TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ABSTRACT OF 1898.

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REPORT.

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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
December 31st, 1899.

To His Honour THOMAS R. MCINNES, *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 Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in this Province, the period covered being the year ended 31st December, 1898.

The returns show the registration of 2,038 Births, 1,340 Deaths, and 965 Marriages for the year 1898, against 1,331 Births, 1,013 Deaths, and 629 Marriages for the year 1897.

BIRTHS.

Districts.	Males.	Females.	No. where both name and sex are omitted.	Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	205	179	.....	384
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	190	190	.....	380
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	133	151	.....	284
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	113	109	.....	222
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	98	93	.....	191
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	235	244	.....	479
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	33	30	.....	63
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	20	15	.....	35
Totals	1,027	1,011	.....	2,038

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, 1897, and 31st December, 1898:—

Districts.	Number registered in 1897.	Number registered in 1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	337	384	47	.....
No. 2. Nanaimo, &c	248	380	132	.....
No. 3. New Westminster, &c	121	284	163	.....
No. 4. Yale, &c No. 5. Clinton, &c No. 6. Lillooet, &c No. 7. Cariboo, &c No. 11. Kamloops, &c	125	222	97	.....
Nos. 8. 9, and 15.—Kootenay, etc	96	191	95	.....
No. 10. Cassiar, &c	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 12. Vancouver, &c	302	479	177	.....
No. 13. Comox, &c	57	63	6	.....
No. 14. Chilliwhack, &c	45	35	.....	10
Totals	1,331	2,038	717	10
Total Decrease	.....	.....	10	
Increase	.....	.....	707	

MARRIAGES.

The following is a summary of the Marriages registered during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1897:—

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.				
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	50	21	48	7	3	1	8	80	1	219
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	13	10	17	11	....	6	2	21	....	80
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	10	14	10	19	2	....	3	31	....	89
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	15	15	6	14	....	2	....	44	3	99
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c	30	29	18	37	8	16	2	112	2	254
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	1	1
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	56	30	20	6	6	5	3	71	2	199
No. 13.—Comox, &c	1	3	....	2	....	....	4	.....	....	10
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	2	5	2	.....	....	....	....	5	....	14
	177	127	121	96	19	30	22	364	9	965

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, 1897, and 31st December, 1898:—

Districts.	Number registered in 1897.	Number registered in 1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	143	219	76	.....
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	58	80	22	.....
No. 3.—New Westminster, etc.	78	89	11	.....
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	66	99	33	.....
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	138	254	116	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	4	1	.....	3
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	156	199	43	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	19	10	.....	9
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	7	14	7	.....
Totals	669	965	308	12
Total Decrease	.....	.....	12	
Increase	.....	.....	296	

DEATHS.

Analysis of Deaths registered according to age and sex during the year ended 31st December, 1898:—

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 Age not given.	11 No. of Males.	12 No. of Females.	13 Sex not given.	14 Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	94	21	19	66	77	44	23	3	....	10	209	148	....	357
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	51	8	5	20	20	8	4	1	....	2	76	43	....	119
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	22	7	10	31	40	10	7	....	....	3	90	40	....	130
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	19	8	6	18	19	13	18	2	1	2	75	31	...	106
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	67	14	21	102	51	11	4	3	....	11	213	71	....	284
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	83	14	12	89	56	14	13	3	1	13	203	95	....	298
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	8	1	5	15	7	....	....	1	....	1	27	11	....	38
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	3	....	1	....	1	....	1	1	....	....	4	3	....	7
Totals,	347	73	79	341	271	100	70	14	2	42	898	442	....	1340

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, 1897, and 31st December, 1898:—

Districts.	Number registered in 1897.	Number registered in 1898.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	256	357	101	.....
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	81	119	38	.....
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	154	130	.....	24
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11,—Kamloops, &c.	97	106	9	.....
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	136	284	148	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	1	1	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	247	298	51	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	30	38	8	.....
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	12	7	.....	5
Totals	1013	1340	356	29
Total Decrease	.....	.....	29	
Increase	.....	.....	327	

ABSTRACT OF CAUSES OF DEATH (BY CLASSES).

Class I	Zymotic Diseases	220
Class II	Constitutional	142
Class III	Local	615
Class IV	Developmental	167
Class V	Violent Deaths	180
	Ill-defined	18
	Total	1342

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
I.	1	Miasmatic	210	
	2	Enthetic	1	
	3	Dietic	9	
	4	Parasitic	.....	
		Total Zymotic	.....	220
II.	1	Diathetic	30	
	2	Tubercular	112	
		Total Constitutional	.....	142
III.	1	Diseases of the Nervous System	93	
	2	Organs of Circulation	134	
	3	Respiratory Organs	230	
	4	Digestive Organs	107	
	5	Urinary Organs	39	
	6	Organs of Generation	4	
	7	Organs of Locomotion	.....	
	8	Integumentary System	8	
		Total Local	.....	615
		Carried forward	.....	977

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		977
IV.	1	Development Diseases of Children	131	
	2	Development Diseases of Adults	16	
	3	Development Diseases of Old People	14	
	4	Diseases of Nutrition	6	
		Total Developmental		167
V.	1	Accidents and Negligence	167	
	2	Homicide	3	
	3	Suicide	9	
	4	Execution	1	
		Total Violent Deaths		180
		Ill-defined		18
		Total Causes Given		1,342
		Not certified	72	
		BY CLASS, ORDER AND PARTICULAR DISEASE.		
I.	1.	Whooping Cough	3	
		Typhoid Fever	61	
		Cholera Infantum	40	
		Diphtheria	8	
		Diarrhœa	14	
		Croup	10	
		Scarlet Fever	2	
		Dysentery	18	
		Rheumatic Fever	—	
		Malarial Fever	1	
		Erysipelas	7	
		Cholera Morbus	1	
		Measles	43	
		Enteric Fever	2	
		Total Miasmatic		210
	2.	Syphilis	1	
		Total Enthetic		1
	3.	Alcoholism	9	
		Total Dietic		9
	4.	Parasitic	—	
		Total Parisitic		—
II.	1.	Abscess	7	
		Cancer	13	
		Dropsy	6	
		Tumor	4	
		Gout	—	
		Total Diathetic		30
	2.	Meningitis	34	
		Phthisis	31	
		Tuberculosis	41	
		Marasmus	—	
		Tubercular Meningitis	6	
		Total Tubercular		112
		Carried forward		362

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		362
III.	1.	Water on the Brain	1	
		Sclerosis of Brain	1	
		Hemiplegia	4	
		Paralysis	21	
		Paralysis of Insane	2	
		Neuritis	—	
		Apoplexy	14	
		Cerebral Meningitis	6	
		Cerebral Hemorrhage	17	
		Concussion of Brain	2	
		Brain Fever	2	
		Cerebral Softening	7	
		Epilepsy	3	
		Inflammation of Brain	2	
		Spinal Meningitis	7	
		Cerebral Embolus	2	
		Sarcoma of Brain	1	
		Spinal Complaint	1	
		Total Diseases of Nervous System		93
	2.	Uræmia	3	
		Heart Disease	54	
		Heart Failure	39	
		Rheumatism of Heart	1	
		Rupture of Aortic Aneurism	2	
		Rupture of Carotid Artery	1	
		Aneurism of Heart	6	
		Fatty Degeneration of Heart	4	
		Valvular Disease of Heart	16	
		Pericarditis	—	
		Syncope	3	
		Endocarditis	3	
		Thrombosis (Septic) of Pelvic Veins	1	
		Pylephlebitis	1	
		Total Organs of Circulation		134
	3.	Influenza	3	
		Exopthalmic Goitre	—	
		Pneumonia	125	
		Bronchitis	27	
		Consumption	39	
		La Grippe	12	
		Pulmonary Embolism	—	
		Inflammation of the Lungs	5	
		Congestion of the Lungs	5	
		Pulmonary Hemorrhage	1	
		Cancer of Æsophagus	2	
		Cancer of Larynx	1	
		Pleurisy	1	
		Pyosalpynx	—	
		Laringitis	3	
		Stricture of Æsophagus	—	
		Emphysema of the Lungs	1	
		Asthma	5	
		Total Respiratory Organs		230
		Peritonitis	15	
		Dyspepsia	2	
		Enteritis	13	
		Gastritis	7	
		Colitis	3	
		Inflammation of Bowels	7	
		Cystitis	2	
		Carried forward	49	819

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	49	819
III.	4.	Jaundice	1	
		Anæmia	1	
		Appendicitis	6	
		Hemorrhage of Stomach	2	
		Cirrhosis of Liver	6	
		Cancer of Liver	5	
		Obstruction of Intestines	8	
		Strangulation of Bowels	1	
		Ulceration of Bowels	1	
		Malignant Disease of Duodenum	1	
		Gastro-Duodenitis	1	
		Strangulated Hernia	1	
		Hemorrhage of the Liver	—	
		Cancer of the Stomach	10	
		Ulcer of the Stomach	—	
		Lymphadenoma	—	
		Disease of Liver	8	
		Hemorrhage	5	
		Indigestion	—	
		Addison's Disease	1	
		Total Digestive Organs		107
	5.	Acute Bright's Disease	18	
		Diabetes	7	
		Nephritis	6	
		Disease of Kidney	3	
		Cancer of Bladder	2	
		Inflammation of Prostate Gland	1	
		Obstruction of Gallduct	—	
		Inflammation of Bladder	1	
		Pyelitis	1	
		Total Urinary Organs		39
	6.	Organs of Generation	4	
		Total Organs of Generation		4
	7.	Hip Disease	—	
	8.	Gangrene	1	
		Septicaemia	6	
		Phlegmasia Dolens	—	
		Acute Epiphysitis	—	
		Empyema	1	
		Pyæmia	—	
		Total Integumentary System		8
IV.	1.	Asthenia	4	
		Inanition	13	
		Stillborn	14	
		Premature Birth	19	
		Infantile Diseases	36	
		Convulsions	30	
		Scurvy	2	
		Marasmus	13	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Children		131
	2.	Chronic Insanity	1	
		Exhaustion	5	
		Childbirth	10	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Adults		16
		Carried forward		1124

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		1124
	3.	Old Age	14	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Old People		14
	4.	General Debility	6	
		Total Diseases of Nutrition		6
V.	1.	Found Drowned	18	
		Accidentally Drowned	28	
		Accidentally Shot	3	
		Accidentally Killed	22	
		Accidentally Killed by Railway	20	
		Accidentally Killed in Mine	8	
		Accidentally Burnt to Death	3	
		Injuries sustained by Breaking of Fly-Wheel of Sawing Machine	1	
		Accidentally Fell into Well	1	
		Exposure	1	
		Crushed between Logs	1	
		Poisoned by Illuminating Gas	1	
		Poisoned by Carbolic Acid	2	
		Poisoned by Opium	2	
		Poisoned by Carbon Dioxide	1	
		Overdose of Morphine	1	
		Wounds in the Head	3	
		Poison	2	
		Shock from a Burn	4	
		Shock after Operation	2	
		Shock after Injuries	3	
		Gun-shot Wound	4	
		Explosion of Dynamite	5	
		Fall of Rock	2	
		Injuries from Fall	2	
		Injuries from Revolver	1	
		Fall of Tree	1	
		Scalded	3	
		Fracture of Neck	1	
		Fracture of Scull	9	
		Fracture of Knee	1	
		Fracture of Femur	1	
		Cut in Neck with Razor	1	
		Bullet Wound in the Head (self-inflicted)	1	
		Exhaustion from Burns	1	
		Suffocation by Gas in Mine	4	
		Choking	2	
		Sunstroke	1	
		Total Accidents and Negligence		167
	2.	Murder		3
	3.	Suicide		9
	4.	Execution		1
		Ill defined		18
		Total causes given		1342

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. A. SEMLIN,
Provincial Secretary.

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