TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ABSTRACT OF 1896.

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

VICTORIA, 1st June, 1897.

To the Honourable

David McEwen Eberts,

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 Twenty-fourth Annual Report, under the provisions of the "Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. Y. WOOTTON,

Registrar-General.

REPORT.

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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

1st June, 1897.

To His Honour EDGAR DEWDNEY, *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-fourth Annual Report of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in this Province, the period covered being the year ended 31st December, 1896.

The returns show the registration of 1,641 Births, 1,020 Deaths, and 636 Marriages for the year 1896, against 1,252 Births, 735 Deaths, and 621 Marriages for the year 1895.

BIRTHS.

Districts.	Males.	Females.	No. where both name and sex are omitted.	Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	210	183	.....	393
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	129	139	.....	268
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	65	67	.....	132
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	73	50	.....	123
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	44	37	.....	81
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	1	1	.....	2
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	172	138	.....	310
No. 13.—Comox, &c	60	37	.....	97
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	115	120	.....	235
Totals	869	772	.....	1,641

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, 1895, and 31st December, 1896 :—

Districts.	Number registered in 1895.	Number registered in 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	350	393	43	.....
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	173	268	95	.....
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	153	132	.....	21
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	111	123	12	.....
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	65	81	16	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	2	2	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	296	310	14	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c	51	97	46	.....
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	53	235	182	.....
Totals	1,252	1,641	410	21
Total decrease	.....	.....	21	
Increase	.....	.....	389	

MARRIAGES.

The following is a summary of the Marriages registered during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1896 :—

Districts.	Where Bride and Bridegroom are of the same Religious Denomination.						Other Denominations.	Where Bride and Bridegroom are of different Religious Denomination.	No Denomination given.	Total.
	Episcopalian.	Presbyterian.	Methodist.	Roman Catholic.	Baptist.	Lutheran.				
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	25	30	35	15	2	3	5	84	8	207
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	11	7	5	5	2	3	1	21	1	56
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	8	12	6	5	2	3	4	24	...	64
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	11	7	5	9	....	1	1	28	....	62
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	9	8	7	4	....	5	1	31	6	71
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	.....	3	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	3
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	29	20	12	8	9	4	6	60	2	150
No. 13.—Comox, &c	1	7	1	.....	....	....	....	6	....	15
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	....	.....	6	.....	....	....	....	2	....	8
Totals	94	91	80	46	15	19	18	256	17	636

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, 1895, and 31st December, 1896 :—

Districts.	Number registered in 1895.	Number registered in 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	215	207	.....	8
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	75	56	.....	19
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	72	64	.....	8
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	67	62	.....	5
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	22	71	49	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	3	3	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	135	150	15	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c	26	15	.....	11
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	9	8	.....	1
Totals	621	636	67	52
Total decrease	.....	.....	52	
Increase	.....	.....	15	

DEATHS.

Analysis of Deaths registered according to age and sex during the year ended 31st December, 1896.

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 Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	69	16	27	70	61	31	37	8	1	4	190	134	324
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	50	2	4	23	15	6	4	1	....	1	62	44	106
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	47	4	4	25	32	20	9	4	2	....	99	48	147
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	15	5	4	29	13	8	11	1	....	....	64	22	86
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	13	2	1	35	18	4	....	....	....	3	59	17	76
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	4
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	67	12	13	65	58	13	8	3	....	....	167	72	239
No. 13.—Comox, &c	7	3	....	9	5	1	....	1	....	1	21	6	27
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	2	....	2	5	....	2	....	....	....	....	5	6	11
Totals	271	44	55	262	204	85	69	18	3	9	671	349	1020

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, 1895, and 31st December, 1896 :—

Districts.	Number registered in 1895.	Number registered in 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	201	324	123	.....
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	113	106	.....	7
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	146	147	1	.....
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	64	86	22	.....
No. 9.—Kootenay, &c	19	76	57	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	.....	4	4	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	158	239	81	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c	17	27	10	.....
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	17	11	.....	6
Totals	735	1,020	298	13
Total decrease	.....	.....	13	
Increase	.....	.....	285	

ABSTRACT OF CAUSES OF DEATH (BY CLASSES).

Class I	Zymotic Diseases	108
Class II	Constitutional	126
Class III	Local	411
Class IV	Developmental	111
Class V	Violent Deaths	141
	Ill-defined	18
	Total	915

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
I.	1	Miasmatic	105	
	2	Enthetic	2	
	3	Dietic	1	
	4	Parasitic	.....	
		Total Zymotic	.....	108
II.	1	Diathetic	41	
	2	Tubercular	85	
		Total Constitutional	.....	126
III.	1	Diseases of the Nervous System	56	
	2	Organs of Circulation	106	
	3	Respiratory Organs	109	
	4	Digestive Organs	96	
	5	Urinary Organs	32	
	6	Organs of Generation	.....	
	7	Organs of Locomotion	2	
	8	Integumentary System	10	
		Total Local	.....	411
		Carried forward	.....	645

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	.....	645
IV.	1	Development Diseases of Children	81	
	2	Development Diseases of Adults	10	
	3	Development Diseases of Old People	16	
	4	Diseases of Nutrition	4	
		Total Developmental	.....	111
V.	1	Accidents and Negligence	132	
	2	Homicide	1	
	3	Suicide	8	
		Total Violent Deaths	.....	141
		Ill-defined	.....	18
		Total causes given	.....	915
		Not certified	144	
		BY CLASS, ORDER AND PARTICULAR DISEASE.		
I.	1	Whooping Cough	3	
		Typhoid Fever	28	
		Cholera Infantum	37	
		Diphtheria	1	
		Diarrhœa	19	
		Erysipelas	1	
		Remittent Fever	1	
		Croup	3	
		Measles	2	
		Scarlet Fever	—	
		Dysentery	6	
		Rheumatic Fever	2	
		Malarial Fever	2	
		Total Miasmatic	.....	105
	2	Syphilis	2	
		Total Enthetic	.....	2
	3	Alcoholism	1	
		Total Dietic	.....	1
	4	Parasitic	—	
		Total Parasitic	.....	—
II.	1	Abscess	4	
		Cancer	30	
		Dropsy	4	
		Tumor	3	
		Gout	—	
		Total Diathetic	.....	41
	2	Meningitis	15	
		Phthisis	31	
		Tuberculosis	30	
		Marasmus	—	
		Tubercular Meningitis	9	
		Total Tubercular	.....	85
		Carried forward	.....	234

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	....	234
III.	1	Paralysis	16	
		Paralysis of Insane	1	
		Neuritis	1	
		Apoplexy	10	
		Cerebral Meningitis	1	
		Cerebral Hemorrhage	12	
		Concussion of Brain	1	
		Brain Fever	1	
		Water on the Brain	2	
		Epilepsy	1	
		Disease of Brain	4	
		Spinal Complaint	4	
		Cerebral Embolus	2	
		Total Diseases of Nervous System	.....	56
	2	Uræmia	9	
		Heart Disease	40	
		Heart Failure	29	
		Rheumatism of Heart	1	
		Rupture of Heart	1	
		Aneurism of Heart	4	
		Fatty Degeneration of Heart	1	
		Valvular Disease of Heart	9	
		Pericarditis	3	
		Syncope	7	
		Endocarditis	2	
		Total Organs of Circulation	.....	106
	3	Pneumonia	60	
		Bronchitis	18	
		Consumption	15	
		La Grippe	2	
		Pulmonary Embolism	1	
		Inflammation of the Lungs	4	
		Congestion of the Lungs	2	
		Pulmonary Hemorrhage	2	
		Cancer of Æsophagus	1	
		Cancer of Larynx	1	
		Pleurisy	2	
		Pyosalpynx	1	
		Total Respiratory Organs	.....	109
	4	Peritonitis	30	
		Dyspepsia	1	
		Enteritis	11	
		Gastritis	3	
		Colitis	3	
		Inflammation of Bowels	9	
		Cystitis	2	
		Jaundice	4	
		Anæmia	2	
		Appendicitis	1	
		Hemorrhage of Stomach	1	
		Cirrhosis of Liver	5	
		Cancer of Liver	6	
		Obstruction of Intestines	6	
		Strangulated Hernia	1	
		Hemorrhage of the Liver	3	
		Ulcer of the Stomach	—	
		Disease of Liver	7	
		Lymphadenoma	1	
		Total Digestive Organs	.....	96
		Carried forward	.....	601

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		601
	5	Bright's Disease	14	
		Diabetes	1	
		Nephritis	8	
		Disease of Kidney	6	
		Ulceration of Bladder	1	
		Inflammation of Prostate Gland	2	
		Total Urinary Organs		32
	6	Organs of Generation	—	—
	7	Hip Disease	2	
		Total Organs of Locomotion		2
	8	Gangrene	2	
		Septicæmia	6	
		Phlegmasia Dolens	1	
		Acute Epiphysitis	1	
		Total Integumentary System		10
	1	Asthenia	3	
		Inanition	7	
		Stillborn	15	
		Premature Birth	17	
		Infantile Diseases	15	
		Convulsions	22	
		Scurvy	—	
		Marasmus	2	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Children		81
IV.	2	Chronic Insanity	3	
		Exhaustion (Insane)	2	
		Childbirth	5	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Adults		10
	3	Old Age	16	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Old People		16
	4	General Debility	4	
		Total Diseases of Nutrition		4
	1	Accidentally Drowned	26	
		Accidentally Shot	2	
		Accidentally Burnt	4	
		Accidentally Killed	11	
		Accidentally Killed, Protection Island Shaft	1	
		Point Ellice Bridge Accident	56	
		Accidentally Killed, Comox Mine	2	
		Accidentally Killed on Steamer Costa Rica	1	
		Exposure	5	
V.		Crushed by Machinery	1	
		Accident, C. P. R. Railway	2	
		Poisoned	2	
		Kick from a Horse	1	
		Pistol shot wound (self inflicted)	2	
		Shock	2	
		Powder Explosion	8	
		Injury to Spine	1	
		Fall of Tree	2	
		Suffocation	2	
		Fracture of Leg	1	
		Total Accidents and Negligence		132
		Carried forward		888

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order, and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		888
	2	Murder		1
	3	Suicide		8
		Ill-defined		18
		Total causes given		915

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. Y. WOOTTON,

Registrar-General.

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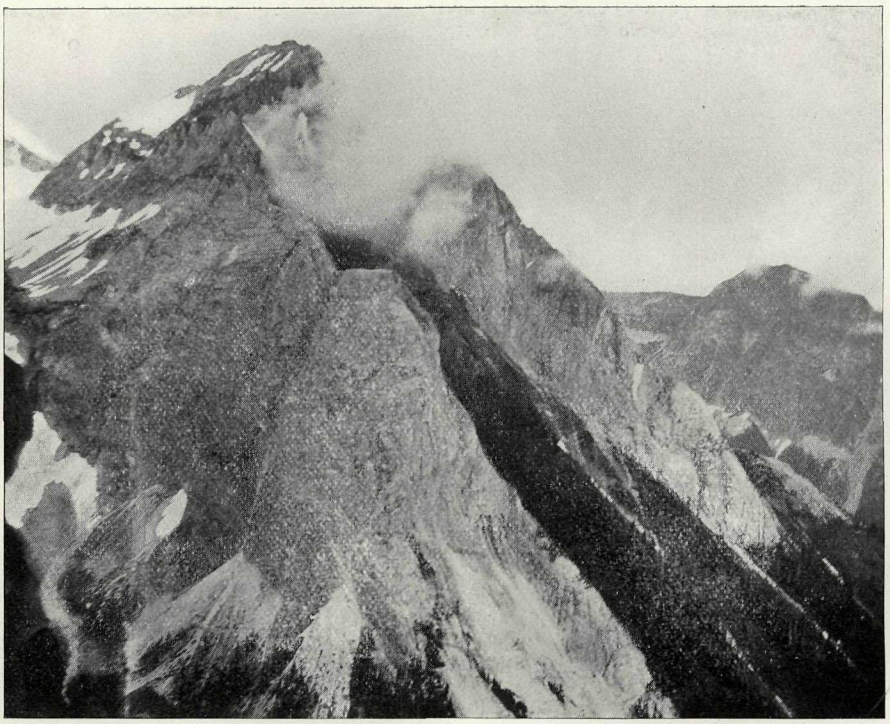
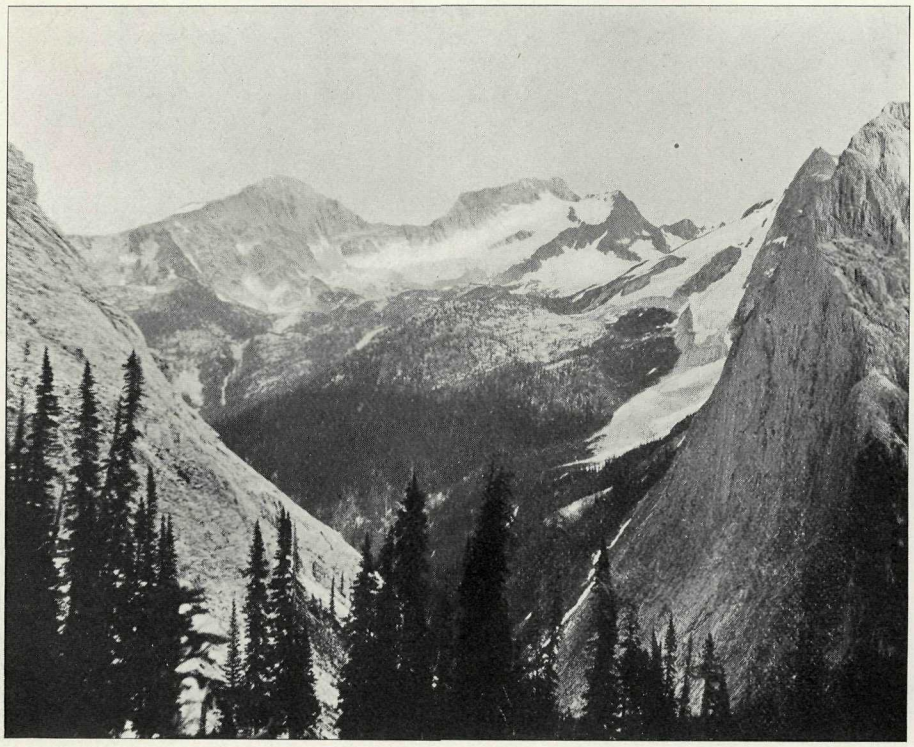


THE "LIME DYKE," HALL CREEK, TROUT LAKE DISTRICT.



LOOKING DOWN HALL CREEK, FROM NEAR THE "WAGNER GROUP," TROUT LAKE DISTRICT.