THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES,

IN THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ABSTRACTS OF 1885.

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Province of British Columbia,

Registrar-General's Office,

Victoria, 1st June, 1886.

To the Honourable

Alexander Edmund Batson Davie,

Attorney-General, &c., &c.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the use of Parliament, the Thirteenth Annual Report, under the provisions of the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1872."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CHAS. JAS. LEGGATT,

Registrar-General.

REPORT.

Registrar-General's Office,
1st June, 1886.

To His Honour Clement Francis Cornwall, *Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

May it Please Your Honour:—

In accordance with the provisions of the Statute in that behalf, I have the honour to submit the Thirteenth Annual Report on the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in this Province, the period covered being the year ended 31st December, 1885.

The returns show the registration of 320 Births, 323 Deaths and 193 Marriages for the year 1885, against 263 Births, 377 Deaths and 227 Marriages for the year 1884, being an increase of 57 Births, and a decrease of 54 Deaths and 34 Marriages; and making together a total decrease of 31 Registrations for the year 1885.

Births.

The following table is a summary of Births registered during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1885.

Districts.	Males.	Females.	No. where both name and sex are omitted.	Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	94	69	.....	163
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	45	46	.....	91
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	24	19	.....	43
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	3	7	.....	10
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.	3	1	.....	4
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	1	1	.....	2
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	.....	2	.....	2
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	2	3	.....	5
Totals	172	148		320

Of the 320 children registered, 172 were males and 148 females.

The following table will show the increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the different Districts between the number of Births registered in the years ended 31st December, 1884, and 31st December, 1885:—

District.	No. Registered in 1884.	No. Registered in 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	127	163	36	
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	80	91	11	
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	35	43	8	
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	7	10	3	
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.	2	4	2	
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	.....	.....	.....	
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	5	2	.....	3
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.	.....	.....	.....	
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	1	2	1	
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	.....	.....	
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	6	5	.....	1
Totals	263	320	61	4
Total decrease			4	
Total increase			57	

MARRIAGES.

The following is a summary of the Marriages registered during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1885:—

Districts.	Where Bride and Bridegroom are of the same Religious Denomination.							Other Denominations.	Where Bride and Bridegroom are of different Religious Denominations.	No Denomination given.	Total.
	Episcopalian.	Presbyterian.	Methodist.	Roman Catholic.	Baptist.	Lutheran.	Congregationalist.				
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	18	20	21	5	1	1	....	....	40	....	106
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	4	3	4	.....	....	....	....	....	11	1	23
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	4	3	8	6	1	1	....	....	19	2	44
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	.....	.....	.....	5	....	....	....	....	2	....	7
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.	1	.....	.....	2	....	....	....	....	2	....	5
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	.....	.....	.....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	2
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	2	.....	.....	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	5
Totals	29	26	33	20	2	2			78	3	193

Of the total number of marriages registered, 179 were by licence and 14 by banns.

The age of the eldest Bride was returned at 63 years, and the youngest at 15 years.

The age of the eldest Bridegroom was returned at 71 years, and the youngest at 19 years.

Of the marriages above classed under the heading of "Episcopalians," 7 couple were returned as "Episcopalians," 2 couple as "Reformed Episcopalians," and 20 couple as "Church of England."

The mixed marriages entered in the column headed "Where the Bride and Bridegroom are of different Denominations" are distributed by the returns amongst the various religious bodies as follows:—

On the Bridegroom's side:—

1 Presbyterian married an Independent.
1 Roman Catholic married a Presbyterian.
1 ,, ,, an Episcopalian.
4 ,, ,, Church of England.
1 ,, ,, a Methodist.
3 Methodists ,, Church of England.
1 ,, ,, an Episcopalian.
2 ,, ,, Roman Catholics.
2 ,, ,, Baptists.
1 ,, ,, a Presbyterian.
1 ,, ,, a Disciple.
3 Church of England ,, Roman Catholics.
3 ,, ,, Presbyterians.
3 ,, ,, Methodists.
1 ,, ,, a Lutheran.
3 Presbyterians ,, Roman Catholics.
4 ,, ,, Methodists.
6 ,, ,, Church of England.
3 ,, ,, Baptists.
1 ,, ,, a Reformed Episcopalian.
1 ,, ,, a Congregationalist.
4 ,, ,, Episcopalians.
1 ,, ,, one of no religion.
5 Episcopalians ,, Presbyterians.
1 ,, ,, Baptist.
3 ,, ,, Roman Catholics.
2 ,, ,, Methodists.
1 ,, ,, Congregationalist.
2 Lutherans ,, Roman Catholics.
1 ,, ,, a Church of England.
1 ,, ,, a Methodist.
2 Baptists ,, Presbyterians.
1 ,, ,, an Episcopalian.
1 ,, ,, a Roman Catholic.
1 Christian ,, a Congregationalist.
1 Reformed Episcopalian married a Presbyterian.
1 Nonconformist married a Reformed Episcopalian.
1 Danish Church ,, a Church of England.
3 of no religion ,, Presbyterians.
— 78 couple.

On the Bride's side:—

1 Independent married a Presbyterian.
1 Presbyterian ,, a Roman Catholic.
5 ,, ,, Episcopalians.
3 ,, ,, Church of England.
2 ,, ,, Baptists.
3 ,, ,, three of no religion,

1	Presbyterian	married a	Reformed Episcopalian.
1	,,	,,	a Methodist.
3	Church of England	married	Methodists.
6	,,	,,	Presbyterians.
4	,,	,,	Roman Catholics.
1	,,	,,	a Lutheran.
1	,,	,,	Danish Church.
3	Roman Catholics	,,	Church of England.
3	,,	,,	Presbyterians.
2	,,	,,	Lutherans.
2	,,	,,	Methodists.
3	,,	,,	Episcopalians.
1	,,	,,	a Baptist.
4	Methodists	,,	Presbyterians.
3	,,	,,	Church of England.
2	,,	,,	Espiscopalians.
1	,,	,,	a Lutheran.
1	,,	,,	a Roman Catholic.
1	Episcopalian	,,	a Roman Catholic.
1	,,	,,	a Baptist.
4	,,	,,	Presbyterians.
1	,,	,,	a Methodist.
2	Baptists	,,	Methodists.
1	,,	,,	an Episcopalian.
3	,,	,,	Presbyterians.
1	Congregationalist	,,	a Presbyterian.
1	,,	,,	a Christian.
1	,,	,,	an Episcopalian.
1	Reformed Episcopalian	married	a Presbyterian.
1	,,	,,	a Noncomformist.
1	Lutheran	,,	a Church of England.
1	Disciple	,,	a Methodist.
1	of no religion	,,	a Presbyterian.
—	78 couple.		

MARRIAGES.

The following table will show the increase or decrease, as the case may be, in the different Districts between the number of Marriages registered in the years ended 31st December, 1884, and 31st December, 1885.

Districts.	No. Registered in 1884.	No. Registered in 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	122	106	.....	16
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	28	23	.....	5
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	56	44	.....	12
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	3	7	4	.....
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.	13	5	.....	8
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	.....	2	2	.....
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	.....	1	1	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	5	5		
Totals	227	193	7	41
Total increase	.....	.....	.....	7
Total decrease	.....	.....	.....	34

DEATHS.

Analysis of Deaths, registered according to age and sex, during the year ended 31st December, 1885.

Districts.	1 Under 3 years.	2 3 and under 10.	3 10 and under 21.	4 21 and under 40.	5 40 and under 60.	6 60 and under 70.	7 70 and under 80.	8 80 and under 90.	9 90 and upwards.	10 Ages not given.	11 No. of males.	12 No. of females.	13 Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	30	9	12	40	57	24	11	2	1	4	138	52	190
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	11	5	1	11	12	....	....	1	....	1	28	14	42
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	15	6	3	15	13	5	1	....	....	....	43	15	58
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	1	....	....	8	1	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	10
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	....	....	....	1	4	1	1	....	....	....	7	....	7
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	1	10
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	....	....	....	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	5	....	5
Totals	57	20	16	87	91	30	13	4	1	5	242	82	324

The persons whose Deaths are enumerated under the columns above marked 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were natives of the following countries:—

Column.	England.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Germany.	United States.	Canada.	Wales.	Finland.	France.	Italy.	Sweden.	Australia.	Channel Islands	Switzerland.	West Indies.	Norway.	Unknown.	Total.
5	29	13	7	3	14	13	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	....	1	1	3	93
6	10	8	3	1	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	28
7	5	2	....	....	2	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	14
8	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3
9	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Totals	47	23	11	4	17	19	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	139

The following table will show the increase or decrease, as the case may be, in the different Districts between the number of Deaths registered in the years ended 31st December, 1884, and the 31st December, 1885:—

Districts.	No. Registered in 1884.	No. Registered in 1885.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	159	190	31	
No. 2.—New Westminster, &c.	82	42		40
No. 3.—Nanaimo, &c.	59	58		1
No. 4.—Yale, &c.	11	10		1
No. 5.—Clinton, &c.		1	1	
No. 6.—Lillooet, &c.	1			1
No. 7.—Cariboo, &c.	7	7		
No. 8.—Omineca, &c.				
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c.	52	10		42
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	2	1		1
No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	4	5	1	
Totals	377	324	33	86
Total increase				33
Total decrease				53

ABSTRACT OF CAUSES OF DEATH (BY CLASSES).

Class I.	Zymotic Diseases	52
Class II.	Constitutional	24
Class III.	Local	126
Class IV.	Developmental	18
Class V.	Violent Deaths	40
	Not specified &c	64
	Total from all causes	324

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
I.	1	Miasmatic	45	
	2	Enthetic	1	
	3	Dietic	4	
	4	Parasitic	2	
		Total Zymotic		52
II.	1	Diathetic	6	
	2	Tubercular	18	
		Total Constitutional		24
III.	1	Diseases of the Nervous System	29	
	2	Organs of Circulation	20	
	3	Respiratory Organs	42	
	4	Digestive Organs	25	
	5	Urinary Organs	6	
	6	Organs of Generation		
	7	Organs of Locomotion		
	8	Integumentary System	4	
		Total Local		126
		Carried forward		202

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		202
IV.	1	Developmental Diseases of Children	3	
	2	Developmental Diseases of Adults	4	
	3	Developmental Diseases of Old People	1	
	4	Diseases of Nutrition	10	
		Total Developmental		18
V.	1	Accidents and Negligence	34	
	2	Not applicable		
	3	Homicide	2	
	4	Suicide	3	
	5	Execution	1	
		Total Violent Deaths		40
		Ill defined	3	
		Other causes, not specified	61	
				64
		Total from all causes		324
		By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.		
I.	1	Diphtheria	7	
		Typhoid Fever	18	
		Croup	3	
		Dysentery	1	
		Cholera Infantum	2	
		Diarrhœa	1	
		Rheumatism	2	
		Small Pox	2	
		Scarlet Fever	3	
		Scarlatina	5	
		Malarial Fever	1	
		Total Miasmatic		45
	2	Syphilis	1	
		Total Enthetic		1
	3	Alcoholism	4	
		Total Dietic		4
	4	Ulcerative Stomatitis	2	
		Total Parasitic		2
II.	1	Abcess of the Knee Joint	1	
		Cancer	2	
		Dropsy	2	
		Mortification	1	
		Total Diathetic		6
	2	Marasmus	1	
		Phthisis	9	
		Tubercular Meningitis	2	
		Aneurism of the Aorta	1	
		Tuberculosis	1	
		Tabes Mesenterica	2	
		Scrofula	1	
		Hydrocephalus	1	
		Total Tubercular		18
		Carried forward		76

Class.	Order.	Causes of Death—By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	.....	76
III.	1	Softening of Brain	1	
		Epileptic Convulsions	1	
		Meningitis	3	
		Apoplexy	4	
		Convulsions	3	
		Disease of Brain	1	
		Cerebral Meningitis	2	
		Congestion of the Brain	2	
		Paralysis	10	
		Insanity	1	
		Total Diseases of Nervous System	.....	29
	2	Hypertrophy	1	
		Heart Disease	13	
		Angina Pectoris	2	
		Paralysis of the Heart	1	
		Rheumatism of the Heart	1	
		Phlebitis	1	
		Aneurism	1	
		Total Organs of Circulation	.....	20
	3	Consumption	14	
		Inflamation of the Lungs	3	
		Pneumonia	14	
		Bronchitis	2	
		Pleurisy	2	
		Atelectasis	3	
		Laryngitis	1	
		Congestion of the Lungs	3	
		Total Respiratory Organs	.....	42
	4	Inflamation of the Bowels	5	
		Enteritis	2	
		Peritonitis	3	
		Intussusception	2	
		Cirrhosis	2	
		Atrophy of Liver	1	
		Enterocolitis	3	
		Traumatic Hœmoptysis	1	
		Obstruction of Œsophagus	1	
		Exhaustion	2	
		Gastrelcosis	1	
		Hernia	1	
		Congestion of Liver	1	
		Total Digestive Organs	.....	25
	5	Gouty Kidney	1	
		Nephritis	2	
		Bright's Disease	2	
		Cystitis	1	
		Total Urinary Organs	.....	6
	6	Organs of Generation	.....	.....
	7	Organs of Locomotion	.....	.....
	8	Septicœmia	2	
		Gangrene	2	
		Total Integumentary System	.....	4
IV.	1	Teething	2	
		Still-born	1	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Children	.....	3
		Carried forward	.....	205

Class.	Order.	Causes of Death—By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	.....	205
IV.	2	Puerperal Fever	1	
		Exhaustion from Epileptiform Convulsions	1	
		Post Partrem Hemorrhage	1	
		Epilepsia	1	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Adults	.....	4
	3	Old Age	1	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Old People	.....	1
	4	General Debility	8	
		Congenital Lues	1	
		Asthenia	1	
		Total Diseases of Nutrition	.....	10
V.	1	Concussion of Brain	3	
		Drowning by Accident	6	
		Fracture of Skull	3	
		Injuries from a fall	1	
		Suffocated by Smoke in Coal Mine	1	
		Injured by fall of Coal	1	
		Shot Himself by Accident	2	
		Premature Explosion in Mine	1	
		Injured by Fall of Rock	2	
		Fall from Waggon	2	
		Gunshot Wound	1	
		Killed by Falling of a Tree	2	
		Run over by Train	7	
		Killed from a Fall of Earth	2	
		Total Accidents and Negligence	.....	34
	2	Not applicable	.....	.....
	3	Gunshot Wound	2	
		Total Homicide	.....	2
	4	Throat Cutting	1	
		Suicide	2	
		Total Suicide	.....	3
	5	Execution	1	
		Total Execution	.....	1
		Ill defined	3	
		Other Causes not specified	61	
				64
		Total from all Causes	.....	324

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. JAS. LEGGATT,

Registrar-General.

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