		40.55	41.38	40.73	42.81	41.60	44.94	41.98	46. 17	42. 24	46.98
35	"		36.23	37. 19	36.26	38. 37	37.00	40. 24	37.34	41.40	37.56	42. 18
40	"		31.98	33.02	31.87	33.99	32. 45	35.63	32.74	36.69	32. 96	37. 45
45	**		27. 79	28. 87	27. 60	29.67	28. 05	31.14	28. 28	32.09	28. 49	32. 82
50	"		23.72	24.79	23.49	25.46	23.88	26.80	24.04	27.65	24. 25	28. 33
55	"		19.88	20.84	16.54	21.42	20.02	22.61	20.12	23. 38	20.30	24.01
60	••		16. 29	17. 15	16.06	17.62	16. 49	18.64	16.54	19.34	16.73	19.90
65	"		12. 98	13.72	12.81	14.08	13. 31	14.97	13. 36	15.60	13.53	16.07
70	"		10.06	10.63	9.94	10.93	10.41	11.62	10.51	12. 17	10.06	√12.58
75	••		7.57	7.98	7.48	8. 19	7.89	8.73	7.98	9. 15	8. 21	9.48
80	"		5.61	5.92	5.54	6.03	5.84	6.38	5.89	6.75	6. 14	6.90
85	"		4. 10	4. 38	4.05	4.35	4. 27	4.57	4. 27	4.97	4.46	4.89
90	"		2.97	3. 24	2.93	3. 13	3. 10	3. 24	3.07	3.67	3. 16	3.39

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

TABLE 2. Excess in Years of Female Life Expectancy over Male Life Expectancy at Selected Ages, Canada, 1930 - 1932 to 1960 - 1962

Age	1930 - 1932	1940 - 1942	1950 - 1952	1955 - 1957	1960 - 1962
		_			
At birth	2, 10	3. 34	4.50	5. 31	5.82
1 year	1.02	2.59	4.00	4. 95	5. 48
5 years	0.87	2, 47	3.94	4.90	5.44
10 "	0.76	2. 38	3. 87	4.84	5.39
15 "	0.74	2. 30	3. 80	4.78	5.31
20 ''	0.71	2. 19	3.65	4.61	5. 14
25 "	0.71	2. 08	3.47	4. 36	4.89
30 "	0.83	2.08	3.34	4. 19	4.74
35 ''	0.96	2. 11	3. 24	4.06	4.62
40 ''	1.04	2. 12	3.18	3.95	4.49
45 "	1.08	2. 07	3. 09	3. 81	4.33
50 ''	1.07	1. 97	2. 92	3.61	4.08
55 "	0. 96	1.78	2. 59	3. 26	3.71
60 "	0.86	1.56	2. 15	2. 80	3. 17
65 ''	0.74	1. 27	1.66	2. 24	2. 54
70 ''	0.57	0. 99	1. 21	1.66	1.91
75 "	0. 41	0.71	0.84	1. 17	1. 27
80 ''	0. 31	0.49	0.54	0. 86	0.76
85 "	0. 28	0. 30	0.30	0.70	0.43
90 ''	0. 27	0. 20	0. 14	0.60	0.23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

		Age		- 1932 to - 1942		1940 - 1942 to 1950 - 1952		- 1952 o - 1957		- 1957 to - 1962	t	) - 1932 to ) - 1962	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
												İ	
At	birth		2. 96	4. 20	3. 37	4.53	1. 28	2. 09	0.74	1. 25	8. 35	12.07	
1	year		1.45	3.02	2. 19	3.60	0.71	1.66	0.46	0.49	4.81	9. 27	
5	ear:	s	0.92	2.52	1.64	3.11	0. 59	1. 55	0. 38	0.92	3. 53	8. 10	
10	"		0.74	2. 36	1.45	2.94	0.52	1.49	0.35	0.90	3.06	7.69	
15	**		<b>Ģ.</b> 65	2. 21	1. 33	2.83	0.47	1.45	0.34	0.87	2. 79	7. 36	
20	"		0.52	2.00	1. 19	2. 65	0.43	1.39	0. 32	0.85	2. 46	6.89	
25	"		0.35	1.72	1.02	2. 41	0.41	1.30	0.30	0.83	2.08	6.26	
30	"		0. 18	1.43	0.87	2. 13	0.38	1.23	0.26	0.81	1.69	5.60	
35	"		0.03	1. 18	0.74	1.87	0.34	1. 16	0. 22	0.78	1.33	4.99	
40	"		- 0.11	0.97	0. 58	1.64	0.29	1.06	0.22	0.76	0.98	4. 43	
45	"		- 0.19	0.80	0.45	1. 47	0.23	0.95	0. 21	0.73	0.70	3.95	
50	"		- 0.23	0.67	0.39	1.34	0. 16	0.85	0.21	0.68	0.53	3. 54	
55	**		- 0.24	0.58	0.38	1. 19	0. 10	0.77	0. 18	0.63	0.42	3. 17	
60	••		- 0.23	0.47	0.43	1.02	0.05	0.70	0. 19	0.56	0.44	2.75	
65	"		- 0.17	0.36	0.50	0.89	0.05	0.63	0. 17	0.47	0.55	2. 35	
70	••		- 0.12	0.30	0.47	0.69	0. 10	0.55	0. 16	0.41	0.61	1.95	
75	"		~ 0.09	0.21	0.41	0.54	0.09	0.42	0. 23	0.33	0.64	1.50	
80	"		- 0.07	0. 11	0.30	0.35	0.05	0.37	0.25	0. 15	0.53	0.98	
85	**		- 0.05	- 0.03	0.22	0. 22	0.00	0.40	0. 19	- 0.08	0.36	0.51	
90	"		- 0.04	- 0.11	0. 17	.0 <b>.</b> 11	- 0.03	0.43	0.09	- 0.28	0. 19	0.15	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

TABLE 4. Survivors Out of 100,000 Born Alive at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

Age	1930	- 1932	1940	- 1942	1950	- 1952	1955	- 1957	1960	- 1962	1930	survivors -1932 0-1962
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
At birth	100, 000	100,000	100, 000	100, 000	100,000	100, 000	100,000	100,000	100,000-	100,000	_	_
1 year	91, 305	93, 069	93, 750	95, 069	95, 675	96,577	96, 528	97, 233	96, 942	97,613	5,637	4, 544
5 years	89, 033	91,000	92, 215	93,729	94,914	95,943	95,946	96,749	96, 477	97, 231-	7,444	6, 231
10 "	88, 070	90, 186	91, 486	93, 152	94, 480	95,625	95,611	96,522	96, 185	97,035	8, 115	6, 849
15 "	87, 361	89, 498	90, 901	92, 703	94,083	95, 363	95, 297	96, 330	95, 903	96, 888	8,542	7, 390
20 "	86, 269	88, 451	90,014	92, 030	93, 437	94,992	94, 699	96,074	95, 348	96, 659.	9,079	8, 208
25 **	84, 859	87,012	88, 867	91, 107	92, 586	94, 527	93, 897	95, 762	94, 577	96, 378	9,718	9, 366
30 "	83, 429	85,359	87, 741	89,995	91,752	93, 993	93, 116	95, 366	93, 867	96, 045	10, 438	10,686
35 ''	81,954	83,614	86, 533	88,760	90, 824	93, 311	92, 272	94,868	93, 109	95,612	11, 155	11, 998
40 ''	80, 180	81,645	84, 992	87, 242	89, 649	92, 354	91, 217	94, 157	92, 061.	94,958	11,881	13, 313
45 "	78,024	79, 436	82, 925	85, 393	87,877	90, 959	89,620	93, 052	90, 486	93, 966	12, 462	14. 530
50 "	75, 244	76, 759	80, 051	82, 959	85,084	88,911	87,015	91, 321	87, 896	92, 394	12,652	15, 635
55 "	71, 326	73, 258	75, 882	79,606	80,762	86,027	82, 853	88, 746	83,797	90,000	12, 471	16,742
60 ''	65, 946	68, 376	70, 015	74, 830	74,444	81, 789	76,601	84, 791	77,546	86, 387	11,600	18, 011
65 "	58,684	61,697	61,943	68, 211	65, 815	75, 525	67,737	78, 849	68,774	80,916	10,090	19, 219
70 "	48, 879	52, 609	51, 294	58,711	55,020	66,576	56, 466	70, 327	57,517	72,746	8,638	20, 137
75 "	36,589	40,717	38, 121	46, 172	41,835	53, 950	43, 106	58, 224	43, 791	61.052	7, 202	20, 335
80 "	22, 887	26, 455	23, 635	30, 724	26,993	37,712	28, 117	41,683	28, 936	45, 161	6,049	18, 706
85 "	10, 978	13, 337	11, 183	15, 978	13, 510	20,768	14, 252	23, 817	15, 271	26,884	4, 293	13, 547
90 "	3, 588	4,739	3,596	5,676	4,667	7,937	4,944	9,930	5,647	11, 262	2, 059	6, 523

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

TABLE 5. Deaths Out of 100,000 Born Alive at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada, 1960-1962 Compared with 1930-1932

		<b></b>	1930 - 1	1932	1960 - 1	962
		Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
At I	birth .		8,695	6,931	3,058	2,387
1 3	year		1, 083	1, 005	179	160
5 ;	years		233	211	70	52
10	**		141	126	48	28
15	••		181	174	85	39
20	**		266	261	146	53
25	**		289	319	148	62
30	**		284	339	141	76
35	"		326	375	180	110
40	"		396	418	260	165
45			. 491	488	421	260
50	••		679	617	679	403
55	"		948	851	1,060	608
60	••		1, 278	1, 172	1,550	919
65	"		1,746	1,606	2,044	1,390
70	"		2, 265	2, 134	2, 569	2,018
75	••		2,709	2,742	2, 937	2, 847
80	••	.,,,	2,638	2, 849	2, 920	3,586
85	44		1,885	2, 145	2, 326	3,527
90	"		887	1,083	1, 283	2,332

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932.

TABLE 6. Mortality Rates per Thousand at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada, 1960-1962 Compared with 1930-1932

		A	1930-	1932	1960	-1962
		Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
					7 4 5	
At I	oirth		86.95	69.31	30.58	23.87
1 3	rear		11.87	10.80	1.85	1.64
5 y	ears	J	2. 62	2.32	0.73	0.53
10	••		1.60	1.40	0.50	0. 29
15	"		2. 07	1.95	0.89	0.40
20	••		3.08	2. 95	1.53	0.55
25	••		3.40	3.67	1.57	0, 64
30	**		3.41	3.98	1.50	0.79
35	"		3.98	4.48	1.93	1. 15
40	••		4.94	5.12	2.82	1.74
45	••		6.30	6.15	4.65	2.77
50	"		9.03	8.04	7.72	4.36
55	**		13.29	11.62	12.65	6.75
60	••		19.38	17.14	19.99	10,64
65	"		29.75	26.03	29. 72	17. 18
70	"		46.34	40.57	44.67	27.74
75	••		74.03	67.35	67.06	46.64
80	"		115, 27	107.69	100.91	79.41
85	••		171.67	160.86	152.31	131. 18
90	••		247. 11	228.60	227.12	207.08

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932.

TABLE 7. Death Rates' by Leading Cause, Age Group, and Sex, Canada, 2 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961

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Cause	1.0			T	10	.51		]	1:	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
			, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Une	der 1			<del>,</del>	
All causes	9, <b>439</b> 1, 993	7, <b>4</b> 36 1, 593	6, 698 1, 340	5, 196 1, 008	<b>4</b> , <b>259</b> 1, 361	<b>3, 390</b> 1, 053	3, <b>499</b> 1, 326	2, 873 1, 009	3, <b>047</b> 1, 251	<b>2, 375</b> 965
Immaturity <sup>4</sup> Diarrhoea and enteritis Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Congenital debility Congenital malformations Birth injury	1, 906 1, 360 857 596 641	1,410 1,093 719 496 378	761 1, 306 479 688 595	560 1,038 336 628 376	602 297 723  548 462	509 227 594  537 303	546 155 580 520 398	437 128 497  505 286	534 119 430  483 298	424 87 352  437 231
Whooping cough Asphyxia and atelectasis Meningtis Accidents, poisonings, and violence	197 104 112 78	222 78 89 68	122 185 93 99	133 137 60 103	36 361 47 128	37 246 40 114	16 430 39 114	25 295 40 109	28 373 28 152	6 256 21 108
					Age gr	oup 1-4				T
All causes	679	612	468	. 399	205	172	165	141	127	97
Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Diarrhoea and enteritis Accidents, poisonings, and violence Tuberculosis Diphtheria Whooping cough Meningitis Appendicitis Poliomyelitis	159 92 81 51 36 21 22 15	160 70 50 45 34 32 22 9	110 52 77 32 9 9 19 16	98 41 49 31 11 16 15 8	40 9 61 14 1 3 8 3	39 7 37 12 2 5 7	25 55 4 *	26 5 38 2 • 2 3	15 4 49 1 *	13 5 32 1 - •
Measles Cardiovascular disease Congenital malformations Cancer	8 7 9 5	12 10 6 5	14 11 10 10	12 8 15 9	5 2 11 12	5 2 11 10	5 2 16 14	5 2 17 11	2 1 15 13	2 1 11 10
,					Age gro	up 5-14				
All causes	185	162	155	114	89	59	70	43	60	36
Accidents, poisonings, and violence Tuberculosis Appendicitis Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Diphtheria Cardiovascular disease Meningitis Rheumatic fever Poliomyelitis Nephritis and nephrosis Diarrhoea and enteritis Cancer Congenital malformations	46 23 17 14 11 8 5 5 4 4 4 4 2	15 28 16 16 12 11 6 4 4 3 3 3	48 19 15 10 6 5 4 6 1 2 2 2 6	18 20 11 10 5 5 5 5 5 7	45 62 51 22 22 17 1	16 8 2 5 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 6 2	39 1 1 2 * 1 1 1 1 2 * 8 3	18 1 3 * 1 1 1 1 5 2	35 1 2 1 1 1 7 3	13 2 1 1 1 5 3
		T			Age gro	up 15-24		·		
All causes Tuberculosis Accidents, poisonings, and violence Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Cardiovascular disease Appendicitis Maternal causes Cancer Nephritis and nephrosis Typhoid Epilepsy Rheumatic fever Congenital malformations	284 71 96 19 14 17 7 5 6 4 4 1	269 118 19 13 16 10 27 5 3 2 1	226 46 89 11 13 11  8 5 2 2 3 3 1	174 69 14 7 14 6 19 5 6 1 2 3 1	161 18 93 5 8 2  10 3	92 24 18 4 7 7 8 6 3	148 4 106 2 5 1  9 2 1 3	56 2 18 2 5 4 7 3 — 1	137 100 3 5 1 10 3 •	51 19 25 51 37 72 -1

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. Death Rates' by Leading Cause, Age Group, and Sex, Canada, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961 - Concluded

_	19	31	19	41	19	51	19	56	19	61
Cause	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
					Age grou	ıp 25-44				
All causes Tuberculosis Accidents, poisonings and violence Cardiovascular disease Cancer Maternal causes Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Nephritis and nephrosis Appendicitis Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum Hernia and intestinal obstruction Typhoid Epilepsy Syphilis Diabetes mellitus Diarrhoea and enteritis Anaemia Rheumatic fever Cirrhosis of the liver Congenital malformations	410 86 102 433 25  315 155 99 64 42 11 21	440 110 20 48 53 69 26 21 7 2 2 5 3 3 3 3 3 2 1	347 65 100 54 28  13 12 8 8 3 2 7 3 3 2 1	318 71 18 46 47 43 11 14 4 1 1 2 3 1 1 2 2 3	252 28 877 599 25 6 7 23 31 2	183 26 16 34 45 15 5 6 1 1 1 2 1 3 1 1	226 8 95 58 27  4 4 1 2 1 2 3 1	137 6 19 25 42 10 3 3 1	215 3 91 57 28  4 3 1 2 1 2 3 1	122 3 19 21 39 7 3 2
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Age gro	up 45-64		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
All causes  Cardiovascular disease Cancer Accidents, poisonings, and violence Nephritis and nephrosis Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Tuberculosis Diabetes mellitus Hernia and intestinal obstruction Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum Syphilis Appendicitis Anaemia Cirrhosis of the liver	1,249 352 202 136 86 89 90 20 17 24 23 18 10	1, 118 319 267 34 39 71 61 35 16 6 6 7	1,354 528 230 137 81 56 78 25 14 31 30 11	1,040 362 282 34 84 35 40 41 13 5 7	1,336 687 243 120 30 35 48 16 7 17 10 3 2	868 376 266 30 27 25 21 20 6 3 3 1 3 7	1,241 655 251 114 19 29 20 12 6 15 5	755 324 248 35 15 13 9 19 5 3 2 1	1,225 656 255 114 11 29 12 14 6 13 3 1	664 272 236 32 8 13 3 18 4 4 1 1
					Age grou	ıp 65-74				
All causes Cardiovascular disease Cancer Influenza, bronchits, and pneumonia Nephritis and nephrosis Accidents, poisoning, and violence Diabetes mellitus Tuberculosis Senility Hyperplasia of the prostate Anaemia Hernia and intestinal obstruction Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum Cirrhosis of the liver	4, 352 1, 754 763 332 329 190 77 107 64 124 52 49 42 29	3,835 1,532 696 366 338 87 133 85 70  65 44 16 22 12	4,591 2,219 797 199 376 188 107 94 216 22 42 42 42 42 46	3,742 1,794 694 164 347 104 195 52 20 27 17 18	4, 309 2, 488 783 170 105 168 53 72 48 17 27 43 26	3, 207 1, 862 618 127 97 64 98 35 8 18 24 11 18	4,349 2,589 856 143 52 150 37 4 38 8 27 46 34	2,888 1,730 600 65 57 65 98 16 3 10 22 13 15	4,388 2,597 931 148 37 148 63 28 224 8 23 37 11	2,726 1,625 590 29 55 104 10 1 8 3 10 17
			-	<del></del>	Age gr	oup 75+				
All causes  Cardiovascular disease Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia Senility Cancer Nephritis and nephrosis Accidents, poisonings, and violence Hyperplasia of the prostate Diabetes mellitus Hernia and intestinal obstruction Diarrhoea and enteritis Tuberculosis Anaemia Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum	11, 881 5, 247 1, 142 1, 021 1, 186 351 477 93 128 81 81 75 47	11, 635 5, 302 1, 336 1, 205 1, 016 824 463  132 85 97 74 77 31	13,060 6,817 882 571 1,374 1,384 458 399 187 121 29 68 55 66	11, 855 6, 327 929 640 1, 121 1, 153 540  222 81 39 56 51 20	12, 169 7, 456 890 234 1, 446 335 362 295 101 74 24 74 54	11,059 7,085 808 273 1,137 382 140 57 31 43 56	11,650 7,342 653 165 1,612 223 364 220 125 67 24 60 30 78	10, 215 6, 835 542 204 1, 169 363  163 58 33 19 50 25	11, 304 7, 208 637 99 1, 661 125 292 157 136 81 300 47 37 84	9,462 6,532 489 95 1,076 122 280  166 77 40 20 33 32

Per 100,000 population.
 Newfoundland not included in 1931 and 1941.
 All deaths of immature or premature babies.
 Deaths for which immaturity was stated to be a subsidiary cause.

TABLE 8. Expectation of Life at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada and Regions, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

			1	Male					F	emale		
Region and age	1930 - 1932	1940 - 1942	1950 - 1952	1955 - 1957	1960 - 1962	Gain in expectancy 1930-1932 to 1960-1962	1930 <b>-</b> 1932	1940 - 1942	1950 - 1952	1955 <b>-</b> 1957	1960 - 1962	Gain in expectancy 1930-1932 to 1960-1962
At birth												
Canada	60.00	62.96	66. 33	67.61	68.35	8.35	62.10	66.30	70.83	72.92	74.17	12.07
Atlantic Provinces	60.20	61.69	66. 57	67.91	68.58	8.38	61.91	64.63	70.50	72.89	73.92	12.01
Quebec	56. 19	60.18	64. 42	66.13	67.28	11.09	57. 80	63.07	68. 58	71.02	72.77	14.97
Ontario	61.30	64. 55	66.87	67.80	68.32	7.02	63.92	68.43	71.85	73. 57	74. 40	10.48
Prairie Provinces	63.47	65.43	68.36	69.26	69.79	6.32	65. 49	68. 19	72. 28	74.18	75.66	10.17
British Columbia	62.15	63.65	66.73	68.14	68.94	6.79	65. 34	68.96	72.37	73.91	75.42	10.08
Age 1					,							
Canada	-64. 69	66.14	68.33	69.04	69.50	4. 81	65.71	68.73	72.33	73.99	74.98	9.27
Atlantic Provinces	64.76	65.68	69.08	69.68	70.06	5.30	65.44	67.78	72.41	74.23	-75. 10	9.66
Quebec	62.45	64.45	67. 19	68.11	68.71	6. 26	62.62	66.28	70.71	72.56	73.80	11.18
Ontario	65.05	66.74	68.34	68.76	69.14	4.09	66.84	70.07	72.91	74. 25	74.95	8.11
Prairie Provinces	67.24	68.02	69.90	70.48	70.96	3.72	68.30	70.22	73. 43	75.06	76. 40	8. 10
British Columbia	64.55	65.40	67.97	69.19	69.83	5.28	67.16	70. 17	73.32	74.68	76.00	8.84
, Age 20										i		ļ
Canada	49.05	49.57	50.76	51.19	51.51	2.46	49.76	51.76	54.41	55.80	56.65	6.89
Atlantic Provinces	49.22	49.36	51.59	51.95	52.17	2.95	49.62	51.33	54. 52	56.01	56.82	7. 20
Quebec	47.77	48.38	49.76	50.36	50.82	3.05	47.73	49.85	52.92		55. 54	7.81
					i				1	54.43	ŀ	
Ontario	48.79	49. 57	50. 58	50.81	51.03	2.24	50.13	52.40	54.76	55.95	56.53	6.40
Prairie Provinces  British Columbia	50.98 48.68	51.28 48.99	52. 24 50. 41	52.55 51.32	52.90 51.85	1.92 3.17	51.68 51.18	53.08 53.09	55.53 55.51	56.88 56.52	58.08 57.61	6.40 6.43
Age 40												
Canada	31.98	31.87	32.45	32.74	32.96	0.98	33.02	33.99	35.63	36.69	37.45	4.43
Atlantic Provinces	32.73	32.22	33.48	33.58	33.76	1.03	33.70	34. 19	35.99	37.03	37.70	4.00
Quebec	31.04	30.94	31.54	31.91	32.29	1.25	31.75	32.72	34.36	35.42	36.38	4.63
Ontario	31.56	31.54	32.03	32.24	32.35	0.79	32.90	34.11	35.75	36.74	37.27	4.37
Prairie Provinces	33.34	33.32	33.86	34.12	34.37	1.03	34.35	34.96	36.63	37.71	38.83	4.48
British Columbia	32.17	31.70	32. 45	33. 11	33.56	1.39	34. 27	35.14	36.72	37.49	38.46	4.19
Age 65												
Canada	12.98	12.81	13. 31	13.36	13.53	0.55	13.72	14.08	14.97	15.60	16.07	2.35
Atlantic Provinces	13.63	13.13	13.90	13.95	14.16	0.53	14. 59	14.50	15.42	15.91	16.35	1.76
Quebec	12.60	12.44	12.81	12.88	13.16	0.56	13. 15	13. 41	14.17	14.73	15. 27	2.12
Ontario	12.67	12.63	13.07	12.97	13.05	0.38	13. 47	14.03	14.92	15.56	15.90	2. 43
	14.01	22.00	10.01	14.01	1 20000	1 0.00	40. II	11.00	1 00	1 -0.00	1 20000	2. 10
Prairie Provinces	13.60	13.35	13.88	14.01	14.22	0.62	14.40	14.62	15.51	16.20	17.00	2.60

<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

TABLE 9. Survivors Out of 100,000 Born Alive at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada' and Regions, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962

	Male							Female					
Region and age	1930- 1932	1940- 1942	1950 - 1952	1955 - 1957	1960 - 1962	Gain in survivors 1930 - 1932 to 1960 - 1962	1930 - 1932	1940 - 1942	1950 - 1952	1955 - 1957	1960 - 1962	Gain in survivors 1930 - 1932 to 1960 - 1962	
Age 1													
Canada	91, 305	93,750	95,675	96,528	96.942	5,637	93,069	95,069	96,577	97, 233	97,613	4,544	
Atlantic Provinces	91, 519	92, 499	94, 985	96,070	96, 509	4,990	93, 160	93, 933	96,024	96,884	97, 136	3,976	
Quebec	88, 507	91, 913	94, 462	95,681	96,510	8,003	90,819	93,726	95,616	96,538	97, 281	6,462	
Ontario	92, 789	95, 282	96, 431	97, 181	97,402	4,613	94, 207	96, 287	97,210	97,763	97, 953	3,746	
Prairie Provinces	92, 997	94, 786	96,416	96,889	96,988	3,991	94, 498	95, 734	97, 116	97,524	97,744	3, 246	
British Columbia	94, 801	95, 850	96,740	97,066	97, 328	2,527	95,854	96,895	97,367	97,658	97, 944	2,090	
Age 20													
Canada	86, 269	90,014	93,437	94,699	95,348	9,079	88,451	92,030	94,992	96,074	96,659	8,208	
Atlantic Provinces	86,325	88, 421	92,677	94, 116	94, 763	8,438	88, 324	90, 145	94,407	95,767	96, 120	7,796	
Quebec	82, 189	87,462	92, 007	93, 708	94,750	12,561	84,576	89, 824	93, 824	95, 261	96, 216	11,640	
Ontario	88, 544	92, 378	94, 459	95, 488	95, 967	7,423	90, 701	94, 262	95, 960	96,738	97, 116	6,415	
Prairie Provinces	88, 906	91,349	94,346	95, 221	95,510	6,604	90, 936	92, 987	95,512	96, 349	96,778	5,842	
British Columbia	89,820	91,683	94, 407	95, 267	95,716	5,896	91, 191	93, 988	95,638	96,453	97,072	5,881	
, Age 40													
Canada	80, 180	84, 992	89,649	91, 217	92,061	11,881	81,645	87, 242	92,354	94,157	94,958	13,313	
Atlantic Provinces	79, 195	82, 324	88, 566	90,511	91, 243	12,048	80, 015	84, 200	91,315	1	94, 262	14, 247	
Quebec	75,543	81,897	87,985	90, 159	91,376	15,833	76,300	83,688	90,659	93,089	94, 383	18,083	
Ontario	82, 555	87,898	91, 124	92, 205	92, 921	10,366	84, 726	90, 477	93,779	95,040	95,519	10,793	
Prairie Provinces	84,020	87,004	90,814	91,815	92, 325	8,305	85, 336	88, 985	93, 208	94,625	95, 239	9,903	
British Columbia	82, 333	85,662	89,834	91, 287	91,905	9,572	84,766	89,618	93,065	94,436	95,324	10, 558	
Age 65													
Canada	58,684	61, 943	65, 815	67,737	68,774	10,090	61,697	68, 211	75,525	78,849	80,916	19,219	
Atlantic Provinces	59, 143	60,586	67, 493	69, 109	69,705	10, 562	60,742	65,732	74,751	78,802	80,400	19,658	
Quebec	53, 298	57,563	62,490	65, 038	66,676	13, 378	55, 200	62,834	71,724	75,700	78,836	23,636	
Ontario	59,641	63,038	65,754	67,409	68, 139	8,498	64,080	71, 139	77, 134	79,919	81,287	17, 207	
Prairie Provinces	64,510	67, 247	70, 492	71,828	72, 597	8,087	67,313	71,521	78, 252	81, 149	83, 359	16,046	
British Columbia	60, 147	61,693	65,590	68, 125	69,805	9, 658	65,882	72, 185	77, 585	80, 468	82,333	16,451	
Age 75													
Canada	36,589	38, 121	41,835	43, 106	43,791	7, 202	40,717	46, 172	53,950	58, 224	61,052	20,335	
Atlantic Provinces	38, 392	38, 154	44,931	46,318	46,669	8, 277	41,738	45,517	54,672	58,757	60,601	18,863	
Quebec	32, 154	34, 379	38, 152	39, 894	41,439	9, 285	34,927	40, 592	48,843	53,451	57, 295	22,368	
Ontario	36, 475	38, 206	40, 895	41,470	41,867	5, 392	41,993	48, 250	54, 935	58, 886	61,091	19, 098	
Prairie Provinces	42,043	43, 037	46,878	48, 071	48,743	6,700	46,022	49, 913	57,664	62, 028	65, 408	19, 386	
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<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930-1932 and 1940-1942.

TABLE 10. Deaths Out of 100,000 Born Alive at Selected Ages by Sex, Canada<sup>1</sup> and Regions, 1960 - 1962 Compared with 1930 - 1932

Region and age	1930 - 1	932	1960 - 1962		
region and age	Male	Female	Male	Female	
At birth					
		ļ			
Canada	8,695	6,931	3,058	2,387	
Atlantic Provinces	8,481	6,840	3,491	2, 864	
Quebec	11,493	9, 181	3,490	2,719	
Ontario	7,211	5,793	2,598	2,047	
Prairies Provinces	7, 003	5, 502	3,012	2, 256	
British Colunbia	5, 199	4, 146	2,672	2,056	
				ŕ	
Age 1	1 000				
	1,083	1,005	179	160	
Atlantic Provinces	1, 129	1, 109	191	197	
Quebec	1,580	1,478	204	181	
Ontario	791	711	143	123	
Prairie Provinces	745	672	196	166	
British Columbia	734	706	185	145	
Age 20					
Canada	266	261	146	53	
Atlantic Provinces	319	337	150	52	
Quebec	295	319	142	53	
Ontario	248	221	137	46	
Prairie Provinces	220	204	149	59	
British Columbia	. 331	257	168	67	
Age 40					
Canada	396	418	260	165	
tlantic Provinces	405	454	274	182	
puebec	456	506	288	182	
Ontario	405	387	246	162	
rairie Provinces	320	376	231	141	
ritish Columbia	433	361	270	153	
Age 65	. 540				
	1, 746	1,606	2,044	1,390	
tlantic Provinces	1,640	1,454	1,859	1,368	
puebec	1,716	1,591	2, 102	1,521	
ontario	1,855	1,691	2, 187	1,425	
Prairie Provinces	1,682	1,543	1,818	1,197	
ritish Columbia	1, 700	1,581	1,985	1,267	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Newfoundland not included in 1930 - 1932.

TABLE 11. International Comparison of Life Expectancy for Selected Countries at Selected Ages

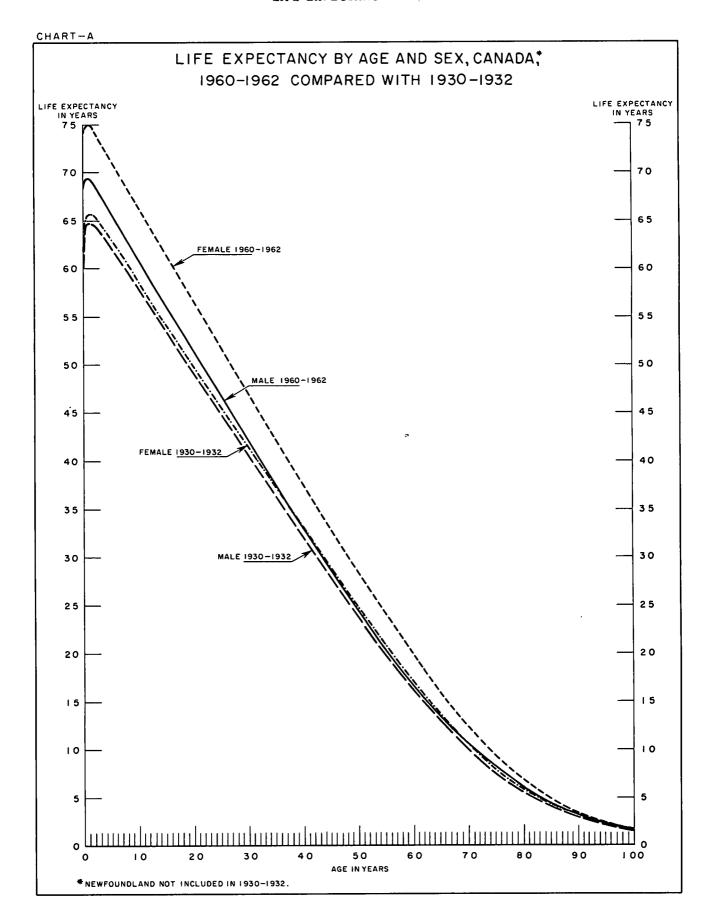
Life table	Country	Males		Females		Male	s	Females			
period	Country	Life expectancy	Rank	Life expectancy	Rank	Life expectancy	Rank	Life expectancy	Rank		
			At birth Age 1								
1959 - 1961	Austria	65.8	19	72.2	15	67.6	18	73.6	1		
1959 - 1963	Belgium	67.7	9	73.5	11	68.4	11	73.9	1		
1960 - 1962	Canada	68.4	7	74.2	7	69.5	6	75.0			
1960 - 1961	Czechoslovakia	67.6	10	73.1	12	68.4	11	73.6	1		
1962-1963	Denmark <sup>1</sup>	70.3	6	74.4	6	71.0	5	74.7	_		
1960	Egypt	51.6	27	53.8	27	56.2	26	59.9	2		
1960 - 1962	England and Wales	68.0	8	74.0	8	68.8	9	74.4			
1956 - 1960	Finland	64.9	21	71.6	19	65.7	22	72.1	1		
1961	France	67.6	10	74.5	5	68.3	13	74.9			
1960 - 1961	German Democratic Republic <sup>2</sup>	67.3	13	72.2	15	69.0	8	73.4	1		
1960 - 1962	German Federal Republic <sup>3</sup>	66.9	16	72.4	13	68.3	13	73.5	1		
1959 - 1960	Hungary	65.2	20	69.6	22	68.0	15	71.9	2		
1951 - 1960	Iceland	70.7	4	75.0	4	71.2	4	75.3			
1951 - 1960	India	41.9	28	40.6	28	48.4	27	46.0	2		
1961	Israel (Jews)	70.5	5	73.6	9	71.4	2	74.2			
1962	Japan <sup>4</sup>	66.2	17	71.2	20	67.2	20	71.9	:		
1960	Mexico	56.9	26	60.4	26	60.9	25	64.0	3		
1962	Netherlands	71.1	3	75.7	1	71.3	3	75.7			
1960 - 1962	Northern Ireland	67.6	10	72. 4	13	68.7	10	73.2	1		
1956 - 1960	Norway	71.3	2	75.6	2		••				
	Poland	64.8	22	70.5	21	68.0	15	73.1			
1960 - 1961 1960 - 1962	Scotland	66.2	17	71.9	17	67.3	19	72.5	:		
1960	Spain	67.3	13	71.9	17	69.2	7	73.3	:		
1960	Sweden	71.6	13	75.4	3	71.9	. 1	75.4			
1951	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	61.3	24	65.6	23	63.2	24	67.3			
	Taiwan	67.0	15	73.6	9	68.0	15	74.2			
1961 1960	United States	61.2	25	65.6	23	65.1	23	68.7	;		
1960 - 1961	Yugoslavia	62.2	23	65.3	25	67.2	20	70.0	:		
1900-1901	Tugosiavia	02.2		e 20	2.0	Age 60					
			788	100			9				
1959 - 1961	Austria	49.7	20	55.4	12	15.4	18	18.8			
1959 - 1963	Belgium	50.3	13	55.5	11	15.5	14	18.7			
1960 - 1962	Canada	51.5	7	56. 7	5	16.7	7	19.9			
1960 - 1961	Czechoslovakia	50.4	12	55.2	14	15.5	16	18.4			
1962 - 1963	Denmark <sup>1</sup>	52.8	. 6	56.3	7	17.0	5	19.3			
1960	Egypt	47.7	25	52.9	25	15.1	22	18.0			
1960 - 1962	England and Wales	50.6	10	55.9	8	15-1	22	19.0			
1956 - 1960	Finland	47.8	24	53.9	20	14.4	25	17.5			
1961	France	50.2	16	56.6	6	16.0	11	20.0			
1960 - 1961	German Democratic Republic <sup>2</sup>	51.1	9	55.1	16	16.0	11	18.5			
1960 - 1962	German Federal Republic <sup>3</sup>	50.3	13	55.2	14	15.5	16	18.5			
1959 - 1960	Hungary	50.2	16	53.8	22	15.3	20	17.4			
1951 - 1960	Iceland	53.3	3	57.0	3	18.6	1	20.4			
1951 - 1960	India	37.0	28	35.6	28	11.8	28	13.0			
1961	Israel (Jews)	53.3	3	55.8	10	16.9	6	18.9			
1962	Japan <sup>4</sup>	49.4	21	53.9	20	14.9	24	17.9			
1960	Mexico	47.3	26	50.7	27	16.6	9	18.2			
1962	Netherlands	53.2	5	57.3	2	17.3	4	19.8			
1960 - 1962	Northern Ireland	50.5	11	54.8	18	15.3	20	18.1			
1300-1302	Norway	53.9	1	57.5	1	18.1	2	20. 1			
		<b>1</b>	18	55.0	17	15.8	15	18.6			
1956 - 1960	Poland			54.1	19	14.3	26	17.8			
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961	Poland	1 1	23	1 24.1							
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1960 - 1962	Scotland	49.1	23 8	55.3	13	16.3	10	18-8			
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961		49.1 51.4		1	1	16.3 17.6	10 3	18.8 19.6			
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1960 - 1962 1960 1961	Scotland Spain Sweden	49.1 51.4 53.7	8	55.3 57.0	13	1		l I			
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1960 - 1962 1960 1961 1959 - 1960	Scotland	49.1 51.4 53.7 47.2	8 2	55.3 57.0 51.5	13 3	17.6	3	19.6			
1956 - 1960 1960 - 1961 1960 - 1962 1960	Scotland Spain Sweden Taiwan	49.1 51.4 53.7 47.2 49.9	8 2 27	55.3 57.0 51.5 55.9	13 3 26	17.6 13.9	3 27	19.6 16.9			

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Faeroes.
2 Including data for East Berlin.
3 Excluding Berlin.
4 Data are for Japanese nationals in Japan only.
5 Based on mortality data for urban and rural sectors of sample registration area.

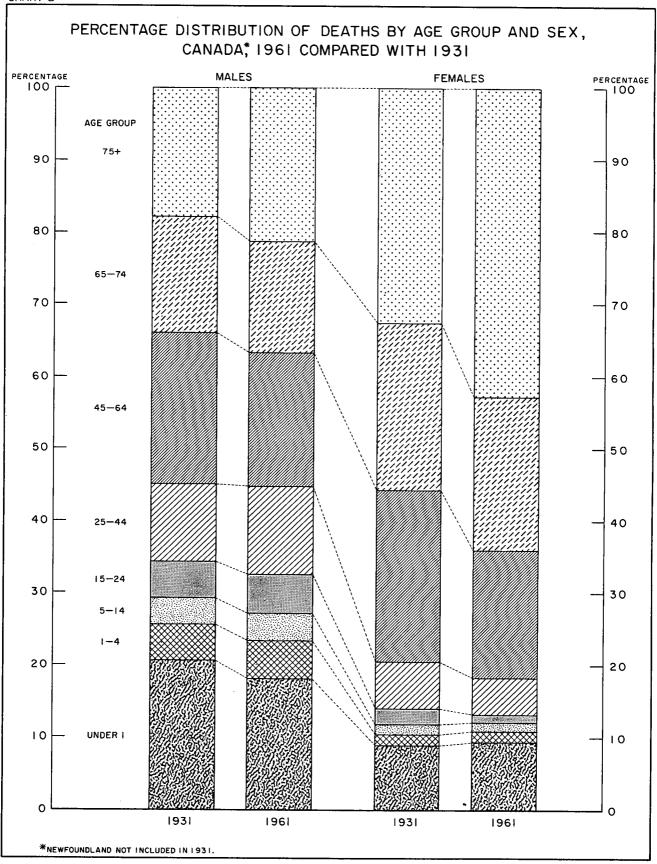
TABLE 12. Life Years Lost in Thousands by Leading Cause of Death and Sex, Canada, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1956, 1961

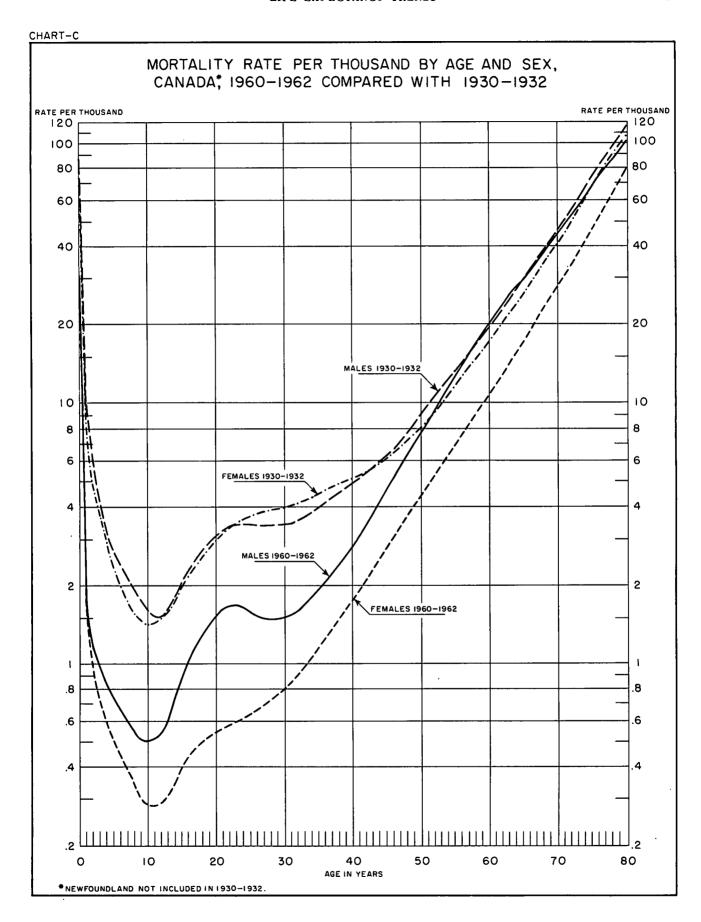
	1931		1941		· 1951		1956		1961	
Cause of death	Male (60)	Female (62)	Male (63)	Female (66)	Male (66)	Female (71)	Male (68)	Female (73)	Male (68)	Female (74)
Infective and parasitic diseases	187.1	217.4	147.6	157.2	77.9	79.2	38.5	35.4	23.3	18.9
Neoplasms	25.3	38.4	40.7	62.1	59.3	98.9	83.9	119.4	92.8	133.5
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	37.3	32,1	43.7	39.0	46.6	54.3	46.9	55.8	44.5	55.2
Diseases of the circulatory system	42.5	45.7	67.2	56.0	104.3	78.9	132.6	82.5	150.4	90.3
Diseases of the respiratory system	189.2	161.2	166.8	135.6	121.5	112.0	110.7	97.9	87.6	78.1
Diseases of the digestive system	232.2	175.8	129.1	96.5	64.2	52.2	53.1	43.8	50.2	42.4
Diseases of the genito-urinary system	18.9	25.8	18.5	27.3	14.9	16.7	14.7	15.8	- 12.1	13.2
Deliveries and complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium		37.0	•••	31.7		16.0		11.3		9.1
Congenital malformations	47.3	38.0	61.5	56.9	79.2	78.4	95.1	94.4	95.8	89.4
Certain diseases of early infancy	309.1	235.2	233.8	164.5	281.3	209.1	298.0	227.6	284.5	216.4
Accidents, poisonings, and violence	135.7	43.0	157.0	51.6	195.3	72.1	237.8	92.7	258.3	96.9
All other causes	57.4	52.4	51.9	52.0	48.6	47.9	39.9	41.4.	32.5	35.4
Totals, each sex	1, 282, 0	1, 102, 0	1, 117. 8	930.4	1, 093, 1	915.7	1, 151, 2	918.0	1, 132, 0	878.8
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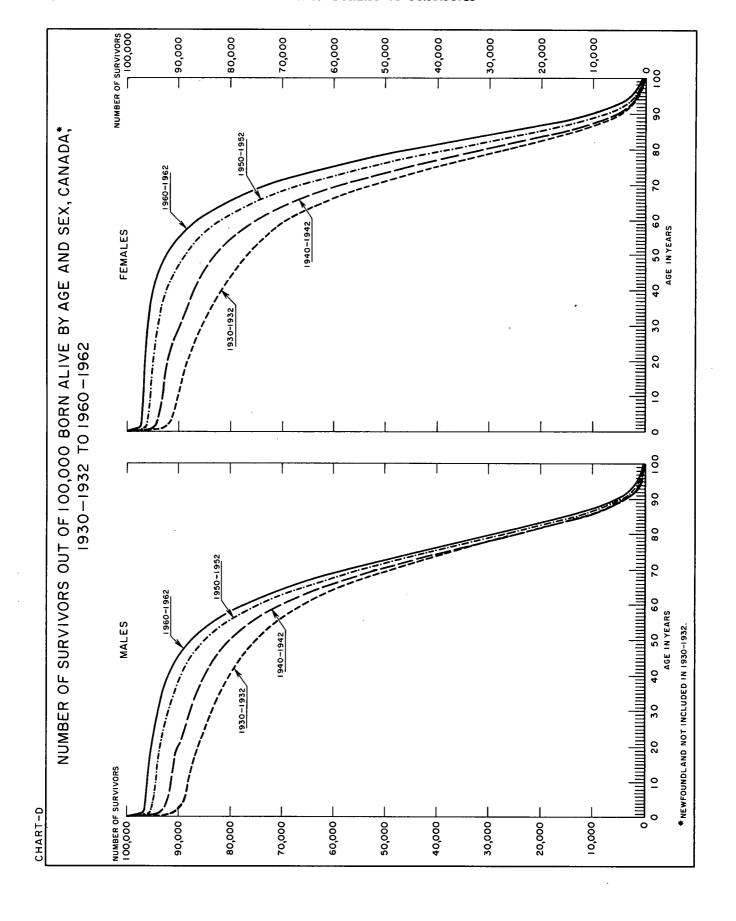
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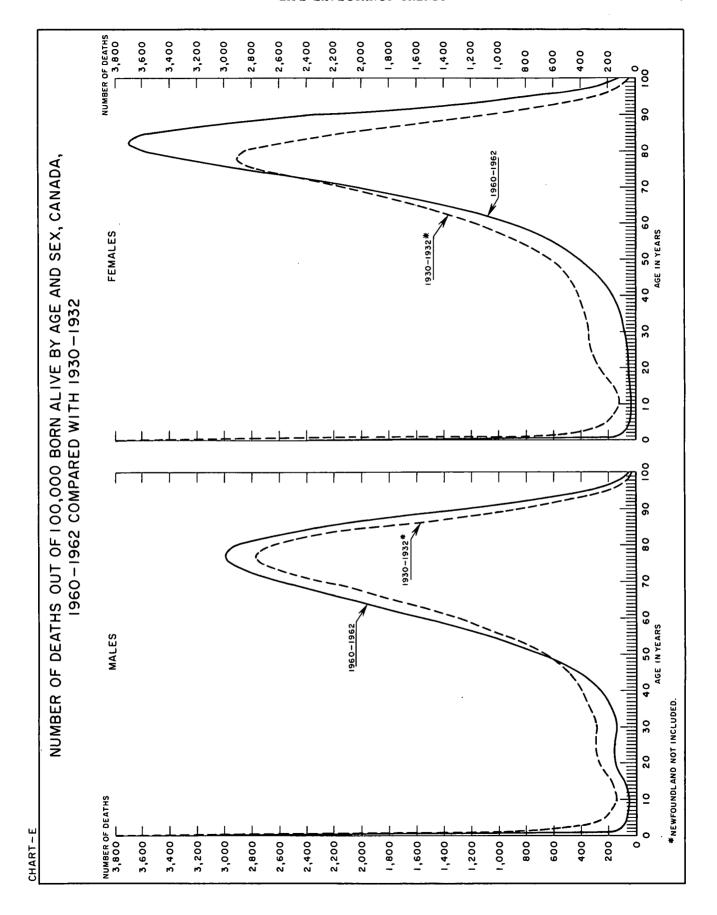


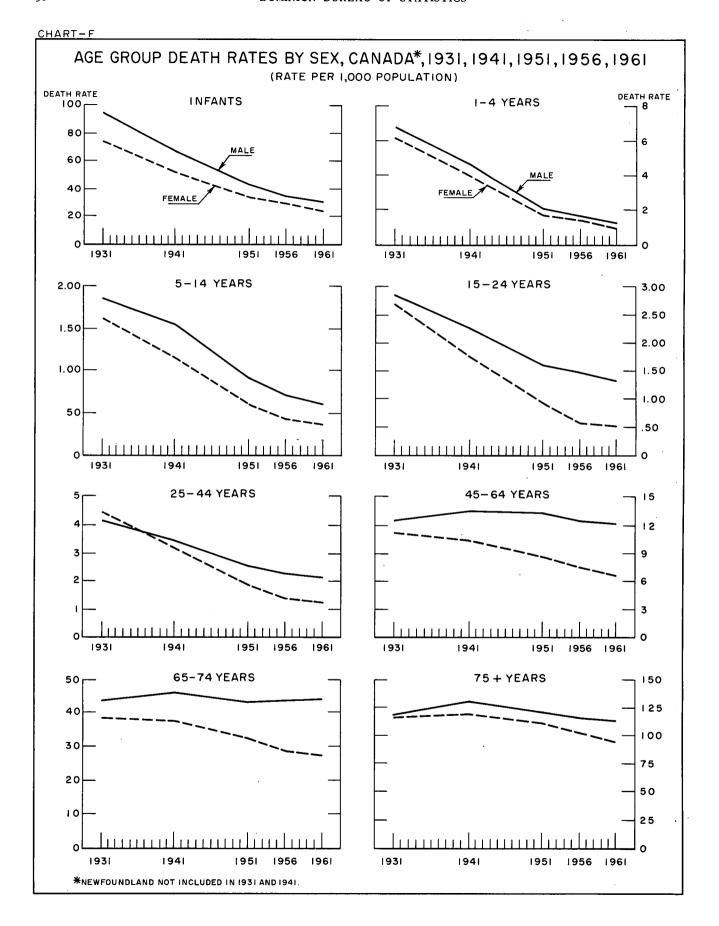


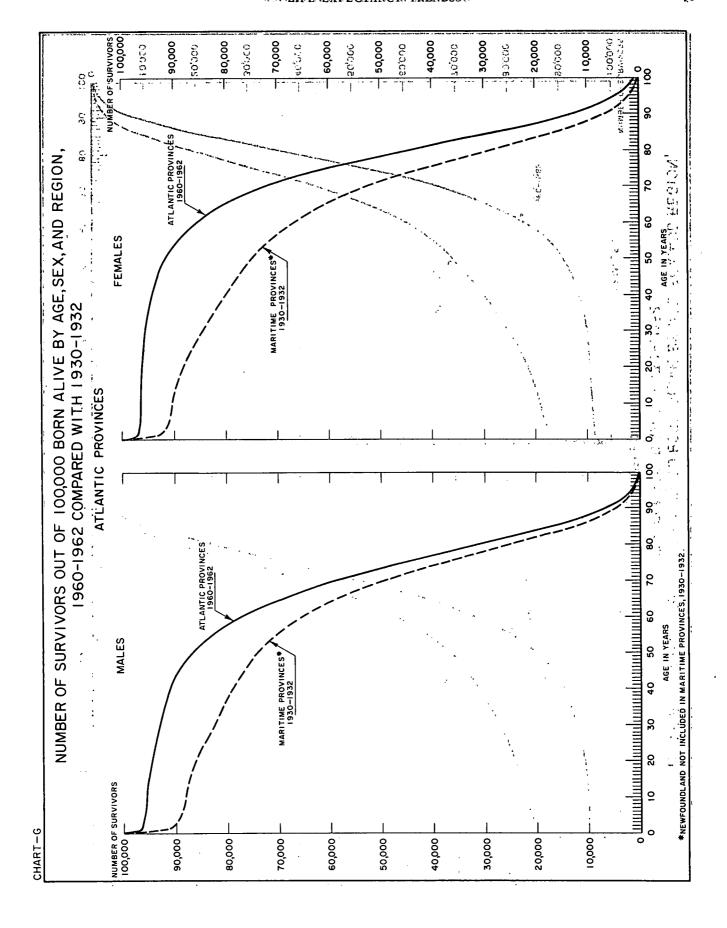


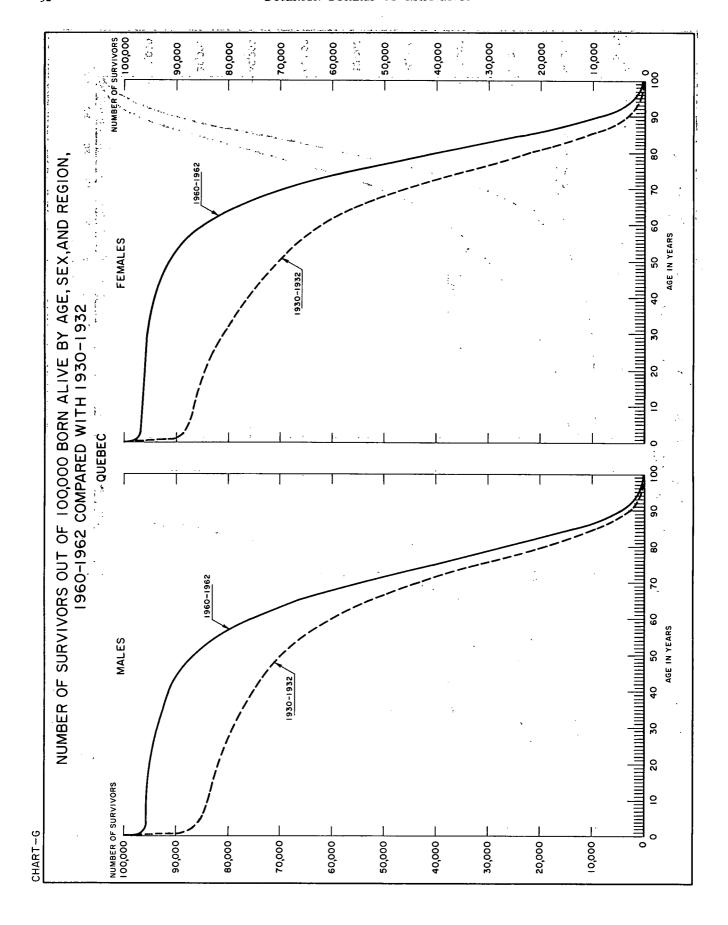


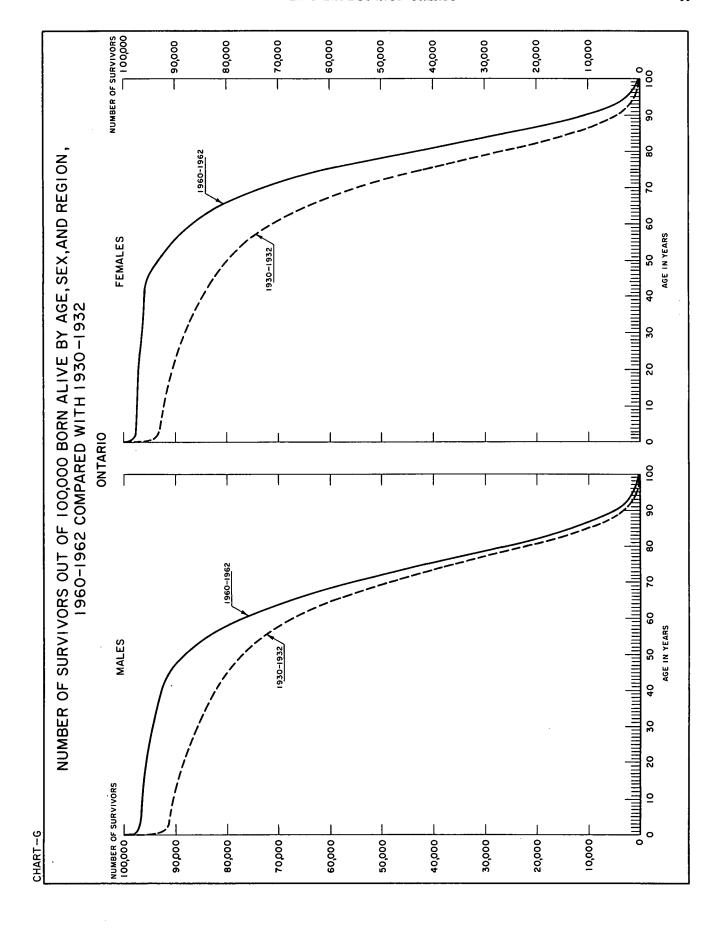


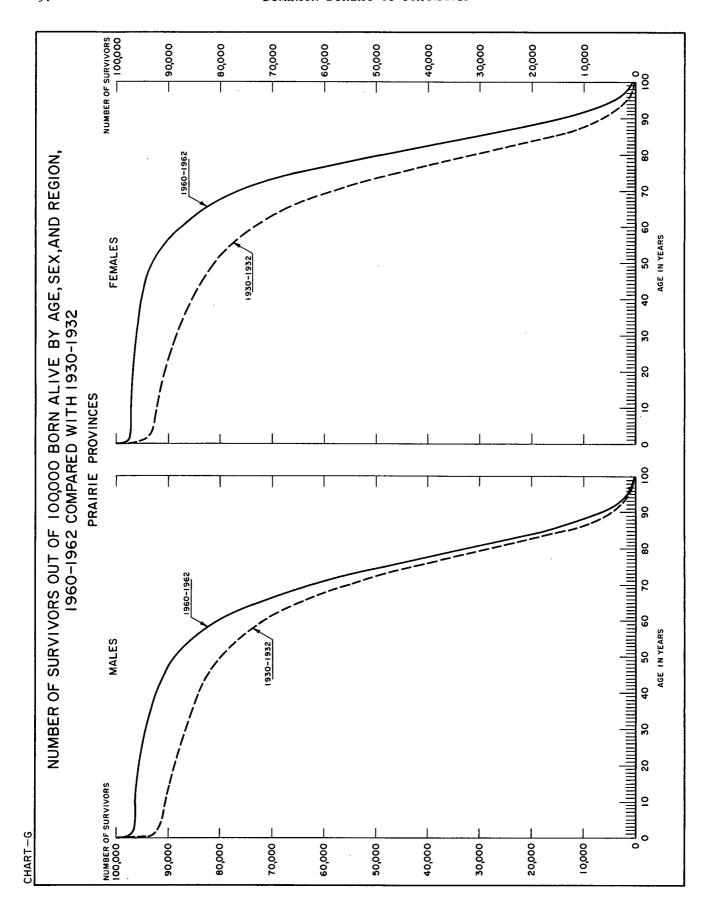


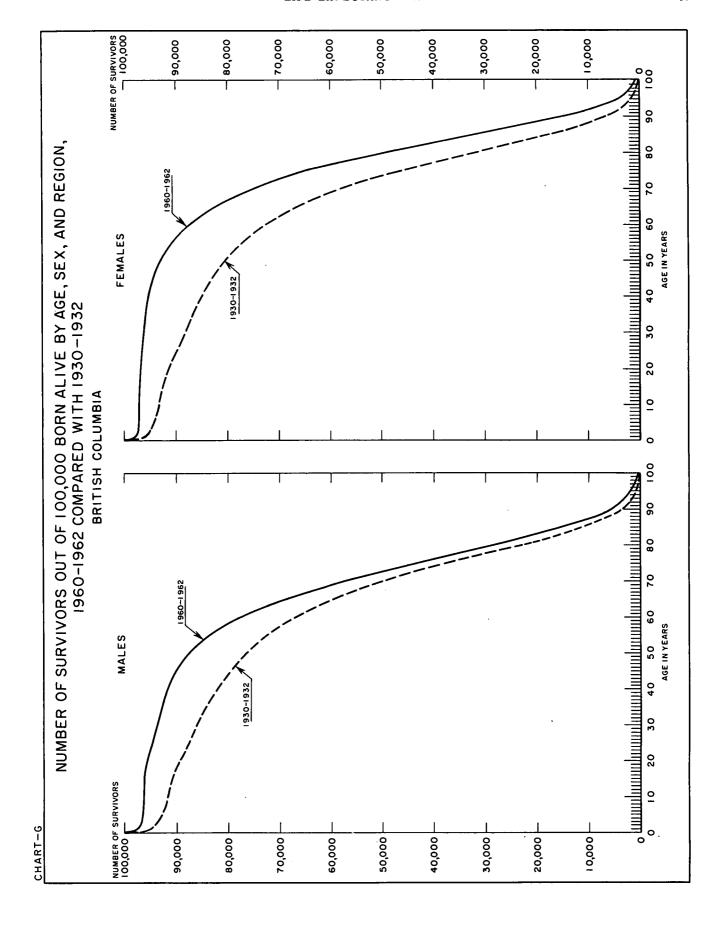


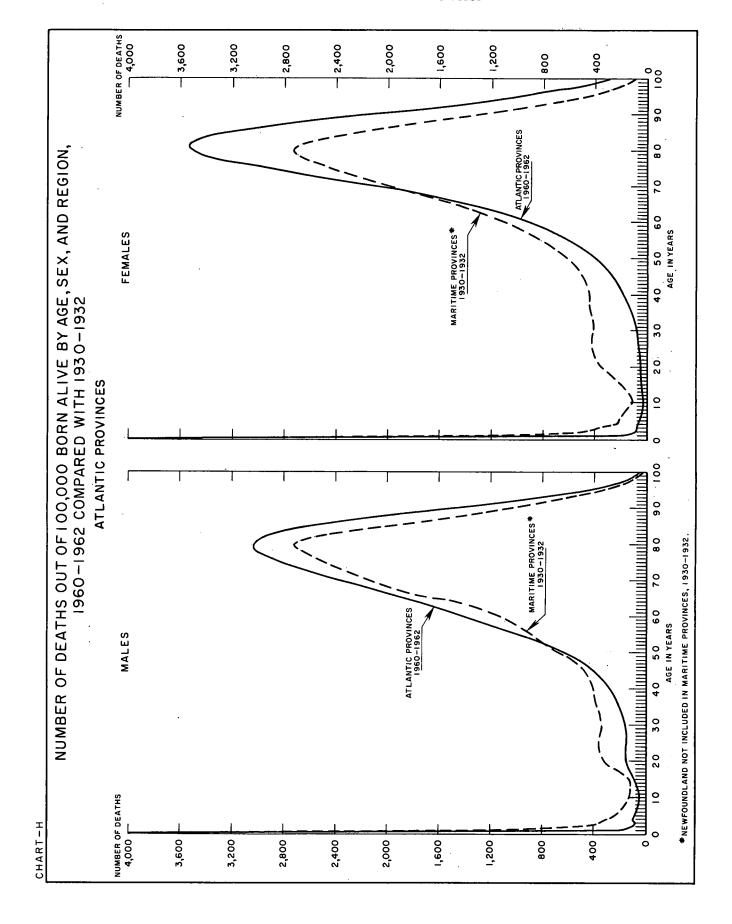


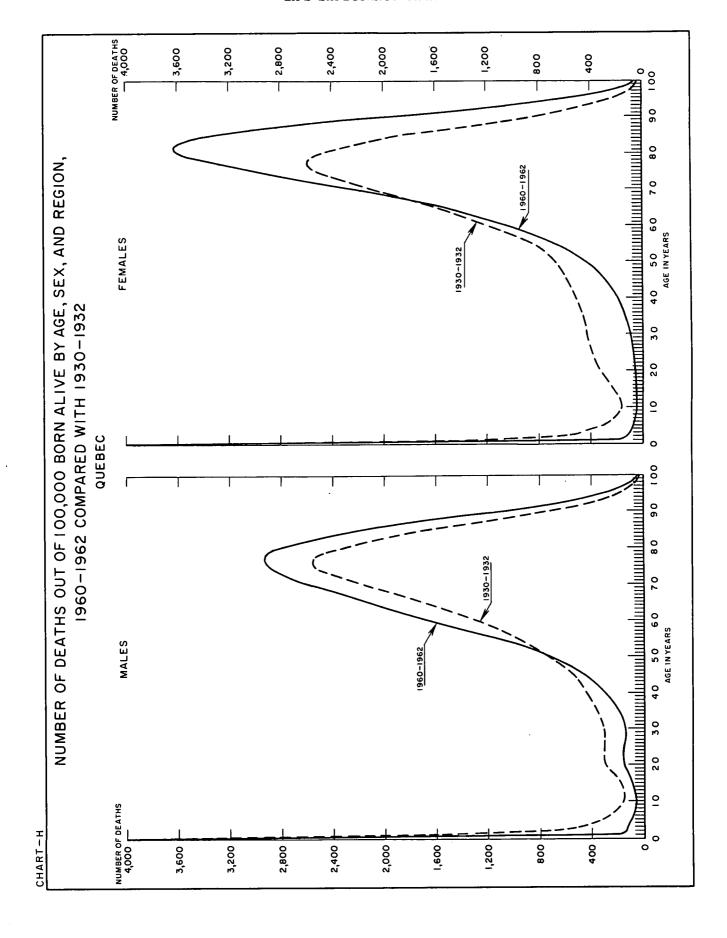


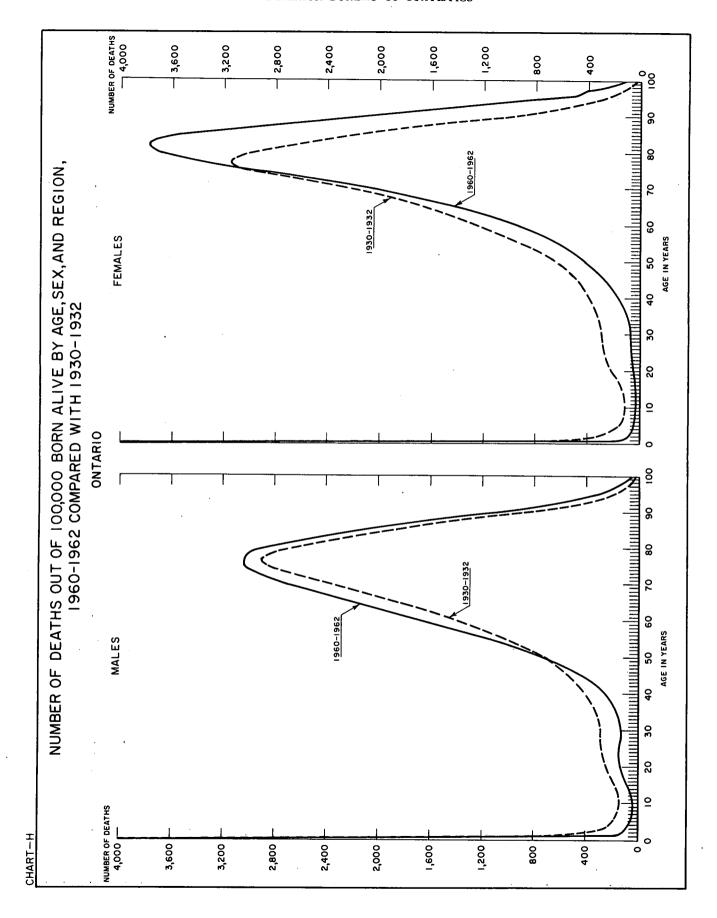


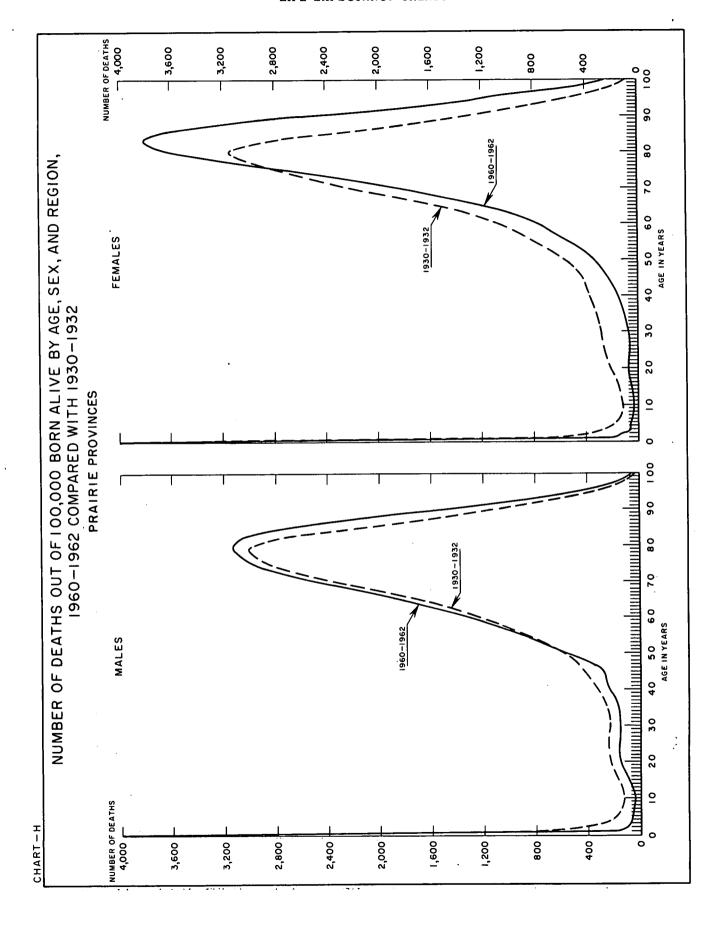


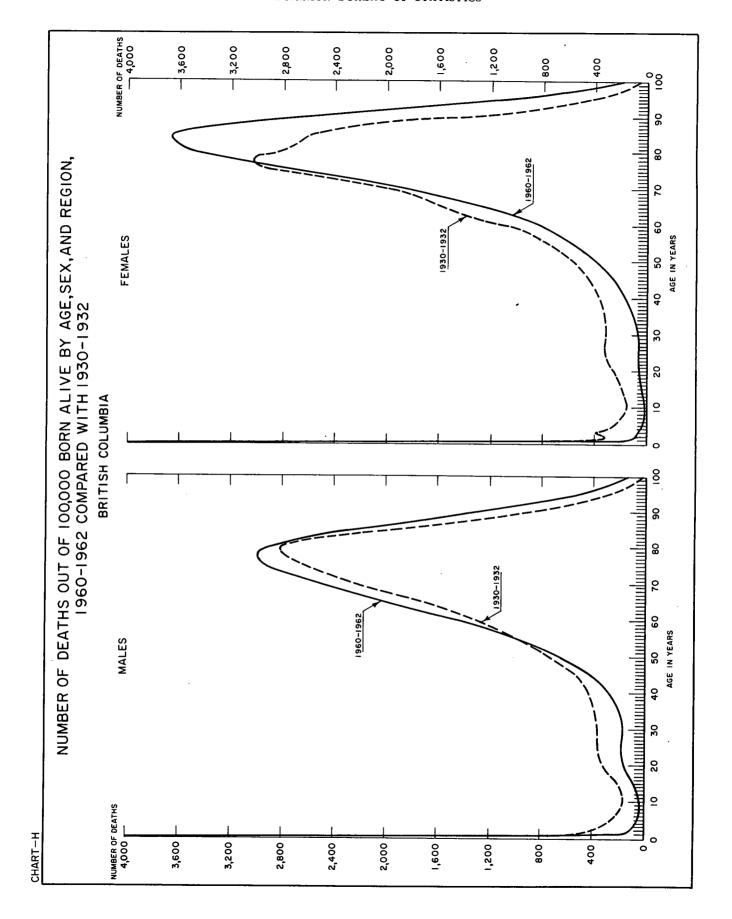


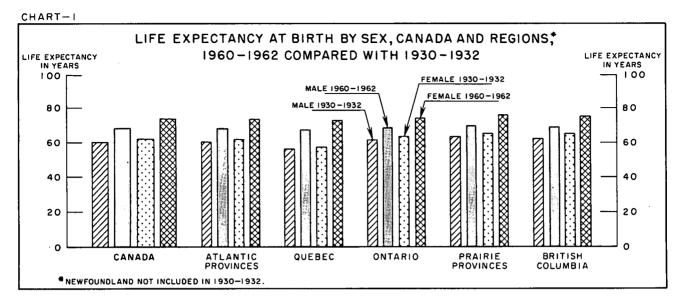


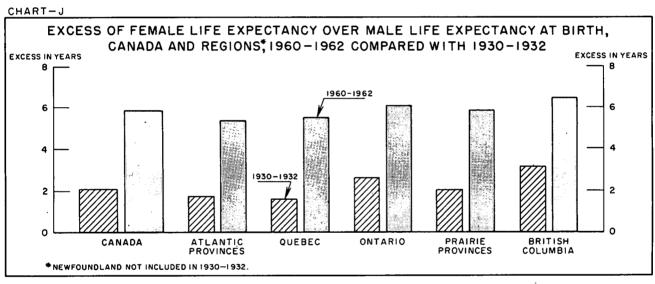


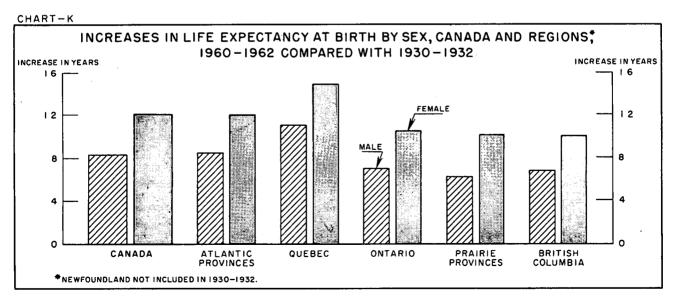


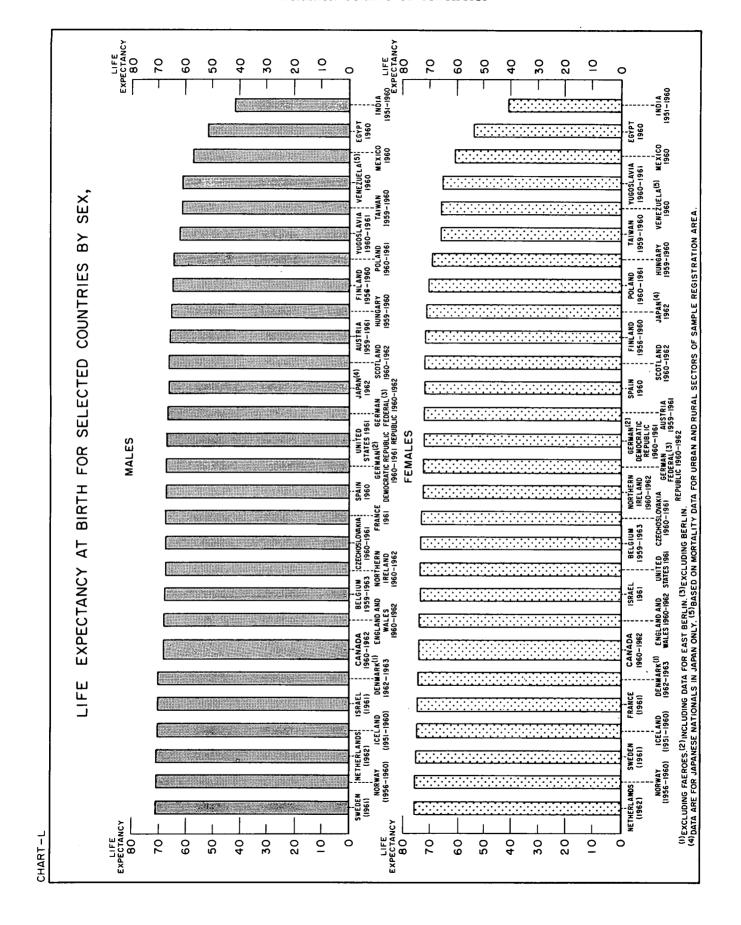












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