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OF THE

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OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ABSTRACT OF 1903.

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REPORT.

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Registrar-General's Office,
Victoria, B. C., March 12th, 1904.

To His Honour Sir Henri Gustave Joly de Lotbinière, K.C.M.G.,
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 Thirty-first Annual Report of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in this Province, the period covered being the year ended 31st December, 1903.

The returns show the registration of 2,093 Births, 1,572 Deaths, and 1,160 Marriages for the year 1903, against 1,977 Births, 1,655 Deaths, and 1,148 Marriages for the year 1902.

Births.

Districts.	Males.	Females.	No. where both name and sex are omitted.	Total.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	260	233	.....	493
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	110	103	.....	213
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	105	80	.....	185
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	119	99	.....	218
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	147	136	.....	283
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	1	.....	.....	1
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	313	300	.....	613
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	23	37	.....	60
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	12	15	.....	27
Totals	1,090	1,003	.....	2,093

The following table will show the increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the different districts between the number of registered Births in the years ended 31st December, 1902, and 31st December, 1903 :—

Districts.	Number registered in 1902.	Number registered in 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c	448	493	45	
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	261	213		48
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	203	185		18
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	181	218	37	
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c	274	283	9	
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c		1	1	
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	512	613	101	
No. 13.—Comox, &c	67	60		7
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	31	27		4
Totals	1,977	2,093	193	77
Total Decrease			77	
Increase			116	

MARRIAGES.

The following is a summary of the registered Marriages during the twelve months ended 31st December, 1903 :—

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	58	23	29	8	8	5	7	140	8	286
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c	8	14	5	1	1	4	....	25	....	58
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c	18	13	11	6	1	2	....	45	....	96
No. 4.—Yale, &c No. 5.—Clinton, &c No. 6.—Lillooet, &c No. 7.—Cariboo, &c No. 11.—Kamloops, &c	15	19	13	16	1	7	....	53	1	125
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c	27	23	22	29	7	14	4	97	5	228
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c	1	.....	5	.....	....	....	....	1	....	7
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c	50	62	29	22	4	11	7	137	4	326
No. 13.—Comox, &c	3	4	.....	2	....	....	....	4	....	13
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c	4	3	6	.....	1	....	....	7	....	21
	184	161	120	84	23	43	18	509	18	1160

The following table will show the increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the different districts between the number of registered Marriages in the years ended 31st December, 1902, and 31st December, 1903:—

Districts.	Number registered in 1902.	Number registered in 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	293	286	.....	7
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	82	58	.....	24
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	116	96	.....	20
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	92	125	33	.....
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	212	228	16	.....
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	7	7	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	319	326	7	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	21	13	.....	8
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	13	21	8	.....
Totals	1148	1160	71	59
Total Decrease	.....	.....	59	
Increase	.....	.....	12	

Deaths.

Analysis of registered Deaths according to age and sex during the year ended 31st December, 1903:—

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.	54	10	15	80	88	50	43	19	2	2	254	109	....	363
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	53	12	10	28	20	16	9	....	....	....	94	54	....	148
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	26	6	13	39	47	19	11	10	3	1	129	46	....	175
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	20	11	13	39	30	12	11	9	....	1	114	32	....	146
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	42	14	14	69	48	15	6	1	....	....	153	55	1	209
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	111	18	18	131	110	45	14	5	2	10	304	157	3	464
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	5	4	1	20	13	4	2	1	....	....	41	9	....	50
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	4	....	....	3	6	1	2	....	....	....	12	4	....	16
Totals	315	75	84	409	363	162	98	45	7	14	1102	466	4	1572

The following table will show the increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the different districts between the number of registered Deaths in the years ended 31st December, 1902, and 31st December, 1903:—

Districts.	Number registered in 1902.	Number registered in 1903.	Increase.	Decrease.
No. 1.—Victoria, &c.	329	363	34	.....
No. 2.—Nanaimo, &c.	153	148	.....	5
No. 3.—New Westminster, &c.	185	175	.....	10
No. 4.—Yale, &c. No. 5.—Clinton, &c. No. 6.—Lillooet, &c. No. 7.—Cariboo, &c. No. 11.—Kamloops, &c.	110	146	36	....
Nos. 8, 9, and 15.—Kootenay, &c.	437	209	.....	228
No. 10.—Cassiar, &c.	.....	1	1	.....
No. 12.—Vancouver, &c.	405	464	59	.....
No. 13.—Comox, &c.	28	50	22	.....
No. 14.—Chilliwhack, &c.	8	16	8	.....
Totals.	1655	1572	160	243
Total Increase.	.....	.....	.....	160
Decrease.	.....	.....	.....	83

ABSTRACT OF CAUSES OF DEATH (BY CLASSES).

Class I.	Zymotic Diseases.	111
Class II.	Constitutional	189
Class III.	Local	766
Class IV	Developmental	213
Class V	Violent Deaths	249
	Ill-defined	23
	Natural Causes	18
	Total	1569

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
I.	1	Miasmatic	103	
	2	Enthetic	1	
	3	Dietetic	7	
	4	Parasitic	.....	
		Total Zymotic	.....	111
II.	1	Diathetic	40	
	2	Tubercular	149	
		Total Constitutional	.....	189
III.	1	Diseases of the Nervous System	117	
	2	Organs of Circulation	200	
	3	Respiratory Organs	205	
	4	Digestive Organs	154	
	5	Urinary Organs	54	
	6	Organs of Generation	1	
	7	Organs of Locomotion	1	
	8	Integumentary System	34	
		Total Local	.....	766
		Carried forward	.....	1066

Class.	Order.	By Class and Order.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward		1,066
IV.	1	Development Diseases of Children	158	
	2	Development Diseases of Adults	12	
	3	Development Diseases of Old People	36	
	4	Diseases of Nutrition	7	
		Total Developmental		213
V.	1	Accidents and Negligence	220	
	2	Homicide	5	
	3	Suicide	21	
	4	Execution	3	
		Total Violent Deaths		249
		Natural Causes		18
		Ill-defined		23
		Total Causes Given		1,569
		Not certified	34	
		By Class, Order and Particular Disease.		
I.	1	Remittent Fever	1	
		Enteric Fever	2	
		Whooping Cough	12	
		Typhoid Fever	22	
		Cholera Infantum	15	
		Diphtheria	21	
		Diarrhœa	7	
		Croup	3	
		Scarlet Fever	17	
		Dysentery	2	
		Measles	1	
		Total Miasmatic		103
	2	Syphilis	1	
		Total Enthetic		1
	3	Alcoholism	6	
		Starvation	1	
		Total Dietetic		7
	4	Parasitic	—	
		Total Parasitic		—
II.	1	Abscess	2	
		Cancer	34	
		Dropsy	2	
		Tumor	2	
		Total Diathetic		40
	2	Meningitis	23	
		Phthisis	52	
		Tuberculosis	71	
		Tubercular Meningitis	3	
		Total Tubercular		149
		Beriberi	15	
		Hydrocephalus	—	
		Carried forward	15	300

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	15	300
	1	Paralysis	24	
		Tetanus	2	
		Cerebral Tumor	4	
		Paralysis of Insane	—	
		Apoplexy	15	
		Cerebral Meningitis	4	
		Cerebral Hemorrhage	24	
		Cerebral Softening	2	
		Epilepsy	4	
		Disease of Brain	5	
		Spinal Meningitis	6	
		Cerebral Embolus	7	
		Spinal Complaint	3	
		Locomotor Ataxia	2	
		Total Diseases of Nervous System	.....	117
	2	Uræmia	13	
		Heart Disease	86	
		Heart Failure	51	
		Rheumatism	6	
		Rheumatic Fever	1	
		Rheumatism of Heart	—	
		Neuralgia of Heart	—	
		Embolism of Heart	2	
		Aneurism of Heart	6	
		Fatty Degeneration of Heart	—	
		Valvular Disease of Heart	15	
		Pericarditis	—	
		Myocarditis	3	
		Syncope	3	
		Endocarditis	12	
		Rheumatoid Arithritis	—	
		Phlebitis	2	
		Total Organs of Circulation	.....	200
III.	3	Carcinoma of Larynx	1	
		Injury to Thorax	1	
		Influenza	5	
		Pneumonia	115	
		Bronchitis	19	
		Consumption	20	
		La Grippe	6	
		Inflammation of the Lungs	2	
		Sarcoma of Lungs	4	
		Gangrene of Lung	1	
		Congestion of the Lungs	2	
		Pulmonary Hemorrhage	7	
		Stricture of Æsophagus	1	
		Pleurisy	3	
		Laryngitis	2	
		Asthma	6	
		Pulmonary Embolism	3	
		Asphyxia	7	
		Total Respiratory Organs	.....	205
		Peritonitis	25	
		Dyspepsia	—	
		Enteritis	12	
		Gastritis	3	
		Colitis	3	
		Inflammation of Bowels	4	
		Cystitis	6	
		Jaundice	2	
		Carried forward	55	822

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	55	822
	4	Anæmia	4	
		Appendicitis	17	
		Hemorrhage of Intestines	2	
		Hodgkin's Disease	1	
		Cirrhosis of Liver	15	
		Cancer of Bowels	2	
		Cancer of Liver	10	
		Cancer of Rectum	1	
		Fœcal Fistula	—	
		Obstruction of Intestines	13	
		Strangulation of Intestines	2	
		Malignant Disease of Pancreas	—	
		Strangulated Hernia	1	
		Cancer of the Stomach (carcinoma)	19	
		Cancer of Mouth	1	
		Ulcer of the Bowels	1	
		Disease of Liver	4	
		Disease of Rectum	—	
		Indigestion	2	
		Gastric Ulcer	3	
		Invagination of Bowels	1	
		Gastric Hemorrhage	1	
		Total Digestive Organs		155
III.	5	Acute Bright's Disease	21	
		Diabetes	5	
		Nephritis	19	
		Disease of Kidney	8	
		Tubal Abscess	—	
		Hæmaturia	—	
		Hemorrhage of Bladder	—	
		Cancer "	1	
		Total Urinary Organs		54
	6	Organs of Generation	—	
		Disease of Uterus	1	
		Total Organs of Generation		1
	7	Pelvic Abscess	—	
		Psoas Abscess	1	
		Tumor on Leg	—	
		Total Organs of Locomotion		1
	8	Erysipelas	4	
		Gangrene	7	
		Septicaemia	16	
		Empyema	6	
		Pyaemia	1	
		Total Integumentary System		34
	1	Asthenia	5	
		Inanition	11	
		Stillborn	37	
		Premature Birth	27	
		Infantile Diseases	46	
		Convulsions	20	
		Marasmus	11	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Children		157
		Exhaustion	4	
		Carried forward	4	1224

Class.	Order.	By Class, Order and Particular Disease.	No.	Total.
		Brought forward	4	1224
IV.	2	Childbirth	8	
		Eclampsia	—	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Adults		12
	3	Old Age	8	
		Senile Decay	28	
		Total Developmental Diseases of Old People		36
	4	General Debility	7	
		Total Diseases of Nutrition		7
V.	1	Wounds	2	
		Found Dead	3	
		Accidentally Drowned	45	
		Accidentally Shot	7	
		Accidentally Burnt	9	
		Accidentally Killed	14	
		Accidentally Killed on Railway	10	
		Accidentally Killed in Mine	14	
		Explosion in Mine	17	
		Accidentally Killed by falling tree	7	
		Killed by Train on C. P. R	7	
		Bullet Wound	1	
		Crushed by falling Rock	4	
		Poisoned by Opium	2	
		Poisoned by overdose Laudanum	1	
		Poisoned by Carbolic Acid	1	
		Shock	4	
		Shock after Injuries	6	
		Gun-shot Wound	2	
		Killed by Snow Slide	7	
		Fracture of Skull	12	
		Fracture of Spine	—	
		Suffocation	8	
		Dynamite Explosion	2	
		Other Accidental Deaths	25	
		Poisoning	5	
		Explosion, Powder Works	2	
		Exposure	1	
		Injuries from falling off Wharf	2	
		Total Accidents and Negligence		220
		Natural Causes		18
	2	Murder		5
	3	Suicide		21
	4	Execution		3
		Ill-defined		23
		Total causes given		1569

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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